DIRECTORS’ MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 23, 2007
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
11:00 A.M., ROOM 113

I. MAYOR
1. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor Presents June Award of Excellence to Officer Cynthia Koenig-Warnke of the Lincoln Police Department.
2. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler Joining the Harry Potter Mania with Personal Donation Supporting Lincoln City Libraries. Announcement at 9:45 am, Thursday, July 19, 2007 at the Eiseley Branch Library, 1530 Superior Street.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor Joins Harry Potter Mania. Mayor Beutler Personally Donating Certificates for Ten Harry Potter Latest Books to the Lincoln City Libraries, to be Awarded as Prizes at Upcoming Library Parties Celebrating the Book.
4. NEWS RELEASE. City Recycling Site Opens at 27th and Pine Lake.
5. NEWS RELEASE. Oak Creek Bridge to Close Wednesday for Resurfacing.
6. NEWS ADVISORY. LPS Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Gourley Hosting News Conference on Kindergarten Kickoff, Wednesday, July 18, 2007 at Walt Branch Library, 6701 So. 14th Street
7. NEWS RELEASE. Kindergarten Kickoff Celebrates Beginning of Educational Careers.

II. DIRECTORS

HEALTH DEPARTMENT
1. NEWS RELEASE. Pets and Hot Weather.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Bat Tests Positive for Rabies in Lincoln.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

PLANNING COMMISSION
3. Action by Planning Commission. Corrected (Vote on Item No. 4.1).
PARKS AND RECREATION
1. Response to Ms. Marlar, from Lynn Johnson, Parks and Recreation Director, Regarding Email on the Mud and Silt on the Trail in the Underpass at 84th Street, North of Old Cheney Road.
2. Response to Ms. Sanchez, from Lynn Johnson, Parks and Recreation Director, Regarding Youth Sports Programs, Including Lacrosse.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES
2. ADVISORY. Water Main Project #700294. St. Paul Avenue; 42nd - 47th Street.
3. ADVISORY. Bridge Deck Resurfacing Project #546640. No. 14th Street and Saunders Bridge Over Oak Creek.
4. ADVISORY. Water Main Project #700284. 20th Street; A Street - Prospect Street.
5. ADVISORY. South Streets; 9th Street - 10th Street to Close July 21, 2007. Project #540009.
6. Correspondence from Steve Masters, Public Utilities Administrator, Regarding the Southwest Wastewater Facility:
   a. Draft, Executive Summary for the Southwest Wastewater Facility Report, Including Maps (Black & Veatch and Olsson Associates);
   b. Chapter 14, Upper Southwest Salt Creek Basin (“Working Draft; Update of Wastewater System Facilities Master Plan and Report”); and

WOMEN’S COMMISSION
1. NEWS RELEASE. Fifth Annual Women and Money Conference.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Coffey Wins Second Term as National President.

III. CITY CLERK

IV. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE

JONATHAN COOK
1. Reply from Steve Masters, Public Utilities Administrator, on Questions Submitted on the Southwest Wastewater Facility. (For Complete Drafts and Maps Go to Public Works and Utilities Section)

DOUG EMERY
1. Request to Karl Fredrickson, Public Works & Utilities Director - RE: Stop Signs - Eastridge Elementary School (Emery RFI#1 - 05/21/07) SEE REPLY FROM RANDY HOSKINS, ASSISTANT CITY ENGINEER.

ROBIN ESCHLIMAN
1. Response from Don Herz, Finance Director, on the Appropriate Use of MIRF Dollars.

DAN MARVIN
1. Response from Scott Opfer, Engineering/Traffic Manager Regarding Speed Limit Questions.
V. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Email from Shannon McGovern. Motorsports Task Ford “Sound Chart”.
2. Email from Joel Ludwig. Motorsports Task Force “Sound Chart”.
4. Email from Marcia Phillips. Concerned about Growing Weeds, Thistles, Etc. at End of Street.
5. Email from Lou Hurst. Comments and Suggestions on the City Budget.
7. Email from Joel Ludwig. Sound Ordinance Hearing on Drag Strip.
8. Email from Wilfred F. Marks. Alcohol Taxes.
9. 2006 Cardiac Arrest Report for Lincoln EMS from Todd Gilkison, Director, Emergency Medical Services, Inc.
11. Letter from Star City Optimist Youth Foundation Regarding the Proposed Parks and Recreation Budget Cuts.

Emails Received on City Budget Regarding Lincoln Area Aging and Requests
Not to Eliminate the Lifetime Health Program or Close Senior Centers

1. Timothy and Marilyn Preusker. Do not eliminate the Lifetime Health Program.
2. Members of the Lifetime Health Program at Calvert Active Age Center.
3. Rixte Geitzenauer. Do not close “O” Street Senior Center.
4. Joan Watts. Do not eliminate the Lifetime Health Program.
5. Janet A. McKane. Do not cut the exercise program. Serves as a major part of health maintenance program.
6. Jeanne Carlton. Do not eliminate Lifetime Health Program.
9. Robbie Nathan, Care Consultants for the Aging. Do not cut the Lifetime Health Program with the Lincoln Area Agency on Aging.
10. Bonnie Eckery. Do not eliminate the Lifetime Health Program.
11. Ernest and Audrey Rousek. Do not eliminate the Lifetime Health Program.
12. Eugene C. Grabow. Have used Lifetime Health Programs on a Daily Basis. Do not cut from budget.
13. Ruth G. Scanlon. Do not eliminate the Lifetime Health Programs.
14. Lynda King. Lifetime Health Programs Keeps the Elderly Healthy and Benefits are Numerous. Do not eliminate this program.
15. Arlyss E. Felt. Ignoring needs of the City’s Senior Citizens, do not cut the Lifetime Health Program from the budget. (Letter delivered to Council Members on 07/18/07)
16. Fax Received from Kathleen Duncan, Ph.D., RN, Assistant Dean, Associate Professor at the College of Nursing, Lincoln Campus. Lifetime Health Program Provides Crucial Support to the Senior Health Promotion Center.
Mayor Chris Beutler today presented the Mayor’s Award of Excellence for June to Officer Cynthia Koenig-Warnke of the Lincoln Police Department. The monthly award recognizes City employees who consistently provide exemplary service and work that demonstrates personal commitment to the City. The award was presented at the beginning of today’s City Council meeting.

Koenig-Warnke has been with LPD more than nine years and is currently assigned to the Technical Investigations Unit. She conducts investigations involving fraud, embezzlement, identity theft, vulnerable adult abuse and other financial crimes. She also helps with liquor and vice issues and investigations. Sergeant Sandra Myers nominated her in the category of productivity for work on a case of identity theft.

Last December, Koenig-Warnke took a call from a California man who discovered that someone had compromised his wife’s identity. He had already called several other police departments in Nebraska and Iowa and was frustrated to learn there was not much they could do. Someone had used the woman’s identity to open charge accounts with national retail chains, and then used the accounts to make purchases in Lincoln. Koenig-Warnke contacted the local businesses and was able to determine where the identity theft possibly occurred. She also determined that this crime was occurring in several states. She recruited other police agencies having jurisdiction and enlisted the help of the Secret Service to help her navigate across state lines. By this time, she was coordinating an investigation that involved eight agencies in four states. One of the Lincoln stores had surveillance cameras in the parking lot, which led to a description of the suspects’ vehicle. An interview with a witness resulted in further information.

Myers writes that because of Koenig-Warnke’s great work, four victims from California and one from Pennsylvania were identified, with a loss of almost $30,000 attributed to five suspects. Federal indictments are pending against this identity theft ring operating in Iowa and Nebraska.

The original victim from California called to thank LPD, and called Koenig-Warnke “fantastic.” She said the Lincoln officer was the only person who would listen. She kept the victims updated on the investigation and put them in touch with other agencies that helped them work through all the problems associated with identity theft.

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Since the arrests in this case, other investigators have confided that they did not believe any of these cases were related. They only continued to help because Koenig-Warnke was so persuasive and insistent. Myers said Koenig-Warnke’s work has further enhanced LPD’s great reputation throughout the nation. She added that Koenig-Warnke is always thorough and meticulous, and it was her work ethic and ability to engage other agencies that led to a successful investigation.

The other categories in which employees can be nominated are customer relations, loss prevention, safety and valor. All City employees are eligible for the Mayor’s Award of Excellence except for elected officials and some managers. Individuals or teams can be nominated by supervisors, peers, subordinates and the general public. Nomination forms are available from department heads, employee bulletin boards or the Personnel Department, which oversees the awards program.

All nominations are reviewed by the Mayor’s Award of Excellence Committee, which includes a representative with each union and a non-union representative appointed by the Mayor. Award winners receive a $100 U.S. savings bond, a day off with pay and a plaque. Monthly winners are eligible to receive the annual award, which comes with a $500 U.S. savings bond, two days off with pay and a plaque.
Date: July 18, 2007
Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Chris Beutler will join in the Harry Potter mania with a personal donation to support the Lincoln City Libraries special events. The announcement will be made at 9:45 a.m. Thursday, July 19 at the Eiseley Branch Library, 1530 Superior Street.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 19, 2007
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831
Pat Leach, Lincoln City Libraries, 441-8565

MAYOR JOINS HARRY POTTER MANIA
Mayor donates book certificates for Library to use as prizes

Chris Beutler took a short break from serious City business this morning to announce that he is personally donating certificates for ten of the latest Harry Potter books to the Lincoln City Libraries. The certificates will be awarded as prizes at upcoming Library parties to celebrate the release of the seventh and last book in the series. "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallow" by J.K. Rowling will be released Saturday, July 21.

The Mayor said his donation was prompted by Neal Oberrmeyer’s editorial cartoon in the July 15th Lincoln Journal Star implying that the Mayor did not know who Harry Potter was. Beutler said the paper had “seriously misrepresented my stance on one of the most important issues of the day,” and he was making the donation “to set you ‘muggles’ (humans) straight.”

"The book’s release is causing minor hysteria in the community not seen since the Quidditch World Cup," Beutler said. "But there is a somewhat serious point to our fun this morning. Whether we are working on the budget or planning events to encourage kids to read, our focus must be on the next generation. It’s our job to show the wisdom of Dumbledore to look ahead at the kind of City we want for our children. And it’s our job to prepare our children for the challenges that the future may bring.

"The Harry Potter series has its critics," said Beutler. "But no one can deny that the books have gotten kids to read. And many are sharing that reading experience with their parents."

The Libraries have planned Harry Potter parties at three locations to celebrate the book’s release. The drawings for the book certificates donated by the Mayor will occur at these parties.

- Gere Branch Library, 2400 South 56th Street (will include movie marathons)
  - Friday, July 20, noon to 6 p.m.
  - Saturday, July 21, 10:15 a.m. to noon
- Anderson Branch Library, 3635 Touzalin (will include magician)
  - Saturday, July 21, 10:30 a.m.
- Walt Branch Library, 6701 South 14th Street (will include magician)
  - Wednesday, July 25, 7 p.m.

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Pat Leach, the Library’s Youth Services Supervisor, said the library system will have 285 of the new Harry Potter books available for check out beginning July 21.

Leach said Lincoln’s summer youth reading program has 9,747 participants so far this year, an all-time record. For all summer programs at the library, attendance was about 13,000 in June 2007 compared to 8,000 in June 2006. “I believe the excitement generated by the Harry Potter series has prompted more kids to discover the joy of reading and explore other kinds of books as well,” said Leach.

For more information on the Harry Potter parties or the Lincoln City Libraries, contact the Library’s main office at 441-8500 or visit the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: library).
PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT
Recycling Office, 2400 Theresa Street, Lincoln, NE 68521, 441-7043

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 19, 2007
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Gene Hanlon, Recycling Coordinator, 441-7043

CITY RECYCLING SITE OPENS AT 27TH AND PINE LAKE

The City Recycling Office has opened a new recycling site at the Super Saver store at 27th and Pine Lake Road. The recycling site is in the southwest part of the store parking lot.

“We are very proud to play host to another City recycling site,” said Jane Raybould, Facility Manager for B & R Stores. “We have a strong commitment to recycling in all of our Russ's Market and Super Saver stores, and we are very pleased to be able to host this recycling site to better serve our customers in south-central Lincoln.”

City Recycling Coordinator Gene Hanlon said that the new site provides a convenient location for area residents to drop off their recyclables. The City currently operates a network of 31 recycling drop-off sites in the City and County. During the past fiscal year, a total of 6,681 tons of recyclable material was collected at the various City sites.

Information on the proper separation of recyclable material is available on the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: recycle) or by calling the City Recycling Hotline at 441-8215.
OAK CREEK BRIDGE TO CLOSE WEDNESDAY FOR RESURFACING

Beginning at 9 a.m. Wednesday, July 18, the Oak Creek Bridge at North 14th Street and Saunders Avenue will close to vehicular traffic for resurfacing. The bridge work is scheduled to be completed Friday, August 10, weather permitting.

The detour route will use Cornhusker Highway, 10th Street and Military Road. The sidewalk will be open for most of the project, but it will close for two to three days while the new concrete resurfacing is poured. During the closure, pedestrians will be redirected to sidewalks on the same detour route as the vehicular traffic.

For more information on City road construction projects, check the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: projects).

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News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 18, 2007
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Pat Leach, Lincoln City Libraries, 441-8565
Darren Macfee, Lincoln Children's Museum, 477-0128
Aaron Babcock, LPS Communications, 436-1000

KINDERGARTEN KICKOFF CELEBRATES BEGINNING OF EDUCATIONAL CAREERS
City, LPS, Children's Museum Collaborate on Fifth Annual Event

Local children entering kindergarten next month will again have an opportunity to celebrate the beginning of their school years with the Kindergarten Kickoff. The fifth annual city-wide celebration is made possible through a unique partnership among the Lincoln Public Schools (LPS), the Lincoln Children’s Museum, Lincoln City Libraries and the City of Lincoln.

"Kindergarten Kickoff is a celebration," said Dr. Susan Gourley, LPS Superintendent.
"Kindergarten is a special time of excitement and wonderment for the child, a milestone for the families, and new opportunities for the caring and dedicated teachers of LPS who take most seriously their responsibility of making each child’s first educational experience a positive one. A strong first year of school establishes a basis for learning for a lifetime. In this year’s class of kindergarten students, an artist, a future mayor, a medical doctor, a health care provider, a teacher and a business leader will emerge."

Kindergarten Kickoff also supports Lincoln children as they make the transition from home to school. Gourley noted that LPS again will set a record for kindergarten enrollment this year.
“We will welcome nearly 2,700 kindergartners this year, and we appreciate and value the community’s support for our children as they begin their school experience.”

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A Partnership of Lincoln Public Schools, Lincoln Children’s Museum, Lincoln City Libraries and the City of Lincoln
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All children registered to attend kindergarten in Lincoln public and private schools this fall were mailed an invitation encouraging them to visit a Lincoln City Library, register for their very own library card and receive a free Kindergarten Kickoff tee shirt. Kindergartners wearing their tee shirts will be admitted free to the Children’s Museum, 1420 “P” Street, for one of four scheduled celebrations (see attached schedule) from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Monday, August 6 through Thursday, August 9. Family members are encouraged to attend and will receive free admission. At the Lincoln Children’s Museum celebrations, all incoming kindergartners will receive a free book, “Max and Ruby Play School” by Rosemary Wells.

The annual Kindergarten Kickoff celebration continues to grow in popularity. Although the number of kindergarten students attending decreased slightly from 2005 to 2006, the overall attendance, including parents and family members, increased from 3,997 in 2005 to 5,063 in 2006.

Those wanting additional information on the Kindergarten Kickoff can call Pat Leach, Lincoln City Libraries, at 441-8565, or visit the City Library Web site at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: library).

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Kindergarten Kickoff Celebration Schedule
5:30 to 8 p.m., Lincoln Children’s Museum

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NEWS ADVISORY

DATE: July 17, 2007
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Dave Norris, Citizen Information Center, 441-7547

LPS Superintendent of Schools Dr. Susan Gourley will be joined by kindergarten students to discuss the fifth annual Kindergarten Kickoff at a news conference at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 18 at Walt Branch Library, 6701 S. 14th St.
CONGRESS

Fall spending impasse looming. In a burst of activity, House and Senate appropriators moved a number of FY 2008 spending bills forward this week. However, veto threats and the slow pace of the Senate are combining to create a potential fall impasse on FY 2008 spending bills that belies this rapid pace.

Appropriators have so far ignored the President’s threat to veto any spending bill that exceeds his requested funding level, arguing that the President’s budget proposal would lead to severe cuts to or elimination of a wide array of domestic discretionary programs. In addition, with seven working weeks remaining until the end of the fiscal year on September 30, the Senate is unlikely to even give the President the opportunity to veto some appropriations bills until well after FY 2008 has begun.

To date, the House has completed 10 spending bills in committee and six on the floor, and is comfortably on track to pass all 12 appropriations bills before the August recess. However, as is usually the case with the more deliberative upper body, the Senate does not have as ambitious or accelerated a schedule. Although the Senate Appropriations Committee has also completed work on 10 of the 12 annual appropriations bills, the full Senate has yet to take up, much less schedule floor time for, any FY 2008 appropriations bill. The Senate will spend most of next week debating the FY 2008 Defense Authorization bill, which means the earliest an appropriation bill could reach the Senate floor is the week of July 23.

Although the congressional leadership insists that FY 2008 appropriations bills will all be passed in normal order, a more likely outcome is a negotiated conclusion to the FY 2008 appropriations process that results in an omnibus appropriations bill, a series of “minibus” bills or even a repeat of this year’s year-long continuing resolution that level funds most programs.

HUD BUDGET

House and Senate panels clear FY 2008 HUD funding. The House and Senate Appropriations Committees each approved their respective versions this week of the FY 2008 spending bill for the Department of Housing and Urban Development. While there were some differences in the measures, for the most part they both rejected reductions in core programs that were recommended by the Bush Administration.

Formula grants through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, which received $3.71 billion in FY 2007, would be boosted by $230 million in the House bill and $50 million in the Senate. As for the HOME Investment Partnerships Act, the House Appropriations Committee suggested $1.76 billion, the same as FY 2007, while the Senate would provide a $210 million increase. Homeless assistance grants would receive $1.56 billion in FY 2008 in the House bill, an increase of $119 million, while the Senate recommends $1.58 billion.

There were a number of programs that received funding at or near the FY 2007 levels in both House and Senate spending bills. They include: Public Housing Capital grants ($2.5 billion); Brownfields remediation grants ($10 million); Assisted Housing for the Elderly ($735 million), and Assisted Housing for the Disabled ($237 million).

Both the House and Senate Appropriations Committees recommended identical increases for the following programs: Public Housing Operating grants ($4.2 billion, up $336 million); Housing Opportunities for Persons...
with AIDS ($300 million, up $14 million). Section 8 Assisted Housing Programs, which were funded at $21.96 billion in FY 2007, would receive $22.8 billion in the House and $22.4 billion in the Senate.

The next step for these bills is consideration on their respective floors, and then a House-Senate conference committee where differences between the two bills can be reconciled. Neither bill is scheduled for the floor next week.

**JOB TRAINING**
House panel clears Labor Department spending measure. The House Appropriations Committee cleared the still unnumbered FY 2008 Department of Labor Appropriations bill by voice vote. As they have done in most spending bills, House appropriators rejected the Administration’s proposal to cut funding for domestic discretionary programs and instead provided increases or at least level funding to most job training programs.

The popular Job Corps program would be bill’s biggest winner. Its funding would grow by $42 million (2.7%) to $1.649 billion. The Senate version of the bill (S 1710), which has been approved by the Appropriations Committee, would provide $1.66 billion for Job Corps while the Administration proposal calls for funding the program at $1.551 billion, a $56 million cut.

Details for other programs of interest to local governments include (with comparison to FY 2007 levels and the Senate FY 2008 recommended levels in parentheses):

- $864 million for Adult Job Training (same as FY07 and Senate)
- $941 million for Youth Job Training (same as FY07 and Senate)
- $1.472 billion for Dislocated Worker Assistance (same as FY07, +$282m Senate);
- $60 million for Youthbuild (+$10m FY07, +$8m Senate)
- $125 million for Community-Based Job Training Grants (same as FY07 and Senate)
- $69 million for Reintegration of Ex-Offenders (same as FY07, -$6m Senate)

The House is scheduled to consider the bill early next week as part of its overall effort to clear all of the FY 2008 appropriations bills before the August recess. With the Senate scheduled to continue consideration of the FY 2008 Defense Authorization bill next week, it is unlikely that they will consider this or any other appropriations bill next week.

**HUMAN SERVICES**
House panel approves HHS spending. The House Appropriations Committee approved the still unnumbered FY 2008 spending measure for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the largest of the annual domestic discretionary appropriations bills.

As cleared by the Committee, most programs of interest to local government would see a modest increase or at least level funding. Details include (with comparison to FY 2007 levels and the Senate FY 2008 recommended levels in parentheses):

- $2.188 billion for Community Health Centers (+$200m FY07, -$50m Senate)
- $120 million for Healthy Start (+$18m FY07 and Senate)
- $2.237 billion for Ryan White AIDS Programs (+$99m FY07, +$66m Senate)
- $2.192 billion for Substance Abuse Treatment (+$35m FY07, +$9m Senate)
- $193 million for Substance Abuse Prevention (same as FY07, +$4m Senate)
- $2.662 billion for LIHEAP (+$501m FY07 and Senate)
- $651 million for Refugee and Entrant Assistance (+$63m FY07, +$3m Senate)
- $69 million for Reintegration of Ex-Offenders (same as FY07, -$6m Senate)

The House is scheduled to consider the bill early next week. The Senate Appropriations Committee has approved its version of the bill (S 1710) but the Senate has yet to schedule floor time for this or any other appropriations bill.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT**
House committee clears Justice spending measures. The House Appropriations Committee cleared unnumbered legislation to fund the Department of Justice in FY 2008. Like their Senate counterparts, who cleared their version of the bill (S 1745) late last month, House appropriators rejected the Administration’s proposal to cut state and law enforcement assistance by $1.4 billion. Instead the bill would fund those programs at $3.2 billion, $717 million more than last year and $540 million more than the Senate bill.

COPS would be among the biggest beneficiaries of this increased spending. The House bill would fund the program at $725 million, including $100 million to revive the hiring program. That funding level would be an increase of $183 million from last year and is $693 million more than the Administration requested. The Senate bill would provide $550 million for COPS and does not include funding for the hiring program.

Other highlights of the bill include (with comparison to FY 2007 levels and the Senate FY 2008 recommended levels in parentheses):

- $452 million for Justice Assistance Grants (+$214m FY07, -$208m Senate)
- $375 million for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (-$25m FY07 and Senate)
FY 2008 DOT spending cleared by House and Senate committees. This week, both the House and Senate Appropriations Committees easily approved the FY 2008 appropriations bill for the Department of Transportation.

While the House bill fully funds federal highway and transit programs as authorized and guaranteed under SAFETEA-LU, the Senate bill falls short for transit. Instead of funding the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) at $9.731 billion as authorized, the Senate bill only provides transit $9.593 billion. It appears that the reduction came from the New Starts program, as the recommended $1.566 billion is $134 million short of the authorized level. The House Appropriations Committee recommended the authorized level of $1.7 billion for New Starts.

Federal-aid highways programs would receive $40.2 billion in each bill, and increase of $1.25 billion from FY 2007, and programs at FTA would receive the following in both bills (with comparison to FY 2007 in parentheses):

- $40 million for Drug Courts (+$30m FY07, +$15m Senate)
- $50 million for Weed and Seed (+$1m FY07 and Senate)
- $377 million for Juvenile Justice (+$39m FY07, +$37m Senate)

During the markup, the Committee rejected two amendments to strip language from the bill that would prohibit the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) from sharing gun trace data with local governments. The language restricting ATF from sharing such data, known as the Tiahrt Amendment, is supported by the National Rifle Association and Fraternal Order of Police and is a response to lawsuits filed by New York and other cities against what those cities claim are rogue gun dealers. The Senate Appropriations Committee also turned back efforts to strip the Tiahrt Amendment from its version of the bill.

The bill now heads to full House, which will consider it the week of July 23.

**TRANSPORTATION**

FY 2008 DOT spending cleared by House and Senate committees. This week, both the House and Senate Appropriations Committees easily approved the FY 2008 appropriations bill for the Department of Transportation.

The OMB report states that “highway trust fund finances have deteriorated since February, with spending exceeding income in 2007 and 2008 and the highway account going insolvent by approximately $4 billion in 2009.” The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) predicts that such a deficit would reduce highway funding by $16.5 billion (37 percent) from SAFETEA-LU authorized levels in FY 2009.

This news increases pressure on Congress and the Bush Administration to address the looming crisis with the Highway Trust Fund. Congress had been waiting for the results of a federal commission studying the issue that is due by the end of the year, but the OMB report may accelerate hearings in the House and Senate.

**HOUSING**

House approves Section 8 reform bill. The House passed legislation (HR 1851) this week that would make changes to HUD Section 8 Assisted Housing Programs. The day before the vote the White House issued a statement that it did not support the measure, but that did not stop its overwhelming approval (383-83).

According to sponsors, the legislation would:

- Update the voucher formula to eliminate inefficiencies and ultimately increase the number of families receiving vouchers by using housing data from the most recent 12 months rather than the most recent Census data.
- Authorize 20,000 new vouchers annually for the next five years;
- Create initiatives to promote self-sufficiency for voucher recipients that would eliminate disincentives to find work and advance educationally;
- Allow public housing agencies to let first-time homebuyers use vouchers as a down payment;
- Simplification measures with regard to calculating rents, as well as recertification and inspection rules that will reduce costs for housing agencies and landlords while ensuring rent affordability, and
- Tenant protections that will make it easier for families with vouchers to move to other areas and protect voucher holders whose units are in disrepair.

Three proposed floor amendments to the bill were defeated. They would have: eliminated the additional 100,000 vouchers, imposed a seven-year limit on...
participation in the Section 8 program, and required adults living in Section 8 housing for more than seven years to perform 20 hours of work per week.

The legislation must now be considered in the Senate, although a companion bill has yet to be introduced in that chamber.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

House passes legislation to improve security in courts and witness protection. The House approved HR 660, the Court Security Improvement Act of 2007, sponsored by House Judiciary Committee Chairman John Conyers (D-MI). The House passed the bill by voice vote under suspension of the rules, an expedited procedure for non-controversial bills that bars amendments and limits debate.

HR 660 would amend the Law Enforcement Armored Vest Program to make state and local court officers eligible for federally-funded armored vests. Currently, those vests can only be used by police officers. It would also authorize $20 million each year from FY 2008 to FY 2012 for grants to state and local courts to create and improve witness and victim protection programs as part of the Community Based Justice Program. Also, to improve court protection, the bill would expand the Federal Criminal Justice Training Program.

In April, the Senate passed a companion bill (S 378) sponsored by Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT) by a vote of 97-0.

**GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

Department of Justice

DOJ is accepting applications for the Juvenile Sex Offender Treatment Program Development and Capacity Building for FY 2007. Funding will be awarded to develop or build capacity of residential treatment programs for juvenile sex offenders, particularly regarding reentry. DOJ anticipates that awards will range from $500,000 to $1 million over a 24 month period and a 25 percent non-federal match is required. The deadline is August 9, 2007. For more information see: [http://ojdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2007/SMART.pdf](http://ojdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2007/SMART.pdf).
PETS AND HOT WEATHER

While your pet may enjoy being outside on a bright summer day, higher temperatures can be potentially dangerous for animals. As the temperature increases Animal Control receives more calls from concerned citizens reporting pet neglect. Animal Control would like to remind people of the potential risks that are associated with hot weather, as well as some tips on prevention.

Prevention:
Because dogs and cats cannot sweat like humans, excessive exposure to heat can lead to painful symptoms, and in severe cases brain damage, stroke, or death. Pets who have dark hair or black skin, are older, overweight, in generally poor health, and/or have a short muzzle/nose are at a higher risk of suffering from heat exhaustion. Follow these simple precautions to keep your pet healthy during hot weather:

• **Leave your pet at home when temperatures are high. Never leave it in a vehicle.**
• Provide adequate shade (other than a doghouse). Using a tarp over kennel pens that do not have shade is important.
• Provide a constant supply of fresh water that is easily accessible to your pet throughout the day. Partially bury a bucket in the soil, put weights in the water container, or fasten the bowl to a fence or post to prevent spilling. Automatic watering devices can also be used.
• Provide your pet with a small wading pool to keep its body cool. Change the water a minimum of every three days to prevent the spread of mosquitos.
• Kennel pens are the best method of confining a dog outside. It is illegal to use choke chain collars for tethering as they can choke a dog if it becomes hooked or tangled.
• Walk your dog during the cooler part of the morning or evening. In the afternoon, hot asphalt can easily burn a dog’s paws.
• Put sun screen on your pet’s nose and ear tips, particularly if it is fair-haired.
• Check your pets for fleas and ticks. Contact your veterinarian for treatment and preventative medication.
• Keep a watchful eye on your pet in hot weather, especially if it is very old or very young.
• Contact your veterinarian regarding special advice on your pet.

- more -
On a hot summer day, the inside of a car heats very quickly. On an 85°F day, for example, the temperature inside your car, even with the windows slightly opened, will reach 102°F in 10 minutes. In 30 minutes that temperature will rise to 120°F. Even on a mild, 72°F-degree day, the temperature inside your car can rise dramatically.

Your dog's normal body temperature is 101.5°F to 102.2°F. A closed car interferes with your dog's normal cooling process of evaporation through panting, so its body temperature rises. Your dog can withstand a body temperature of 107°F to 108°F for only a very short time before suffering irreparable brain damage, heat stroke, or even death.

Do not put pets in pickup truck beds. Serious injury can occur if your pet is struck by flying debris or is thrown out of the back of the truck. Dogs that are left in the back of pickup trucks may also bite strangers who come near the vehicle. Instead, let your dog ride in the cab with you, or better yet, leave it safely at home.

Treatment for a pet that you suspect is suffering from heat illness:
• Act quickly and immerse the pet in cool water (standard room temperature) if possible.
• Apply ice packs to the neck and head.
• Take your pet to the veterinarian immediately.

Remember, it is best to leave your pet at home where it is safe.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 17, 2007
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jim Weverka, Animal Control Manager, 441-7900
Kris Johnson, Animal Control Officer, 441-7900

BAT TESTS POSITIVE FOR RABIES IN LINCOLN

A bat in Lincoln has tested positive for rabies. This is the first reported case of a bat testing positive since 2005. The bat was found in the northeast region of the city north of Cornhusker Highway. The Animal Control division of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department picked up 117 bats for rabies testing between September 1st, 2006 and June 30th of this year.

Like all mammals, bats can contract rabies. Less than one percent of rabid bats bite humans or other animals. To ensure safety, Lincoln Animal Control reminds citizens to never handle or pick up any bat. Stay away from any bat that is lying on the ground or acting strangely. If you find a bat inside your home, confine it to one room if possible, shut the door, and call Animal Control at 441-7900 for removal. If you have had contact with a bat, or you suspect your pet has had contact, contact Animal Control immediately.

Jim Weverka, Animal Control manager, states, “The best way to reduce your risk of contracting rabies is to never handle a bat. Remember, all dogs, cats and ferrets must receive their first rabies vaccination at 3 months of age. If left untreated, rabies is fatal.” State regulations require any unvaccinated dog, cat or ferret be placed under observation at a veterinary clinic for 6 months if the pet comes into contact with a rabid animal. Lincoln Animal Control urges pet owners to contact their veterinarian and find out when their pet’s rabies vaccination shot needs to be renewed.

During the spring and fall, it’s not uncommon for residents to find bats roosting in attics or downspouts. These animals can squeeze through holes as small as ½ inch in diameter, so cover any openings in your home or building where bats could enter. Place screens over windows that are frequently open; this will not only keep bats from entering your home but reduce the number of insects that get inside, including mosquitoes that may carry the West Nile Virus.

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July 12, 2007

Mike Johnson
Olsson Associates
1111 Lincoln Mall
Lincoln, NE 68508

RE: Artisan Meadows Addition - Final Plat #06091
    Generally located at South 66th Street and Highway 2

Dear Mike,

Artisan Meadows Addition, Final Plat #06091 generally located at South 66th Street and Highway 2 was approved by the Planning Director on July 10, 2007. The plat and the subdivision agreement must be recorded in the Register of Deeds. The fee is determined at $.50 per existing lot and per new lot and $20.00 per plat sheet for the plat, and $.50 per new lot and $5.00 per page for associated documents such as the subdivision agreement. If you have a question about the fees, please contact the Register of Deeds. Please make check payable to the Lancaster County Register of Deeds. The Register of Deeds requests a list of all new lots and blocks created by the plat be attached to the subdivision agreement so the agreement can be recorded on each new lot.

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

Sincerely,

Brian Will
Planner

xc: Apples Way LLC, 1201 N Street, Lincoln, NE 68508
   City Council
   Dennis Bartels, Public Works & Utilities
   Terry Kathe, Building & Safety
   Sharon Theobald, Lincoln Electric
   Jean Walker, Planning
   File
MEMORANDUM

TO:       City Council
          Mayor Beutler
          Trish Owen, Mayor's Office
          Rick Hoppe, Mayor's Office
          Marvin Krout, Planning
          Kent Morgan, Planning
          Karl Fredrickson, Public Works and Utilities
          Don Herz, Finance
          Steve Hubka, Finance

FROM:     Stephen Henrichsen, Planning

          City of Lincoln Capital Improvement Program

DATE:     July 13, 2007

Due to an error in page numbering, enclosed please find replacement pages for the
2007/08-2012/13 Capital Improvement Program, City Council Edition. Please
replace the entire Solid Waste Operations section with the enclosed pages numbered
339-356.

If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 441-7491.

Thank you.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Lincoln City Council
    Mayor Chris Beutler

FROM: Marvin Krout, Director of Planning

SUBJECT: Use Permit No. 106B (07R-133) - Talent+

DATE: July 19, 2007

cc: City Clerk
    City Attorney
    Brian Will
    Karl Fredrickson
    Dennis Bartels
    Mark Hunzeker
    Terry Adair
    Richard and Nadine Hain

This memorandum is submitted as supplemental information for the Factsheet on Use Permit No. 106B (07R-133), which is scheduled for first reading on July 23, 2007, along with an associated proposed declaration of surplus property (07-111) and a change of zone from P Public Use to O-3 Office Park (07-112). The factsheet for Use Permit No. 106B was submitted in Council packets on July 19, 2007.

On July 18, 2007, the Planning Commission reconsidered Use Permit No. 106B to hold public hearing and act upon an additional waiver request to adjust the front yard setback along Pioneers Boulevard from 20' to 13'. The minutes of that public hearing and action are attached hereto (p.2-3).

There was no testimony in opposition to this additional waiver request; however, the record consists of two letters in opposition, also attached hereto (p.4-5).

On July 18, 2007, the Planning Commission agreed with the staff recommendation and voted 8-0 to recommend approval of the adjustment to the front yard setback, with conditions, as set forth in the revised staff report dated June 25, 2007, which is the same staff report attached to the Factsheet for Use Permit No. 106B (Commissioner Esseks was absent).

If you have any questions, please contact the project planner, Brian Will, at 441-6362 or bwill@lincoln.ne.gov.

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USE PERMIT NO. 106B
TO ADJUST THE FRONT YARD
ON PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED
AT S. 67TH STREET AND PIONEERS BLVD.
RECONSIDERATION AND PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE PLANNING COMMISSION: July 18, 2007

Members present: Cornelius, Larson, Sunderman, Taylor, Krieser, Strand, Carroll and Carlson; Esseks absent.

Staff recommendation: Conditional approval.

Ex Parte Communications: None.

Additional information for the record: Brian Will of Planning staff submitted a letter in opposition from Richard and Nadeine Hain. The record also consists of a letter in opposition from Terry Adair.

Staff presentation: Brian Will of Planning staff explained that this use permit amendment came before the Planning Commission in June, located at approximately 65th and Pioneers Blvd. At that hearing, one of the conditions of approval required the applicant to dedicate approximately 7 feet of additional right-of-way along Pioneers Blvd. The applicant objected, and, as an alternative, suggested bringing back an amendment to reduce the front yard setback along Pioneers Blvd. with the dedication of the right-of-way. That reduction of the front yard setback is what is before the Commission today. This adjustment reduces the front yard setback from 20' to 13' for the entire frontage along Pioneers Blvd. Staff is recommending approval of this adjustment.

Sunderman inquired about the distance from the curb of the parking lot to the road with this adjustment. Will could not give a number as far as from the back of curb to the parking, but from the property line back to the parking there will have to be 13' of open green space. At a minimum, there will be a 13' separation. Dennis Bartels of Public Works suggested that with the existing 66' of right-of-way or 33' on the north side, and with this being in a tapered section of Pioneers Blvd., it varies from about 7' to 10' right now from the back of curb to the existing property line. With this adjustment, it will add another 7' that would be dedicated, e.g. from 17' to about 14'.

Proponents

1. Mark Hunzekeor appeared on behalf of the applicant, Talent+. There will be an 80' right-of-way section in this portion of Pioneers Blvd., assuming the lanes are 12' lanes. That would put the property line at about 16' from the back of the curb, and an
additional 13' of setback before the front bumper of a car would overhang the curb of the parking lot, which would be back probably another 2'. Therefore, there will be about 30' from back of curb to the parking lot, at least in the narrow section of Pioneers Blvd.

In addition, Hunzeker pointed out for the record, that the original drawings submitted erroneously showed a 20' setback along the west property line. It should have been 15' because that is the side yard setback. This does not require a waiver because that is the side yard setback in the O-3 District. It was an oversight in the initial drawing.

Carroll confirmed with Hunzeker that the setback along the street will all be landscaped and screened in accordance with the City’s design standards, and Hunzeker agreed.

There was no testimony in opposition.

Response by Staff

Will confirmed that the applicant did submit a revised site plan showing the correct side yard setback and staff is in agreement.

**ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION:**

Carroll moved to approve the staff recommendation of conditional approval, as set forth in the revised staff report dated June 25, 2007, seconded by Strand and carried 8-0: Cornelius, Larson, Sunderman, Taylor, Krieser, Strand, Carroll and Carlson voting ‘yes’; Esseks absent. This is a recommendation to the City Council.
July 18, 2007

To: Planning Commission
City of Lincoln
Lincoln, Ne.

From: Richard & Nadine Hain
4151 Ridgeview Dr.
Lincoln, Ne. 68506

Re: Use Permit No. 106B - Talent +
S. 67th Street & Pioneers Boulevard

We are opposing changing the setback for this permit from 20 feet to 13 feet. The space of 13 feet is not a very big setback and this puts parked cars just about all the way to Pioneers, with hardly any green space. It also will not allow another lane if Pioneers ever needs to have any additional work done. Please do not congest the north side of Pioneers at Holmes Lake any more than you have already done. We would like to see more of the lake when driving by instead of a parking lot just about all the way to the street. Also, it would not align well with the sidewalk that is proposed for the north side of Pioneers.

Thank you.
July 13, 2007

City-County Planning Commission
555 South 10th Street
Suite 213
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Planning Commission Members;

I would like to express my opposition to the request by Talent Plus to be granted an adjustment for the setback along Pioneers Boulevard. Allowing them to be closer than 20 feet to the street would just congest the area. They are in a residential neighborhood and other homes along that street in the area have complied with the setback. The new building and parking lot will be very unsightly along Pioneers Boulevard and should be kept as far away from the street as possible.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

Terry Adair
*** ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION ***

NOTICE: The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 18, 2007, at 1:00 p.m. in the City-Council Hearing Room, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, Nebraska, on the following items. For more information, call the Planning Department, 441-7491.

** PLEASE NOTE: The Planning Commission action is final action on any item with a notation of "FINAL ACTION". Any aggrieved person may appeal Final Action of the Planning Commission to the City Council by filing a Notice of Appeal with the City Clerk within 14 days following the action of the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission action on all other items is a recommendation to the City Council or County Board.

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 2007

[Commissioner Esseks absent]

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held June 20, 2007. **APPROVED, 7-0 (Strand abstaining; Esseks absent)**

1. CONSENT AGENDA
(Public Hearing and Action):

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:
1.1 Comprehensive Plan Conformance No. 07015, to review a proposed amendment to the "Lincoln Center Redevelopment Plan" as to
conformance with the 2030 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan. The proposed amendment for the Sawmill Redevelopment Project Area of the North Haymarket Arts and Humanities Center Block provides for the redevelopment of an existing building into a modern, mixed-use, office/retail building on property generally located at 8th St. and "S" St.
Staff recommendation: Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan
Staff Planner: Sara Hartzell, 441-6372, shartzell@lincoln.ne.gov
Removed from Consent Agenda and had separate public hearing.
Planning Commission recommendation: A FINDING OF CONFORMANCE WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, as revised on 7/18/07, 8-0 (Esseks absent).
Public hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 13, 2007, 1:30 p.m.
PERMITS:

1.2 Special Permit No. 1629G, to allow an indoor kennel, on property generally located at S. 27th Street and Pine Lake Road (2801 Pine Lake Road). *** FINAL ACTION ***
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Christy Eichorn, 441-7603, ceichorn@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission ‘final action’: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated July 3, 2007, 8-0 (Esseks absent).
Resolution No. PC-01062.

1.3 Special Permit No. 07021, for expansion of a nonstandard dwelling, on property generally located at S. 26th Street and High Street (2620 High Street). *** FINAL ACTION ***
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Christy Eichorn, 441-7603, ceichorn@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission ‘final action’: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated July 2, 2007, 8-0 (Esseks absent).
Resolution No. PC-01063.

1.4 Special Permit No. 07023, for a scrap processing, salvage yard, on property generally located east of N. 57th Street and Cornhusker Highway. *** FINAL ACTION ***
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Brandon Garrett, 441-6373, bgarrett@lincoln.ne.gov
**WITHDRAWN BY THE APPLICANT ON 7/18/07**

1.5 County Special Permit No. 07024, for temporary placement of a mobile home during construction of a permanent residence, on property generally located at SW 14th Street and W. Olive Creek Road.
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Mike DeKalb, 441-6370, mdekalb@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated July 5, 2007, 8-0 (Esseks absent).
Public hearing before Lancaster County Board being requested.

MISCELLANEOUS:

1.6 Waiver No. 07005, to waive all street improvements to NW 45th Street associated with LCIDC Industrial Park 1st Addition Final Plat, on property located at 4611 W. Adams Street. *** FINAL ACTION ***
Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission ‘final action’: APPROVAL, 8-0 (Esseks absent).
Resolution No. PC-01064.
2. REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL

PERMITS:

2.1 Special Permit No. 07022, for expansion of a nonstandard dwelling, on property generally located at S. 4th Street and C Street (404 C Street).

*** FINAL ACTION ***
Staff recommendation: Applicant has requested a two-week deferral until August 1, 2007
Staff Planner: Christy Eichorn, 441-7603, ceichorn@lincoln.ne.gov
Had continued public hearing.
Applicant’s request for deferral granted, with CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION scheduled for Wednesday, August 1, 2007, 1:00 p.m.

CHANGE OF ZONE WITH RELATED ITEMS:

2.2a Change of Zone No. 06082, from AGR Agricultural Residential District to R-3 Residential District, on property generally located at SW 40th Street and West A Street.

Staff recommendation: Applicant has requested a four-week deferral until August 15, 2007
Staff Planner: Christy Eichorn, 441-7603, ceichorn@lincoln.ne.gov
Had continued public hearing.
Applicant’s request for deferral granted, with CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION scheduled for Wednesday, August 15, 2007, 1:00 p.m.

2.2b Preliminary Plat No. 06011, Woodland View 1st Addition, for 25 single family lots and 4 outlots, on property generally located at SW 40th Street and West A Street. The Planning Commission action on the plat is final, unless appealed to the City Council. The following waivers are also being requested: a) to allow sanitary sewer to run against the street grade and b) to allow sanitary sewer to be deeper than 15 feet. Any waiver requests that are recommended for denial by the Planning Department will be forwarded to the City Council for public hearing. If all waiver requests are recommended for approval, the Planning Commission action is final, unless appealed to the City Council. *** FINAL ACTION ***
Staff recommendation: Applicant has requested a four-week deferral until August 15, 2007
Staff Planner: Christy Eichorn, 441-7603, ceichorn@lincoln.ne.gov
Had continued public hearing.
Applicant’s request for deferral granted, with CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION scheduled for Wednesday, August 15, 2007, 1:00 p.m.
4. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION:

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:
4.1 Comprehensive Plan Conformance No. 07016, to review a proposed amendment to the “Antelope Valley Redevelopment Plan” as to conformance with the 2030 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan. The proposed amendment adds four potential new projects. The projects are located in the following areas: North side of O Street, 25th to 26th; north side of Y Street, 21st to 22nd; 1546 N. 14th Street; and 10th Street from the viaduct north of Charleston Street to Military Road.

Staff recommendation: Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan
Staff Planner: Sara Hartzell, 441-6372, shartzell@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission recommendation: A FINDING OF CONFORMANCE WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, as amended on 7/18/07, 8-0 (Esseks absent).
Public hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 13, 2007, 1:30 p.m.

CHANGE OF ZONE:
4.2 Change of Zone No. 07037, amending Title 27 of the Lincoln Municipal Code relating to the Zoning Code by adding a new section numbered 27.03.555 to define the term “social hall”; by amending Sections 27.29.030, 27.31.040, 27.33.030, 27.37.025, 27.41.030, 27.43.030, and 27.45.025 and adding a new section numbered 27.39.025 to allow social halls as permitted conditional uses in the B-1, B-2, B-3, B-5, H-2, H-3, H-4 and H-1 zoning districts, respectively, and to establish conditions therefor; by amending Sections 27.29.040, 27.31.050, 27.33.040, 27.37.030, 27.39.030, 27.41.040, 27.43.040, and 27.45.030 to allow social halls that do not meet the requirements for a conditional use to be allowed in the B-1, B-2, B-3, B-5, H-1, H-2, H-3 and H-4 zoning districts by special permit; by adding a new section numbered 27.63.800 to provide a permitted special use for social halls; by amending Section 27.67.040 to add special parking requirements for social halls; by amending Figure 27.67.040 to add social halls to the list of uses with special parking requirements; and repealing Sections 27.29.030, 27.29.040, 27.31.040, 27.31.050, 27.33.030, 27.33.050, 27.37.025, 27.37.030, 27.39.030, 27.41.030, 27.41.040, 27.43.030, 27.43.040, 27.45.025, 27.45.030, 27.67.040 and Figure 27.67.040 of the Lincoln Municipal Code as hitherto existing.

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Brandon Garrett, 441-6373, bgarrett@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL OF THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION, with amendments, 8-0 (Esseks absent).
Public hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 13, 2007, 1:30 p.m.
5. **RECONSIDERATION**
**PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION:**

**PERMITS:**

5.1 Use Permit No. 106B, to consider a request to adjust the front yard, on property generally located at S. 67th Street and Pioneers Boulevard.

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Brian Will, 441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov
Reconsidered and had public hearing.
Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the Revised Staff Report dated June 25, 2007, 8-0 (Esseks absent).
Public hearing before City Council scheduled for Monday, July 30, 2007, 5:30 p.m.

6. **CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION:**

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:**

6.1 Comprehensive Plan Conformance No. 07014, to review the proposed declaration as surplus property, a portion of Seacrest Park for transfer to Lincoln Public Schools, generally located at S. 70th Street and A Street, as to conformance with the 2030 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan.

Staff recommendation: Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan
Staff Planner: Steve Henrichsen, 441-6374, shenrichsen@lincoln.ne.gov
Had continued public hearing.
Applicant’s request for additional deferral granted, with CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION scheduled for Wednesday, August 15, 2007, 1:00 p.m.

**CHANGE OF ZONE:**

6.2 Change of Zone No. 07018, Glynoaks Plaza Planned Unit Development, for a change of zone from AG Agricultural District to R-3 Residential District, on property generally located at S. 84th Streets and Glynoaks Drive; for a Planned Unit Development District designation of said property; and for approval of a development plan which proposes modifications to the Zoning Ordinance and Land Subdivision Ordinance to allow approximately 78 dwelling units and approximately 258,000 square feet of office and commercial floor area in the underlying R-3 zoned area.

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Brian Will, 441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov
Had continued public hearing.
Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 13, 2007, 1:00 p.m.
6.3a Change of Zone No. 07027, from R-4 Residential District to B-3 Commercial District, on property generally located at the SE corner of S. 9th Street and South Street.

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Christy Eichorn, 441-7603, ceichorn@lincoln.ne.gov
Had continued public hearing.

Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, SUBJECT TO A ZONING AGREEMENT, as set forth in the staff report dated May 10, 2007, with amendments, 5-3: Larson, Sunderman, Taylor, Strand and Carroll voting ‘yes’; Cornelius, Krieser and Carlson voting ‘no’; Esseks absent. Public Hearing before City Council will be scheduled when the associated Street & Alley Vacation No. 07003 is scheduled (see below).

6.3b Street and Alley Vacation No. 07003, to vacate all of the east/west alley between S. 9th Street and S. 10th Street just south of South Street and a portion of the north/south alley between S. 9th Street and S. 10th Street just south of South Street.

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Christy Eichorn, 441-7603, ceichorn@lincoln.ne.gov
Had continued public hearing.

Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, SUBJECT TO A ZONING AGREEMENT, as set forth in the staff report dated May 10, 2007, with amendments, 5-3: Larson, Sunderman, Taylor, Strand and Carroll voting ‘yes’; Cornelius, Krieser and Carlson voting ‘no’; Esseks absent. Public Hearing before City Council will be scheduled when provisions of Chapter 14.20 of the Lincoln Municipal Code have been satisfied.

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AT THIS TIME, ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK ON AN ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA, MAY DO SO

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PENDING LIST:

1. Change of Zone No. 3321, requested by Michael T. Johnson, on behalf of West Gate, inc., from R-7 Residential District to B-4 Lincoln Center Business District, on property generally located at 1729 “M” Street.

(6-13-01: Planning Commission voted 6-0 to place on pending at the request of the applicant.)
2. Street and Alley Vacation No. 04013, to vacate all of the east-west alley in Block 65, Original Lincoln, bounded by 13th, 14th, "M" and "N" Streets, generally located at S. 13th Street & "M" Street.

(3-16-05: Planning Commission voted 9-0 to place on pending until completion of the Downtown Master Plan at the request of the applicant.)

3. County Special Permit No. 07009, Kadavy Estates Community Unit Plan, for approximately 6 single family acreage lots, with requests to waive the preliminary plat process, block length, lot frontage, sidewalks, street trees, street lighting, landscape screening, block length, and cul-de-sac length, on property generally located at N. 56th Street and Branched Oak Road.

(6-20-07: Planning Commission voted 7-0 to continue public hearing on August 1, 2007 at the request of the applicant.)

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**Corrected (Vote on Item No. 4.1)**
**ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION**

NOTICE: The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 18, 2007, at 1:00 p.m. in the City-Council Hearing Room, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, Nebraska, on the following items. For more information, call the Planning Department, 441-7491.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Planning Commission action is final action on any item with a notation of “FINAL ACTION”. Any aggrieved person may appeal Final Action of the Planning Commission to the City Council by filing a Notice of Appeal with the City Clerk within 14 days following the action of the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission action on all other items is a recommendation to the City Council or County Board.

AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 2007

[Commissioner Esseks absent]

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held June 20, 2007. **APPROVED, 7-0 (Strand abstaining; Esseks absent)**

1. CONSENT AGENDA
   (Public Hearing and Action):

   COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:
   1.1 Comprehensive Plan Conformance No. 07015, to review a proposed amendment to the “Lincoln Center Redevelopment Plan” as to conformance with the 2030 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan. The proposed amendment for the Sawmill Redevelopment Project Area of the North Haymarket Arts and Humanities Center Block provides for the redevelopment of an existing building into a modern, mixed-use, office/retail building on property generally located at 8th St. and “S” St.
   Staff recommendation: Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan
   Staff Planner: Sara Hartzell, 441-6372, shartzell@lincoln.ne.gov
   Removed from Consent Agenda and had separate public hearing.
   Planning Commission recommendation: A FINDING OF CONFORMANCE WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, as revised on 7/18/07, 8-0 (Esseks absent).
   Public hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 13, 2007, 1:30 p.m.
PERMITS:

1.2 Special Permit No. 1629G, to allow an indoor kennel, on property generally located at S. 27th Street and Pine Lake Road (2801 Pine Lake Road). *** FINAL ACTION ***
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Christy Eichorn, 441-7603, ceichorn@lincoln.ne.gov

1.3 Special Permit No. 07021, for expansion of a nonstandard dwelling, on property generally located at S. 26th Street and High Street (2620 High Street). *** FINAL ACTION ***
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Christy Eichorn, 441-7603, ceichorn@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission ‘final action’: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated July 2, 2007, 8-0 (Esseks absent). Resolution No. PC-01063.

1.4 Special Permit No. 07023, for a scrap processing, salvage yard, on property generally located east of N. 57th Street and Cornhusker Highway. *** FINAL ACTION ***
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval—
Staff Planner: Brandon Garrett, 441-6373, bgarrett@lincoln.ne.gov
**WITHDRAWN BY THE APPLICANT ON 7/18/07**

1.5 County Special Permit No. 07024, for temporary placement of a mobile home during construction of a permanent residence, on property generally located at SW 14th Street and W. Olive Creek Road.
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Mike DeKalb, 441-6370, mdekalb@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated July 5, 2007, 8-0 (Esseks absent).
Public hearing before Lancaster County Board being requested.

MISCELLANEOUS:

1.6 Waiver No. 07005, to waive all street improvements to NW 45th Street associated with LCIDC Industrial Park 1st Addition Final Plat, on property located at 4611 W. Adams Street. *** FINAL ACTION ***
Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission ‘final action’: APPROVAL, 8-0 (Esseks absent). Resolution No. PC-01064.
2. REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL

PERMITS:

2.1 Special Permit No. 07022, for expansion of a nonstandard dwelling, on property generally located at S. 4th Street and C Street (404 C Street).

*** FINAL ACTION ***

Staff recommendation: Applicant has requested a two-week deferral until August 1, 2007
Staff Planner: Christy Eichorn, 441-7603, ceichorn@lincoln.ne.gov
Had continued public hearing.
Applicant's request for deferral granted, with CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION scheduled for Wednesday, August 1, 2007, 1:00 p.m.

CHANGE OF ZONE WITH RELATED ITEMS:

2.2a Change of Zone No. 06082, from AGR Agricultural Residential District to R-3 Residential District, on property generally located at SW 40th Street and West A Street.

Staff recommendation: Applicant has requested a four-week deferral until August 15, 2007
Staff Planner: Christy Eichorn, 441-7603, ceichorn@lincoln.ne.gov
Had continued public hearing.
Applicant's request for deferral granted, with CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION scheduled for Wednesday, August 15, 2007, 1:00 p.m.

2.2b Preliminary Plat No. 06011, Woodland View 1st Addition, for 25 single family lots and 4 outlots, on property generally located at SW 40th Street and West A Street. The Planning Commission action on the plat is final, unless appealed to the City Council. The following waivers are also being requested: a) to allow sanitary sewer to run against the street grade and b) to allow sanitary sewer to be deeper than 15 feet. Any waiver requests that are recommended for denial by the Planning Department will be forwarded to the City Council for public hearing. If all waiver requests are recommended for approval, the Planning Commission action is final, unless appealed to the City Council. *** FINAL ACTION ***

Staff recommendation: Applicant has requested a four-week deferral until August 15, 2007
Staff Planner: Christy Eichorn, 441-7603, ceichorn@lincoln.ne.gov
Had continued public hearing.
Applicant's request for deferral granted, with CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION scheduled for Wednesday, August 15, 2007, 1:00 p.m.
4. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION:

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:
4.1 Comprehensive Plan Conformance No. 07016, to review a proposed amendment to the "Antelope Valley Redevelopment Plan" as to conformance with the 2030 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan. The proposed amendment adds four potential new projects. The projects are located in the following areas: North side of O Street, 25th to 26th; north side of Y Street, 21st to 22nd; 1546 N. 14th Street; and 10th Street from the viaduct north of Charleston Street to Military Road.

Staff recommendation: Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan
Staff Planner: Sara Hartzell, 441-6372, shartzell@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission recommendation: A FINDING OF CONFORMANCE WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, as amended on 7/18/07, 7-0 (Carroll declaring a conflict of interest; Esseks absent).
Public hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 13, 2007, 1:30 p.m.

CHANGE OF ZONE:
4.2 Change of Zone No. 07037, amending Title 27 of the Lincoln Municipal Code relating to the Zoning Code by adding a new section numbered 27.03.555 to define the term "social hall"; by amending Sections 27.29.030, 27.31.040, 27.33.030, 27.37.025, 27.41.030, 27.43.030, and 27.45.025 and adding a new section numbered 27.39.025 to allow social halls as permitted conditional uses in the B-1, B-2, B-3, B-5, H-2, H-3, H-4 and H-1 zoning districts, respectively, and to establish conditions therefor; by amending Sections 27.29.040, 27.31.050, 27.33.040, 27.37.030, 27.39.030, 27.41.040, 27.43.040, and 27.45.030 to allow social halls that do not meet the requirements for a conditional use to be allowed in the B-1, B-2, B-3, B-5, H-1, H-2, H-3 and H-4 zoning districts by special permit; by adding a new section numbered 27.63.800 to provide a permitted special use for social halls; by amending Section 27.67.040 to add special parking requirements for social halls; by amending Figure 27.67.040 to add social halls to the list of uses with special parking requirements; and repealing Sections 27.29.030, 27.29.040, 27.31.040, 27.31.050, 27.33.030, 27.33.050 27.37.025, 27.37.030, 27.39.030, 27.41.030, 27.41.040, 27.43.030, 27.43.040, 27.45.025, 27.45.030, 27.67.040 and Figure 27.67.040 of the Lincoln Municipal Code as hitherto existing.

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Brandon Garrett, 441-6373, bgarrett@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL OF THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION, with amendments, 8-0 (Esseks absent).
Public hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 13, 2007, 1:30 p.m.
5. **RECONSIDERATION**
   **PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION:**

   **PERMITS:**

   5.1 Use Permit No. 106B, to consider a request to adjust the front yard, on
   property generally located at S. 67th Street and Pioneers Boulevard.
   
   **Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval**
   Staff Planner: Brian Will, 441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov
   Reconsidered and had public hearing.
   Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the Revised Staff Report dated June 25, 2007, 8-0 (Esseks absent).
   Public hearing before City Council scheduled for Monday, July 30, 2007, 5:30 p.m.

6. **CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION:**

   **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:**

   6.1 Comprehensive Plan Conformance No. 07014, to review the proposed declaration as surplus property, a portion of Seacrest Park for transfer to Lincoln Public Schools, generally located at S. 70th Street and A Street, as to conformance with the 2030 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan.
   
   **Staff recommendation: Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan**
   Staff Planner: Steve Henrichsen, 441-6374, shenrichsen@lincoln.ne.gov
   Had continued public hearing.
   Applicant's request for additional deferral granted, with CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION scheduled for Wednesday, August 15, 2007, 1:00 p.m.

   **CHANGE OF ZONE:**

   6.2 Change of Zone No. 07018, Glynoaks Plaza Planned Unit Development, for a change of zone from AG Agricultural District to R-3 Residential District, on property generally located at S. 84th Streets and Glynoaks Drive; for a Planned Unit Development District designation of said property; and for approval of a development plan which proposes modifications to the Zoning Ordinance and Land Subdivision Ordinance to allow approximately 78 dwelling units and approximately 258,000 square feet of office and commercial floor area in the underlying R-3 zoned area.
   
   **Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval**
   Staff Planner: Brian Will, 441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov
   Had continued public hearing.
   Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 13, 2007, 1:00 p.m.
6.3a Change of Zone No. 07027, from R-4 Residential District to B-3 Commercial District, on property generally located at the SE corner of S. 9th Street and South Street.

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Christy Eichorn, 441-7603, ceichorn@lincoln.ne.gov
Had continued public hearing.

Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, SUBJECT TO A ZONING AGREEMENT, as set forth in the staff report dated May 10, 2007, with amendments, 5-3: Larson, Sunderman, Taylor, Strand and Carroll voting 'yes'; Cornelius, Kriese and Carlson voting 'no'; Esseks absent. Public Hearing before City Council will be scheduled when the associated Street & Alley Vacation No. 07003 is scheduled (see below).

6.3b Street and Alley Vacation No. 07003, to vacate all of the east/west alley between S. 9th Street and S. 10th Street just south of South Street and a portion of the north/south alley between S. 9th Street and S. 10th Street just south of South Street.

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Christy Eichorn, 441-7603, ceichorn@lincoln.ne.gov
Had continued public hearing.

Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, SUBJECT TO A ZONING AGREEMENT, as set forth in the staff report dated May 10, 2007, with amendments, 5-3: Larson, Sunderman, Taylor, Strand and Carroll voting 'yes'; Cornelius, Kriese and Carlson voting 'no'; Esseks absent. Public Hearing before City Council will be scheduled when provisions of Chapter 14.20 of the Lincoln Municipal Code have been satisfied.

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AT THIS TIME, ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK ON AN ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA, MAY DO SO

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PENDING LIST:

1. Change of Zone No. 3321, requested by Michael T. Johnson, on behalf of West Gate, inc., from R-7 Residential District to B-4 Lincoln Center Business District, on property generally located at 1729 “M” Street.
(6-13-01: Planning Commission voted 6-0 to place on pending at the request of the applicant.)
2. Street and Alley Vacation No. 04013, to vacate all of the east-west alley in Block 65, Original Lincoln, bounded by 13th, 14th, "M" and "N" Streets, generally located at S. 13th Street & "M" Street.
   (3-16-05: Planning Commission voted 9-0 to place on pending until completion of the Downtown Master Plan at the request of the applicant.)

3. County Special Permit No. 07009, Kadavy Estates Community Unit Plan, for approximately 6 single family acreage lots, with requests to waive the preliminary plat process, block length, lot frontage, sidewalks, street trees, street lighting, landscape screening, block length, and cul-de-sac length, on property generally located at N. 56th Street and Branched Oak Road.
   (6-20-07: Planning Commission voted 7-0 to continue public hearing on August 1, 2007 at the request of the applicant.)

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PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION
NOTIFICATION

TO : Mayor Chris Beutler
     Lincoln City Council

FROM : Jean Walker, Planning

DATE : July 19, 2007

RE : Waiver No. 07005
     (Street Improvements - LCIDC 1st Addition Final Plat - N.W. 45th & W. Adams)
     Resolution No. PC-01064

The Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission took the following action at their regular meeting on Wednesday, July 18, 2007:

Motion made by Taylor, seconded by Cornelius, to approve Waiver No. 07005, requested by Premium Protein Foods, to modify the requirement of the Land Subdivision Ordinance that all streets abutting and within a new subdivision shall be paved with curb and gutter, have sidewalks, street lights and street trees, associated with the LCIDC 1st Addition final plat, on property generally located at N.W. 45th Street and West Adams Street.

Motion for approval carried 8-0: Cornelius, Taylor, Carroll, Larson, Strand, Krieser, Sunderman and Carlson voting 'yes'; Esseks absent.

The Planning Commission's action is final, unless appealed to the City Council by filing a Letter of Appeal with the City Clerk within 14 days of the date of the action by the Planning Commission.

Attachment

cc: Building & Safety
    Rick Peo, City Attorney
    Public Works
    Tim Gergen, Olsson Associates, 1111 Lincoln Mall, 68508
    Premium Protein Products, LLC, 4611 West Adams Street, 68524

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RESOLUTION NO. PC-01064

WHEREAS, Premium Protein Foods previously submitted for approval by the Planning Director, the final plat of LCIDC 1st Addition, generally located at N.W. 45th Street and West Adams Street; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln Municipal Code Sections 26.27.010, 26.27.020, 26.27.070, and 26.27.090 provide that all streets abutting and within a new subdivision shall be paved with curb and gutter, have sidewalks, street lights, and street trees (collectively "street improvements"); and

WHEREAS, applicant has requested a modification to waive said requirements for N.W. 45th Street abutting LCIDC 1st Addition pursuant to § 26.31.010 of the Lincoln Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Director has recommended conditional approval of the requested modifications to the Land Subdivision Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission finds that the strict application of the requirements for street improvements associated with N.W. 45th Street would result in actual difficulties or substantial hardship or injustice to the property owner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission of Lincoln, Nebraska:

That the requirements of Sections 26.27.010, 26.27.020, 26.27.070, and 26.27.090 of the Land Subdivision Ordinance that N.W. 45th Street abutting LCIDC Industrial Park 1st Addition be paved with curb and gutter, have sidewalks, street lights,
and street trees, are hereby deferred until such time as the abutting lots to the east and
west are further subdivided.

The foregoing Resolution was approved by the Lincoln City-Lancaster County
Planning Commission on this __8__ day of __July________, 2007.

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Chair

Approved as to Form & Legality:

[Signature]
Chief Assistant City Attorney
PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION
NOTIFICATION

TO : Mayor Chris Beutler
     Lincoln City Council

FROM : Jean Walker, Planning

DATE : July 19, 2007

RE : Special Permit No. 07021
     (Expansion of nonstandard single-family dwelling)
     Resolution No. PC-01063

The Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission took the following action at their
regular meeting on Wednesday, July 18, 2007:

Motion made by Taylor, seconded by Cornelius, to approve Special Permit No.
07021, with conditions, requested by Paula Gardner, for authority to expand a
nonstandard single-family dwelling into the required side yard setback to
construct an addition to the existing structure located at South 26th Street and
High Street (2620 High Street).

Motion for conditional approval carried 8-0: Cornelius, Larson, Sunderman, Taylor,
Krieser, Strand, Carroll, and Carlson voting 'yes'; Esseks absent.

The Planning Commission's action is final, unless appealed to the City Council by filing a Letter
of Appeal with the City Clerk within 14 days of the date of the action by the Planning
Commission.

Attachment

cc: Building & Safety
    Rick Peo, City Attorney
    Public Works
    Mike Adams, 201 N. 8th Street, Suite 430, 68508
    Paula Gardner, 2620 High Street, 68502
    County Club Neighborhood Association (4)

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RESOLUTION NO. PC-07063

SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 07021

WHEREAS, Paula Gardner has submitted an application designated as Special Permit No. 07021 for authority to expand a nonstandard single-family dwelling into the required side yard setback to construct an addition to the existing structure located at S. 26th Street and High Street, and legally described as:

The east three feet of the south 80 feet of Lot 15 and all of Lot 16, Block 8, Woodsdale Addition to Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska;

WHEREAS, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission has held a public hearing on said application; and

WHEREAS, the community as a whole, the surrounding neighborhood, and the real property adjacent to the area included within the site plan for this expansion of a non-standard single-family dwelling will not be adversely affected by granting such a permit; and

WHEREAS, said site plan together with the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth are consistent with the comprehensive plan of the City of Lincoln and with the intent and purpose of Title 27 of the Lincoln Municipal Code to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lincoln City-Lancaster
County Planning Commission of Lincoln, Nebraska:

That the application of Paula Gardner, hereinafter referred to as
"Permittee", to expand a nonstandard single-family dwelling into the required side yard
to construct an addition to the residence on property described above be and the same
is hereby granted under the provisions of Section 27.63.540 of the Lincoln Municipal
Code upon condition that construction of said addition be in strict compliance with said
application, the site plan, and the following additional express terms, conditions, and
requirements:

1. This permit approves the expansion of a nonstandard single-family
dwelling into the required side yard setback along the east side of the property at 2620
High Street for the purpose of constructing an addition to the north side of the home.

2. The expansion shall not extend further into the required side yard
along the east side of the property than the furthest extension of the existing dwelling.

3. The expansion shall meet all other yard and height requirements of
the zoning district.

4. The Permittee must show the correct rear yard setback on the site
plan.

5. The use of the main structure shall remain a single- or two-family
dwelling.

6. Before occupying the addition all development and construction
must comply with the approved plans.
7. The site plan approved by this permit shall be the basis for all interpretations of setbacks, yards, locations of buildings, location of parking and circulation elements, and similar matters.

8. This resolution's terms, conditions, and requirements bind and obligate the Permittee, their successors and assigns.

9. The Permittee shall sign and return the letter of acceptance to the City Clerk within 60 days following the approval of the special permit, provided, however, said 60-day period may be extended up to six months by administrative amendment. The clerk shall file a copy of the resolution approving the special permit and the letter of acceptance with the Register of Deeds, filing fees therefor to be paid in advance by the Permittee.

The foregoing Resolution was approved by the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission on this 18 day of July, 2007.

ATTEST:

Chair

Approved as to Form & Legality:

Chief Assistant City Attorney
PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION
NOTIFICATION

TO      : Mayor Chris Beutler
          Lincoln City Council

FROM    : Jean Walker, Planning

DATE    : July 19, 2007

RE      : Special Permit No. 1629G
          (Indoor kennel - South Ridge Village - S. 27th & Pine Lake Road)
          Resolution No. PC-01062

The Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission took the following action at their regular meeting on Wednesday, July 18, 2007:

Motion made by Taylor, seconded by Cornelius, to approve Special Permit No. 1629G, with conditions, requested by South Ridge Village LLC, for authority to add an indoor kennel to the existing Special Permit for Planned Service Commercial for South Ridge Village on property generally located at South 27th Street and Pine Lake Road.

Motion for conditional approval carried 8-0: Cornelius, Larson, Suenderman, Taylor, Krieser, Strand, Carroll, and Carlson voting ‘yes’; Esseks absent.

The Planning Commission's action is final, unless appealed to the City Council by filing a Letter of Appeal with the City Clerk within 14 days of the date of the action by the Planning Commission.

Attachment

cc: Building & Safety
    Rick Peo, City Attorney
    Public Works
    Marlene Stroup, South Ridge Village LLC, 8200 Cody Dr., Suite F, 68512
    Cory Frey, Porter Ridge Neighborhood Assn., 7530 Brummond Drive, 68516
    Bob Ludwig, Porter Ridge Neighborhood Assn., 7120 S. 31st Place, 68516

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RESOLUTION NO. PC-01062

SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 1629G

WHEREAS, South Ridge Village LLC has submitted an application designated as Special Permit No. 1629G for authority to add an indoor kennel to the existing Special Permit for Planned Service Commercial for South Ridge Village on property generally located at S. 27th Street and Pine Lake Road, and legally described as:

Lot 1, South Ridge Village 8th Addition, located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 19, Township 9 North, Range 7 East of the 6th P.M., Lancaster County, Nebraska;

WHEREAS, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission has held a public hearing on said application; and

WHEREAS, the community as a whole, the surrounding neighborhood, and the real property adjacent to the area included within the site plan for this indoor kennel will not be adversely affected by granting such a permit; and

WHEREAS, said site plan together with the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth are consistent with the comprehensive plan of the City of Lincoln and with the intent and purpose of Title 27 of the Lincoln Municipal Code to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission of Lincoln, Nebraska:

That the application of South Ridge Village LLC, hereinafter referred to as "Permittee", to add an indoor kennel to the existing Special Permit for Planned Service Commercial for South Ridge Village on property described above be and the same is hereby granted under the provisions of Section 27.63.540 of the Lincoln Municipal Code upon condition that construction of said addition be in strict compliance with said application, the site plan, and the following additional express terms, conditions, and requirements:

1. This permit approves an indoor kennel as a use in the Planned Service Commercial Special Permit for South Ridge Village on Lot 1, South Ridge Village 8th Addition.

2. The kennel shall not be located closer than 178 feet from any residential zoning district.

3. The site plan approved by this permit shall be the basis for all interpretations of setbacks, yards, locations of buildings, location of parking and circulation elements, and similar matters.

4. This resolution's terms, conditions, and requirements bind and obligate the Permittee, their successors and assigns.

5. The Permittee shall sign and return the letter of acceptance to the City Clerk within 60 days following the approval of the special permit, provided, however, said 60-day period may be extended up to six months by administrative amendment. The clerk shall file a copy of the resolution approving the special permit.
and the letter of acceptance with the Register of Deeds, filling fees therefor to be paid in
advance by the Permittee.

The foregoing Resolution was approved by the Lincoln City-Lancaster
County Planning Commission on this 18 day of July, 2007.

ATTEST:

Chair

Approved as to Form & Legality:

Chief Assistant City Attorney
Dear Ms. Marlar: The purpose of this message is to respond to your email message to the City Council regarding the newly constructed Antelope Creek Trail underpass at 84th Street, north of Old Cheney Road. We are aware of the mud and silt on the trail in the underpass. This section of the trail is not yet open to the public. It will open when construction of the Antelope Creek Trail extending south from Old Cheney Road to Highway 2 is complete later this year. There were modifications made to the underpass when So. 84th Street was widened resulting in the elevation of the bottom of the box culvert being lower than originally anticipated. Heavy spring rains and associated erosion of the Antelope Creek channel deposited mud and silt in the box culvert. There will be modifications made to the creek channel upstream and downstream from the underpass. We believe that this will greatly reduce the potential for similar problems in the future. Also, we plan to monitor the condition of the underpass and remove any silt or debris after storm events. Please let me know if you have questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,
Lynn Johnson, Director
Parks and Recreation Department
2740 'A' Street
Lincoln, NE 68502
402/441-8265
Dear Ms. Sanchez:

The purpose of this message is to respond to your email message to City Council members on July 11.

Thank you for your message, and interest in the Parks and Recreation youth lacrosse program. As part of our budget preparation process we evaluate all of the programs that we offer considering the net cost, who is served, and if there are other agencies or organizations in the community offering similar programs. The Parks and Recreation youth sports program generates 57% of its total cost. Other agencies and organizations in the community offer programs similar to a number of those that we offer. Thus as part of efforts to restructure and increase efficiencies we proposed discontinuing some youth sports programs and events. We plan to continue offering core programs of flag football, youth basketball, and lacrosse. More than 1,200 youth participated in these programs last year. I hope that your daughter will continue to participate in the WNBA Girls Basketball program. Please let me know if you have questions or if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Lynn Johnson, Director
Parks and Recreation Department
2740 'A' Street
Lincoln, NE 68502
402/441-8265
To: City Council Members  
From: Karl A. Fredrickson, Director of Public Works/Utilities  
Subject: Council Request for Information Regarding Budget  
Date: July 1, 2007  
cc: 

Below, in italics, are the responses to the questions that you requested from Public Works/Utilities.

**Ken Svoboda requested a copy of the “Fee Report” for Engineering that was done a few year ago.**

In 2001 the City Engineer instituted a “fixed fee” for plan review and inspection services at the request of the development community to limit/establish their responsibility for engineering charges and to shorten the billing time for services provided by the City. These charges were instituted for improvements constructed by Executive Order, principally in new subdivisions.

The fees where City Staff provide the full range of inspection services were first established in February 2001, and were as follows:

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It was intended that the total engineering fee would be determined at the time the Executive Order was requested (with virtually no other restrictions). The amount was identified in the body of the E.O. and the fees were paid by the “Permittee” at the same time that the escrow for the E.O. was provided. These original fees were developed based on Construction Inspection charges from the 1998-2000 time period.

Since instituting this fee structure, we have tracked our actual costs for each project, just as if we were going to direct bill it. This has allowed us to track our costs and to identify project types which did not lend themselves well to a “fixed fee” and we subsequently revised our fee structure in January 2006 as follows:

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Also in 2006, we limited the EO’s eligible for the fixed fee. Fixed fees are not to be used where the work is principally in “established areas”, extends into an arterial street, involves structures (i.e. pumping stations, box culverts, lift stations, bridges . . etc ), waste water trunk lines or distribution water mains. We also attempted to eliminate two of the more obvious cost generator: working during the winter months and suspending (or not completing ) work without approved suspensions.

Our most recent review of costs versus payments (includes the last 6 years) is as follows:

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The problem with using historical records and averages to set future fees is that they won’t tell you is that the gap appears to be accelerating. So, our suggested options are 1) Raise the current fees, 2) further limit the accessability of the fixed fee structure or 3) more stringently enforce the conditions outlined above and bill the appropriate individuals.

Robin requested the CIP response from StarTran that was requested earlier.

Should have received a department-wide response that was sent out on July 9, 2007.

Jon Camp requested a StarTran breakdown of fare category revenue including “Special” routes (Big Red, Light Tours, etc.)

The following are FY 05-06 StarTran fare revenues...

*Fixed-Route Services Fares
  Cash = $268,900
  Monthly Passport (Regular Price) = $309,323
  Monthly Passport (Discounted, Ride-For-Five) = $93,435
  Ride tickets = $119,959
  Senior/Ride & Shop = $31,651

*HandiVan/Brokerage Fares
  Cash, Ride Tickets, Passports = $29,891

*Other
  Football Express Fares = $127,101
  Holiday Light Tour Fares/Sponsorships = $7,200

StarTran breakdown of UNL ridership between the campus shuttle route, and all other routes.

FY 05-06 UNL Program ridership, as follows...
  Intercampus shuttle route = 221,038
  All other StarTran routes = 255,242
Ken Svoboda requested from StarTran an analysis of what the revenue would be with a proposed fare increase.

In FY 05-06, an increase in StarTran fares was approved, with the base/cash fare increasing form $1 to $1.25 per trip. All other StarTran fares, with the exception of the $5.00 monthly pass associated with the low-income "Ride-For-Five” program, were also increased proportionately. In total, the fare increases resulted in approximately $100,000 of additional revenue in FY 05-06.

Jon Camp requested from StarTran “What happens if StarTran were to be privatized?” Do they lose Federal or State funding?

Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Region VII staff were contacted in this regard. They indicated that a private company cannot be a direct recipient of the type of FTA capital/operating funds received by StarTran/City of Lincoln. Such funding could be maintained in a "privatized“ scenario only if the City of Lincoln, or some other designated public entity, were to maintain the transit system and contract the operation of the transit system to a private entity. The FTA staff person also emphasized the requirements of the 1975 Section 13 (c) labor protection agreement (addressed by Larry Worth at the July 10th meeting with City Council) which effectively guarantees that the employees covered by the transit union contract would be employed by a contracted private transportation provider with all wage, benefit, and other contracted agreements retained.
Siting Study Executive Summary
Southwest Wastewater Facility

The City of Lincoln has completed long-range planning for growth and infrastructure needs. These planning efforts show that the existing Salt Valley Trunk Sewer system will not be able to handle all wastewater flows generated in the Tier 2 and 3 planning periods. New wastewater facilities in the southwest portion of the City will be required to handle wastewater flow from the rapidly-growing southern and southwestern portions of the City.

A siting study was conducted to determine the best location in the southwest portion of the City to construct and operate the needed wastewater facilities. The study was conducted by a City project team led by the Lincoln Wastewater System with input from over ten other City, county and state agencies. Olsson Associates and Black & Veatch provided engineering support for the study. Public meetings were held throughout the study to solicit public comments, and a website has been maintained to give the public access to study-related information.

The study recommends that steps be taken now to secure a site in the study area for future development of wastewater facilities. The benefits associated with selecting and securing a site at this time are as follows:

- As City growth proceeds, available land space will be taken up by residential, commercial and industrial development and thereby limit the City’s options in the future for wastewater facility locations.
- Growth and development decisions of the surrounding areas by others will be made with the knowledge of the proposed future use of the facility site.

The project team focused its search for prospective sites in the area centered around where the Beal Slough stream enters the Salt Creek, as recommended in the 2003 Wastewater Facilities Plan Report prepared for the City of Lincoln. The study area contains almost 30 square miles and is nominally bordered on the west by SW 27th Street, on the east by 27th Street, on the north by A Street and on the south by Saltillo Road. The project study area is shown in Figure ES-1. Over 25 different sites were considered and evaluated based on the set of criteria established for the study. These criteria were subject to public comment through the public meetings and website access. Based on the evaluation results, four finalist sites were subjected to additional consideration.

Out of the four finalist sites, the study further recommends that the East site as shown in Figure ES-2 be selected for further consideration by the Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission. Of the sites considered, this location best meets the variety of needs established by the evaluation criteria for wastewater management in the future. On its negative side, the site does have floodplain and wetlands issues that will need to be addressed through site development activities. In addition, the site may have environmental issues associated with its past use. These issues should be investigated through geotechnical and environmental testing and evaluation. Balanced against these
issues are the relative merits of the site. A bulleted list summarizing these relative merits is presented below:

- Site, adjacent to the state correction facility, is already owned by the State of Nebraska, so negotiations and acquisition should be streamlined.
- Site is screened from public view. The topography of the site provides a natural visual berm to the east of proposed treatment plant buildings and basins, screening the site from view of passing motorists on 14th Street.
- Site is separated from Wilderness Park by railroad tracks, providing a physical barrier from the parkland.
- Site is closest to the confluence of the Beal Slough and Salt Creek trunk sewers making conveyance of raw wastewater to the site most economical.
- Area surrounding the site is already used for governmental, commercial and industrial uses. The impact on existing and future residential areas is minimized.
- Property has limited value for other purposes due to its limited access and floodplain considerations. The existing railroad tracks adjacent to and through the site further limit its use for other commercial or industrial applications.
- Based on public feedback and land owner interviews, there is greater public acceptance of the site than for any of the other final candidates.

Based on these considerations as well as all the other evaluation considerations noted in the siting study report, the East site appears to be the best, most feasible and economical site in the study area for the City to acquire for future wastewater facilities. It is recommended that the City conduct further field investigations and evaluations, and other due diligence activities for the East site to assure that this site location is fully viable for acquisition and future development.
City of Lincoln, Nebraska
Southwest Wastewater Facility Siting Study
Study Area and Considered Sites
Figure ES-1
14.1 UPPER SOUTHWEST TRUNK SEWER SYSTEM

The Upper Southwest basin does not have City sewer service at this time and consists of Tier I, II, and III planning growth areas. The basin is located on the west side of Salt Creek on the southwesterly portion of the planning area as shown in Figure 14.1. Shown in Table 14.1 below are the areas and flows that have been included in the modeling effort.

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14.2 MODELING RESULTS

The Upper Southwest Basin system was modeled using the Tier I, Tier II, and Tier III areas and flows shown in Table 14.1. Sewers were preliminary sized and added to the proposed system to convey Tier III sanitary flows.

14.2.1 Tier I Conditions

The Tier I conditions were modeled using a total area of 2.078 acres with a corresponding peak flow of 14.02 cfs.

14.2.2 Tier II Conditions

The Tier II system was modeled using a total area of 8,405 acres, which resulted in a peak flow of 49.02 cfs. Additional sewers were preliminary sized and added to the proposed Tier I system to convey sanitary from the Tier II reaches of the basin.

14.2.3 Tier III Conditions

The Tier II system was modeled using a total area of 18,401 acres, which resulted in a peak flow of 97.98 cfs. Additional sewers were designed and added to the existing, Tier I and Tier II system to convey sanitary from the upper reaches of the basin.
14.3 IMPROVEMENTS

The improvements for the Upper Southwest Basin are shown graphically in Figure 14.2 and summarized in Tables 14.2 and 14.3 below.

14.3.1 Tier I Improvements

Based on this flow, approximately 13,900 feet of 60-inch and 48-inch diameter sewers were identified. As shown in Table 14.3, the d/D varied between 0.27 and 0.60 at these flows. The Tier I sanitary sewer system layout is presented in Figure 14.2. This schematic drawing shows the major basin boundaries and stream network. The basin boundaries and stream network were derived from the City contour data. The alignment of the proposed sewers follows the natural drainage network. The pipe design was adjusted to eliminate surcharging throughout the system for Tier III flows. The proposed sewer improvements discharge to the Salt Valley Trunk Sewer System at manhole B1-7 and includes a siphon under Salt Creek. Sewer pipe design parameters are shown in Table 14.2 for the system.

14.3.2 Tier II Improvements

14.3.2.1 Pipelines

The proposed sewer alignment identified in Figure 14.2 were added to the Tier I SWMM model and evaluated to verify the anticipated Tier II flows. The results of the model run are summarized Table 14.3. As indicated in the table, the proposed sewers have adequate capacity to convey the Tier II flows with a d/D ratio ranging from 0.29 to 0.76.

14.3.2.2 Storage

As shown in Table 14.1, the Upper Southwest basin will contribute 49.02 cfs to the Salt Valley Trunk Sewer under Tier II design conditions. In order to minimize the identified surcharged conditions of the Salt Valley Trunk Sewer system under Tier II design conditions, it is recommended that a storage basin be utilized to store the peak Tier II flows. Based on the model results, this storage basin is estimated to have a volume of 4 MG, to store 22 cfs of the peak flow. Based on the model results, the peak flows would need to be stored for approximately 6 to 8 hours before they could begin to be discharged back into the Salt Valley Trunk Sewer System. It has been assumed that a pump station would be required to transfer the storage sewage to the Salt Valley Trunk Sewer. The location where the storage has been included in the model is shown in Figure 14.2. The actual location and features of the storage facility should be determined with a detailed site study.
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### 14.3.3 Tier III Improvements

#### 14.3.3.1 Pipelines

The proposed sewer alignment identified in Figure 14.2 were added to the Tier II SWMM model and evaluated to verify the anticipated Tier II flows. The results of the model run are summarized Table 14.6. As shown in Table 14.6, the proposed sewers have adequate capacity to convey the Tier III flows, with the d/D ratio ranging from 0.52 to 0.94.
14.3.3.2 New SW WWTP

The Salt Valley Trunk Sewer is inadequate to convey the Tier III flows from the Upper SW basin. To handle the Tier III flows it is recommended that a new treatment plant be sited in the Upper SW Basin. For the purpose of this report, the location for the storage discussed above is the same location where the new SW WWTP has been included in the model. The actual location of the new SW WWTP and storage facility discussed above should be located with a detailed siting study. This improvement is discussed in further detail in Chapter 23.

14.4 SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS

The proposed alignments of the sanitary sewers are preliminary and developed for planning purposes. It is recommended that a detailed study be performed prior to designing the improvements to make certain conformance with existing and proposed development and to determine project phasing. In most cases, the alignments shown closely follow natural drainage ways. Until full development of the system, some pipes will be oversized with regard to interim flows. These sewers should be periodically inspected to determine if deposition is occurring.
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(1) Location Numbers refer to Figures and Table Numbers in the Report.

Note: All costs are estimated and subject to change based on further analysis and construction estimates.
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Notes:
1. Upstream and downstream nodes for each pipe section.
2. Costs provided by LWWS, on work by others. $12.50/in-dia-ft used for cost estimating.
3. ENR CCI for Kansas City = 8512 (July 2006)
4. Costs are from CIP
23.5 SOUTHWEST TREATMENT PLANT WWTP

Currently the City is investigating the feasibility of locating a new wastewater treatment plant in the southwesterly area of the City. The location of a wastewater treatment plant in this area may have merits due to the following two factors:

1. The collection system analysis on the main stem of the Salt Creek Basin Trunk Sewer (Chapter 10) which indicates that the system does not have the capacity to convey the Tier III flows to the Theresa Street Wastewater Treatment Plant.

2. Assuming that the same treatment technology presently incorporated at the Theresa Street Wastewater Treatment Plant is used for future expansions, the MMAD capacity of the Theresa Street WWTP, without a major expansion to the south or east, is 45 mgd.

As shown in Tables 23.5 and 23.6 below, the Tier III peak flow conditions at the Theresa Street WWTP with a Southwest WWTP are estimated to be 286.2 mgd. This is less than the Tier II peak flows of 308.1 mgd (reference Table 23.2) without a Southwest WWTP. This suggests that if the Theresa Street WWTP can treat the Tier II flows, it can treat the Tier III flows from the revised drainage area shown in Table 23.5 without a major expansion to the south or east.

Preliminarily, the drainage area for a proposed Southwest Treatment Plant would include the Upper Southeast, Upper Southwest, Haines Branch, and the Southeast drainage areas as shown in Figure 23.6 and summarized in Table 23.5. The estimated Tier III MMAD flows for the wastewater treatment plants is shown in Table 23.6.

It is recommended that the concept of a new Southwest Wastewater Treatment Plant be further evaluated as flows increase and regulations change. The location and timing for the Southwest Wastewater Treatment Plant should be periodically reviewed as the development and other local factors evolve.

23.6 SUMMARY OF IDENTIFIED IMPROVEMENTS

The following two Tables 23.7 and 33.8 outline the identified improvements and planning level costs for the two treatment plants. It is recommended that more detailed engineering and planning studies be completed to further define the actual details and refine the estimated costs of the projects as capacity, regulations, or other requirements dictate.
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Notes:
1. Calculated from Table 23.5 above
2. Existing Plant MMAD flow escalated at 1.5 percent growth over the planning period.
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### Table 23.8  Recommended Improvements – Northeast Wastewater Treatment Plants

#### Wastewater Facilities Master Plan Update

**City of Lincoln, Nebraska**

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July 13, 2007

WATER MAIN PROJECT #700294
St. Paul Avenue; 42nd - 47th Street

The week of July 15, 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 6" water pipe on the north side of St. Paul Avenue from 42nd to 47th Street. The construction will be complete in September, 2007 barring weather or unforeseen conditions. St. Paul Avenue will be closed to through traffic for approximately 65 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: wwowondercheck@lincoln.ne.gov

K2 Construction Office
Office Hours: 8:00 - 5:00
(402) 467-2355
June 16, 2007

BRIDGE DECK RESURFACING PROJECT #546640
NO. 14TH STREET AND SAUNDERS BRIDGE OVER OAK CREEK

The City of Lincoln would like to take this opportunity to update you on an upcoming project in your area. Pavers Inc. of Waverly, NE. has been awarded the contract for this project.

Beginning July 18, 2007, The bridge at 14th Street and Saunders over Oak Creek will be closed to through traffic. The contractor will repair the existing deck with a new concrete overlay. This work should be complete in three weeks.

Vehicular traffic will be detoured from 14th Street via Cornhusker Highway, 10th Street, and Military Road. Access to local businesses and residents will be maintained. Pedestrian traffic will be maintained across the bridge, with the exception of two to three days while the deck is being poured.

If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact the following people:

Larry Duensing, Mike McCullough
City of Lincoln Engineering Services Pavers Inc.
441-8401 786-5900
WATER MAIN PROJECT #700284
20th Street; A Street - Prospect Street

Late in the week of July 16, 2007, Skoda Construction of Lincoln will be starting construction (weather permitting) of a replacement water main for the Engineering Services Division of the Public Works and Utilities Department.

The construction limits are in 20th Street from A Street to Prospect Street with a construction completion of early October barring weather or unforeseen conditions.

Skoda Construction will be required to maintain two way traffic on A Street and maintain emergency access on 20th Street to Milder Manor at all times. Temporary no parking signs will be installed for parking of equipment, storage of materials and to allow working room.

The City of Lincoln realizes this project may temporarily inconvenience you. Local access might be allowed to the property owners on the project but notifications of closures or access to your property will be given in a timely order to you as the contractor progresses thru the project.

This project is being built at no extra cost to you and is funded from the Selected Replacement Main Projects of the Lincoln Water System.

If you have any problems or questions during the construction period, please contact Skoda Construction Superintendent Ron Skoda at (402) 560-5004 or the City of Lincoln Project Manager, Charlie Wilcox.

Charlie Wilcox, Senior Engineering Specialist
Engineering Services, Public Works and Utilities
Project Manager
Cell: 440-6067
Email: cwilcox@lincoln.ne.gov

Skoda Construction
Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Phone: 489-9027
July 18, 2007

SOUTH STREET; 9TH STREET - 10TH STREET
TO CLOSE JULY 21, 2007
Project #540009

Lincoln Water System has decided to install a new 12" water main from 9th Street to 12th Street on the north side of South Street due to the condition of the existing water main. This work will start as early as this week.

In order to keep our progress moving along, we are allowing the contractor to move into Phase IV which is South Street from 9th to 10th.

The South Street Improvements Project began in March. Improvements include roadway resurfacing, replacement of medians and traffic signals, new pavement markings, new streetscape enhancements and replacement of the water main and storm sewers. The entire project from 8th to 18th Streets has four phases and was scheduled to be complete by the end of July 2007. Due to springs wet weather and unforeseen utility conflicts, the completion date should be mid-August.

For more information contact Steven Faust with the City of Lincoln Public Works and Utilities Department at 441-7711.

Steven R. Faust
Pavement Management Coordinator
City of Lincoln, Engineering Services
531 Westgate Boulevard, Suite 100
Lincoln, NE 68528
Phone: (402) 441-8413
Fax: (402) 441-6576
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 18, 2007
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Bonnie Coffey, director, 402/441-8695

FIFTH ANNUAL WOMEN & MONEY CONFERENCE

According to Oppenheimer Funds research, women are marrying later in life, getting divorced more frequently and outliving their spouses by an average of seven years. As a result, nearly 90% of all women will end up managing their finances at some point in their lives. Responding to the financial needs of women in the community, the Lincoln-Lancaster Women’s Commission will host its 5th annual Women & Money Conference to promote financial literacy and understanding.

The Women & Money Conference is set for Saturday, August 18, 2007 at the Holiday Inn Downtown, 141 N. 9th St., Lincoln, NE. The conference registration fee is $10 per person and includes a continental breakfast and there will be no on-site registration taken. Participants can check-in between 8-8:30 a.m. and scholarship tickets are available upon request. Deadline for ticket purchase is 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 3. The conference ends at 1 p.m. after lunch with keynote speaker Juli Burney.

Holding the event on Saturday encourages working women to attend the multitude of workshops being presented by local experts. More than 20 professional financial planners will be available to registrants on a first-come, first-served basis for the Money Mentor$ session, a one-on-one free consultation about personal finances. Session topics include:
- Budgeting 101: Great for Beginners
- Women & Investing: Make it Happen!
- College Savings Plan of Nebraska
- Negotiating the Long-Term Care Financing Maze
- Found Money
- The ABC’s of Making Money
- Money Mentor$

Comedienne Juli Burney will address the lighter side of money matters at a luncheon beginning at 11:30 a.m. An exhibitor's gallery will be open during the conference's free times for women who want to learn more about local financial services. Some exhibitors are offering door prize drawings or goodie bag prizes. Because of generous financial support from First Plymouth Church Women’s Ministries, First National Bank and Signa Solutions, scholarship tickets are available for low-income women on a first-come first-serve basis.

The Women & Money Conference is co-sponsored with the State Treasurer’s Office and Friends of LLWC. The conference has secured financial support from the local business community. Lincoln Benefit Life returns this year as the premier sponsor.

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Other corporate sponsors include AARP Nebraska, Bank of the West, College Savings Plan of Nebraska, Cornhusker Bank, Merrill Lynch, Nebraska Commission on the Status of Women, Nebraska Mortgage Company, State Farm Insurance Companies, TierOne Bank, US Bank, U.S. Department of Labor-Women’s Bureau Region VII, Union Bank & Trust Company and Wells Fargo Bank.

By gathering together to help improve the financial literacy of the women in Lincoln and Lancaster County, the Women & Money conference can improve the lives of families. Contact the Women’s Commission, 441-7716, for more information or a registration brochure. Visit on-line at www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/mayor/women/index.htm to download the on-line registration form.

One of the agency’s many roles is to advise the City and County on the type of legislation which should be sought to improve a situation when areas of study indicate a need for change. LLWC was formed in 1976 to “work toward eliminating social, economic and legal barriers that prevent women from choosing their present and future roles in the family, the labor force, education and society in general.”

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COFFEY WINS SECOND TERM AS NATIONAL PRESIDENT
Lincoln-Lancaster Women’s Commission director runs unopposed on national board

The Lincoln-Lancaster Women’s Commission (LLWC) was represented at the National Association of Commissions for Women (NACW) during its 38th annual convention held at the Camberly Brown Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky, held July 11 to 14, 2007.

LLWC Director, Bonnie Coffey, was re-elected to the board as its national president for a second term. Running unopposed, NACW members expressed appreciation and support for her past leadership abilities spearheading national projects and overseeing its operations. Coffey’s achievements included balancing the organization’s budget, attracting new national corporate sponsorships, streamlining operations and promoting the Health BONES project with Proctor and Gamble. Other women elected to the executive committee included Glenda Woods of Kentucky Commission on Women, vice president; Robin Stultz of West Virginia Women’s Commission, secretary, and Barbara Albu Lehman of Somerset Count Commission for Women in New Jersey, treasurer.

Newly elected and re-elected members to the board of directors were Romona Fullman of Delaware Commission for Women, Sharon Langlotz of Indiana Commission on the Status of Women, Mary Molina Mescall of New Mexico Commission on the Status of Women, Kathy Pauley of West Virginia Commission for Women, Luckencie Pierre of Florida Commission for Women, and Jacqueline Wilson of Baltimore County in Maryland. Elected to serve a remaining one year for unfilled terms were Tammy Martin of Wake County Commission for Women in North Carolina, and Mariana Vergara of Morris County Committee for Women in New Jersey.

“The annual NACW convention is an ideal opportunity to gather with colleagues and peers across the country who are working on the issues that impact women,” said Bonnie Coffey, LLWC director, who represented Nebraska. “We’re able to establish and strengthen our coalitions, expand knowledge on commission operations, network with other professionals who accomplish the same work we do, and share programs and ideas to better enable us to effectively and efficiently use resources reflect the issues that impact women today.”

Highlights of the convention included keynote speakers Shinae Chun, director of the U.S. Department of Labor-Women’s Bureau; the Honorable Betty Ireland, secretary for the State of West Virginia, and Patricia J. Cooksey, deputy executive director of Kentucky Horse Racing Authority.

A presentation on NACW’s national project, Healthy BONES, was given with speakers Toby Keith and Kim Templeton, MD of the U.S. Bone and Joint Decade. LLWC received a Platinum Level Award for their work on localizing the project in Lincoln and Lancaster County. The Health BONES project has impacted a combine total of 43,000 women nationwide.

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NACW is the only professional organization in the nation for government workers employed at commissions for women. NACW is a nonpartisan 501(c)(3) membership organization composed of regional, state, county and local commissions created by government to improve the status of women, as well as individual and affiliate members who believe in the work of women’s commissions across the country. NACW is committed to equality and justice for women by increasing the effectiveness of member commissions and serving as their national voice.

Women’s commissions are designed to be advocates for equality and justice for women, serving their communities in a variety of ways. Some maintain shelters for abused women, others have tutorial programs for teens and adults, others testify before their legislators on issues that impact women and their families. Each commission functions independently, but works jointly with NACW to provide national leadership and focus on their collective concerns such as public policy, legislation and legal practices that promote the improvement of the status of women.

In 1961, President John F. Kennedy established the President’s Commission on the Status of Women. Eleanor Roosevelt was the chair and Esther Peterson of the Women’s Bureau, U.S. Department of Labor, was vice-chair. The Commission produced a report containing the recommendation that each state form a similar commission. Today, there are approximately 270 commissions located across the nation for women. For information, contact LLWC at 441-7716.

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Jonathan,

Study work is nearing completion. We plan to conclude both the SWWF work and the Wastewater Facilities Study this summer. Upon conclusion of the two reports, we will start the Public Process this Fall. The "Process" would likely provide a general public meeting, a session with the Friends of Wilderness Parks, County Environmental Committee, Mayor's Environmental Committee and a briefing for the County Board. If you have suggestions about process, we are certainly interested in your thoughts.

Year six in the proposed CIP lists a project, "SW Wastewater Facility Improvements (SWWF)". The Capital Improvements Plan identifies $5.6 million. Future growth and Comprehensive Plan timing may direct expense for a peak flow storage facility.

I have included this response to your inquiry to all City Council members.

Steve Masters
Public Utilities Administrator
(402) 441-7588
(402) 441-8609(fax)
JCookCC@aol.com

Steve,

Could you please explain the status of the SWWTF study? I have received questions from the Friends of Wilderness Park about the new CIP.

When is the study taking place, how much is allocated for it, what is the process it will follow?

Thanks.

Jonathan

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Councilman Emery & Mr. Helweg:

We have completed our study of the intersections of Lyncrest & L and Lyncrest and Randolph. As outlined in the Federal Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), we are required to do an engineering study prior to making a decision to install multiway Stop control at intersections.

The guidance provided by the MUTCD gives several criteria for the installation of 4-way Stop control. The three primary considerations are: 1) where a traffic signal is needed, Stop signs can be used as a temporary measure; 2) where 5 or more crashes occur in a 12 month period that could be eliminated with a 4-way Stop; or 3) where the major street averages 300 entering vehicles per hour for 8 hours and the side street averages at least 200 vehicles per hour, with the side street traffic waiting an average of at least 30 seconds per vehicle.

We counted traffic and looked at the number of crashes occurring at both of these intersections. The L Street intersection came closest to meeting the volume based warrants. Both streets have approximately equal traffic, but the major street had about half the volume needed to meet the warrant, and the side street was short of meeting the 200 vehicles per hour. The delay experienced by the side street traffic was also not nearly 30 seconds. Randolph had less traffic and was even farther from meeting the volume warrant. Lyncrest and L has had 12 crashes since 2000. Other than 4 crashes occurring in 2006, there were never more than 2 crashes in any other year and there have been none to date in 2007. The Randolph intersection has only had 7 total crashes since 1991, and none since 2003.

One additional item that the MUTCD states can be included in the determination of warrants for installing multiway Stop control is the need to control vehicle/pedestrian conflicts near locations that generate high pedestrian volumes. While the incident that prompted Mr. Helweg to write in could have been a very serious crash, we did not find sufficient evidence to suggest that the addition of Stop signs would significantly improve the safety of these intersections. None of the crashes that were reported involved bicycles or pedestrians.

Studies have shown that the inappropriate use or over use of traffic control devices such as Stop signs leads to a lack of compliance with those signs. We have also seen a recent court case in Omaha where the City was hit with a very large judgement against them due to a Stop sign not complying with the requirements of the MUTCD. For these reasons, and based on the fact that the study we performed did not show the warrants being met, the City will not be installing 4-way Stops at either of these intersections.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, you can contact either Scott Opfer or myself...
Dear Mr. Helweg,

City Councilperson, Doug Emery, asked our office to investigate your request for the addition of "Stop" signs at the intersections of Lyncrest with 'L' Street and Lyncrest with Randolph Street, making both intersections "4-Way" Stop sign controlled.

Nebraska State Law mandates that we follow Federal standards and guidelines set forth in the "Manual On Uniform Traffic Control Devices" whenever we look to implement any form of traffic control device. The criteria for implementation of a "4-Way Stop" or "Multiway Stop" are as follows: 1) If a crash problem exists indicated by 5 or more crashes in a 12 month period which would be considered susceptible to correction by installing a "4-Way Stop". The types of crashes considered correctable are right & left turning crashes, as well as right angle or "T-Bone" type crashes; and 2) The minimum vehicular volume for the major street (Lyncrest) averages at least 300 vehicles per hour for any 8 hours of the day and the minimum combined vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian volume for the minor street ('L' St. or Randolph) averages at least 200 units per day during the same 8 hour period.

We will conduct an evaluation of these two intersections to determine if either or both meet the criteria mentioned above. Once we have gathered this information, we will inform you of the results. If you should have any specific questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly, either by email or by phone at 441-7851. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Scott A. Opfer, Manager
Traffic & Engineering Services Operations

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Robin,

This is in response to your e-mail of July 14, 2007, in which you indicate that the proposed use of MIRF dollars in FY 2007-08 is inappropriate and contrary to Legislative intent. You further express your disappointment in City staff recommending the use of MIRF dollars as proposed. I must disagree with those statements and present the following as background to support my understanding of the appropriate use of MIRF.

In 2000, I worked with then Mayor Wesely and the City Council to utilize MIRF funding to pay for bonds to build the F Street Recreation Center. Because of a lack of clarity in the State Legislation dealing with the authority to pay the bonds, I worked with the Legislature to amend the MIRF statutes. During the 2000 Legislative session, then Senator Dave Landis offered an amendment to LB 968 that clarified the bonding provisions and provided an even broader utilization of MIRF funds by municipalities. This amendment was AM3014 and it was debated on March 24, 2000. If you are interested in reading the testimony on the floor of the Legislature, here is a link to the minutes of the floor debate:

http://schoolfinance.ncsa.org/media/2000/LB968_SF_3-24-00.pdf

The pertinent pages of the minutes are on pages 30 to 35. This amendment was passed by the Legislature on a vote of 27 to 0.

The only specific infrastructure expenditure prohibition is provided in Section 18-2603 of the State Statutes. This section prohibits funding to be used for “………… public highways and bridges and municipal roads, streets, and bridges”.

The City Council approved the use of MIRF dollars to pay for the bonds issued on May 31, 2000. During the public hearing, City Bond Counsel indicated to the City Council that the use of MIRF dollars is very broad to include most any capital project the City would want to undertake. The minutes of the public hearing can be found at the following link:


The discussion starts on page two (2) of these minutes. This ordinance was approved by a 7 to 0 vote.

In summary, it is my opinion that the uses of these funds as contemplated in the FY2007-08 budget are appropriate and meet the intent of the Legislature.

________________________________________________________________________

Don Herz
"Robin Eschliman" <robine@neb.rr.com>

To <dherz@ci.lincoln.ne.us>
cc <CAMPJON@aol.com>
Subject Inappropriate use of MIRF

I have further reviewed the State Legislature's updated actions on MIRF. I bring your attention to the following Legislative Findings:

By providing basic public facilities, the municipalities of the state provide the building blocks for economic development. Not only does the investment in infrastructure generate an immediate stream of economic activity, it also lays the groundwork for private investment that will use the facilities so provided.

(3) Infrastructure project means any of the following projects, or any combination thereof, to be owned or operated by a municipality: Solid waste management facilities; wastewater, storm water, and water treatment works and systems, water distribution facilities, and water resources projects, including, but not limited to, pumping stations, transmission lines, and mains and their appurtenances; hazardous waste disposal systems; resource recovery systems; airports; port facilities; buildings and capital equipment used in the operations and activities of municipal government and to provide services to the residents of the municipality; convention and tourism facilities; redevelopment projects as defined in section 18-2103; and mass transit and other transportation systems, including parking facilities and excluding public highways and bridges and municipal roads, streets, and bridges.

Not one of the uses I have noted on the attached spreadsheet are going to "generate and immediate stream of economic activity". As a matter of fact, using the money for some of these items will insure that particular parcel of land will NEVER EVER be used "for private investment".

I am disappointed that our City staff would recommend a use of funds contrary to the intention of the State Legislature. MIRF FUNDS.xls

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Dan,

Speed limits are set based upon several factors and the overall characteristics of the road in question. A typical speed study looks at intersection sight distance, number of access points along the section of street being studied, lane widths, number of lanes, medians vs. no medians, curves in the road (both horizontal & vertical), setback distance of structures, pedestrian activity, bicycle activity, are there turn lanes provided, traffic volumes, crash history and based upon sampling, 85th percentile speeds. The very first thing we look at is the 85th percentile speeds. Typically, this is the speed at which the majority of the drivers feel comfortable driving the piece of road in question and in most cases, this is what we use to set the posted speed limit. Sometimes, however, we do vary from the 85th percentile number. Typically, when we do, it's due to things like a higher than normal crash rate related to one of the physical characteristics of the road. For example, Vine Street from 33rd to 45th probably has an 85th percentile speed of over 40 mph. The posted speed limit remains at 35 mph due to the fact that there are a higher than average number of crashes on this stretch due to the lack of left turn lanes. Generally speaking, a 4 lane street with turn lanes is typically posted at 40 or 45 mph, depending upon number of driveways and/or intersections and traffic volumes. Examples of 35 mph streets are usually the two lane streets with or without turn lanes.

Now, as far as the three locations specifically mentioned. We are in the process of re-evaluating all of our posted speed limits, especially on those streets around the edges of the city. Many of these streets have been improved to a certain extent and need to be re-evaluated. We hope to study them this fall. A final note on the comment of speed limits being "poorly marked". Our S.O.P. is to place speed limit signs along the arterials immediately past all traffic signalized intersections or at least every 1/2 mile. The three segments mentioned, have two sets of speed limit signs in place along each of the segments.

Let me know if you need any further information.

Scott Opfer
On Van Dorn the speed limit is 35. I think it should be 40 (or better signage).

On Pioneers going west it changes abruptly from 40 to 35 with one sign on the mile between 70th and 56th. Make it 40 all the way or put up more signs.

On Old Cheney it's 40. It's a four lane street plus turn lanes. 45 would be more reasonable or at least more signs to warn people it's not the freeway it appears to be.

I can get you the person's name but can you tell me what the posted speed limit is now, and if you want better signage or a higher speed. The fines go to the schools so the city does not profit from it.

Dan

-----Original Message-----
From: 
Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2007 9:40 PM
To: dmarvin@neb.rr.com
Subject: Streets

Dan,

While we're on the subject of streets, who can I talk to that's responsible for setting speed limits on streets. Van Dorn between 70th & 84th, Pioneers and Old Cheney between 56th & 70th are poorly marked and have speed limits below what's reasonable. I'm sure the police love these, but they are major speed traps that unfairly penalize motorists. If the goal is to slow down traffic, signage needs to be improved. If the goal is to raise revenue and piss off motorists, then the goal is being achieved!

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My field of practice in engineering is not acoustics, but the basic theory and information about it is readily available for anyone with a library card or the internet. I have found several sources of information that corroborate the basic theory that the charts present. I also have experience with computer simulation in other fields such as discrete event and strength analysis. Simulations are also only representations of the predicted outcome when you apply a theoretical set of constraints. It is never as complex as the real world and is not a substitute for physical experimentation to confirm the assumptions as reasonable.

I have personally taken sound level measurements around the Lincoln area. These tests have helped me to see from real world experience that the sound level effects presented on this chart are reasonable as a general illustration of sound travel over the relative distances we are considering in a motor sport facility.

For Scott Holmes to attempt to simply dismiss this information makes me wonder what his agenda is regarding this discussion. He continues to make inaccurate statements that appear to be his attempts to steer the discussion towards his bias.

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Well if this does not show how quite the Motocross track at the Abbot Sports Complex has been kept. No wonder there has been no opposition. Here is the article.

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for General Council

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Comment or Question:
WHAT CAN BE DONE, OR WHO DO WE CONTACT TO GET SOMETHING DONE WITH THE WEEDS, THISTLELS AND POT GROWING AT THE DEAD END OF OUR STREET?? MY NEIGHBORS AND I HAVE CONTACTED BOTH THE CITY AND COUNTY AND ALL WE GET IS THERE IS NOTHING TO BE DONE. WITH WEST NILE DISEASE, WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THIS. SOMEONE NEEDS TO COME AND LOOK AT WHAT WE HAVE TO PUT UP WITH AND DO SOMETHING. WE ARE CLOSE TO THE ADM PLANT.
Dear Lincoln City Council Members,

I am writing to voice an opinion on the upcoming City Budget. Although what I have to offer would save relatively little, I believe the City is currently in a fiscal position that we need to look for several little items to cut so that as a whole they add up to substantial savings.

First, can we please eliminate the landscaping in our street medians. The initial cost, coupled with ongoing maintenance is a luxury we can't afford. To those who argue it adds to our "quality of life", we don't need median landscaping as a part of our "quality of life" and we can't afford it. It couldn't be more simple, we can't afford it. Starting with the next fiscal year, eliminate all median and other street landscaping. As plants need to be replaced, eliminate them and replace the area with concrete, decorative concrete, brick, asphalt, whatever it takes to reduce the ongoing maintenance costs. Along with this, do so many of our medians need to be so wide?

Along with eliminating the median landscaping, can we eliminate irrigation systems in the medians and parks. We don't need them and can't afford them. Not only is there an initial cost but there is ongoing maintenance costs and the cost of water. By irrigating we also add to cost of mowing more often during the hotter parts of the summer and maintaining the median plantings. We don't need it and can't afford it. We have great parks and I think most people don't have a problem with brown grass in July and August, it's a part of living in this climate.

What with a change in leadership in the near future for LFD, now would be an ideal time to take some bold initiatives with staffing, strategic closing of select stations during select hours, manning rigs with less than a "worst case scenario" in certain areas of the city and during select hours. Surely LFD can provide call data, as LPD is able to do, for the last several years that can justify these actions. Another idea would be to research if there are any Fire Departments that meet staffing needs by regular eight hour shifts, even if those departments are located outside of the US. This could also help reduce staffing costs and even taken together would result no loss of quality in service. Such research of course would need to be done by someone with fire protection and general administrative experience but outside of LFD. Returning ambulance service to the private sector would help tremendously also.

I realize that several programs and services exist today because of State and Federal mandates, often unfunded. I long for the day where government exists to provide decent police and fire protection, an adequate road system and military defense. If the city could honestly look at all services and cut or reduce to a minimum those that aren't mandated and return to the core functions mentioned above we could save a tremendous amount of money annually.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.
With Regards,

Lou Hurst
I find it interesting that the young lady that testified about all the horrible noise she supposedly experienced on weekend mornings must have lived 5.8 miles from the dragstrip that didn’t exist at the time. She testified last year at the planning commission also.

I believe she said that she lived near MansfieldOhio. My company does some business with people in Mansfield. I was just there a couple of weeks ago.

The drag strip was just being built last year. According to their website, it appears that 2007 is their opening season.

http://mansfieldmotorsportsonline.com/dragstrip_history.asp

She may have heard some circle track racing, but they don’t typically race on Saturday or Sunday morning, so her experiences of having trouble sleeping in on weekends are now lacking credibility.

I had to look into this further because here stating that a sound, such as what we were discussing yesterday, that was generated 5.8 miles away wouldn’t even register on a sound meter. If you refer to Dr. Cheene’s charts on decibel levels and annoyance, and you look at the facts of sound propagation she simply can’t be telling the truth. At least I can’t believe her.

It fits with the trail of tears testimony that the hearing started out with. Prepare yourselves. The dishonesty of the opposition to the drag strip had few limits. You have established precedence now. The people moving out to the acreages will want to expand the sound limits to ag uses. You will have the CPRLifers acting out on any growth activities on the north side of town.

You need to start showing some leadership and get in front of issues earlier. You can’t be a commissioner and sit back. You have to get on top of the subject at the start, whatever it is.
P.S. Thanks to Commissioner Heier for pointing out that Mr. McGovern has more emails than I. Since racers may by nature tend to be competitive, I hope this one gets me a little closer to the top. Humor aside, I want to thank the Board of Commissioners for their consideration on the subject. I just hope we can see some improvement in the future. There is always another hot issue coming down the line.
This is how [http://JoinTogether.org](http://JoinTogether.org) rates our state as far as alcohol taxes go. I thought you might be interested that we rank 38th. Perhaps a raise in taxes is in order?

I also noted that none of the taxes on alcohol go for recovery from alcoholism. There are a lot of people that need treatment that can not afford it. Perhaps we could help those people?

These stats of course are from 2003...a little outdated. Could you send me new information?

How Does Nebraska Measures Up:

Type of alcohol regulation licensed
Alcohol tax collections for treatment none
Beer tax (per gallon) $0.31
Beer tax national average $0.26
Data last changed 2003
State rank for beer tax 38
Wine tax (per gallon) $0.95
Wine tax national average $0.78
Date last changed 2003
Liquor tax $3.75
Liquor tax national average $3.92
Date last changed 2003

Who's Responsible?
Key Decision Makers in your state:
Nebraska Liquor Control Commission
"Life should NOT be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well-preserved body, but rather skid in sideways coffee in one hand and chocolate in the other, body thoroughly used up, totally worn out and screaming, ‘Whoa! What a ride!’" - adapted from an unknown author.

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Dear Council Member / County Commissioner:

Attached is the 2006 cardiac arrest report for Lincoln EMS. If you have any questions about the information in the report, please feel free to contact me at any time. Thank you!

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July 17, 2007

Dear Lincoln-Lancaster Community Member:

Emergency Medical Services, Incorporated [EMS, Inc.] is pleased to provide you with a copy of the cardiac arrest report for the years 2001 thru 2006. The year 2006 had a record number of cardiac arrest survivors! Congratulations to all the emergency medical services providers who worked together as a team to help save lives!

As you will determine based on the statistical data, our community continues to be served by an outstanding emergency medical services [EMS] system that responds quickly, provides excellent medical care, and produces very positive results. Airway management continues to excel in our system and that is the result of quality EMS providers who receive expert training by local community anesthesiologists, emergency room physicians, and certified registered nurse anesthetists.

Independent medical oversight also plays a very significant role in assuring the EMS system is consistently providing quality medical care to each patient served. A special thank you goes out to all the financial contributors that continually support the concept of independent medical oversight for EMS in our community.

A special thank you also goes out to the AED consortium, the businesses, and the citizens in the community that support and provide AED’s and CPR. Your effort has and will continue to save lives!

If after reading the cardiac arrest report you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office. I will be happy to answer any questions.

Sincerely,

Todd Gilkison-Director
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"Coordinating The Excellence of Emergency Medical Services To The Citizens of Lincoln"
Lincoln EMS
Cardiac Arrest Statistics
2001 Thru 2006

Data Compiled by:
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EMS, Inc. was established in 1994 to provide independent medical oversight of the Lincoln EMS system.

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*Definition:* Number of patients experiencing cardiac arrest and transported by Lincoln Fire & Rescue.

1.b: Cardiac Arrest Origin

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Lincoln EMS, Inc.
2.a: Average Age of Cardiac Arrests/Survivors

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Definition: Average age of all cardiac arrest patients, and average age of cardiac arrest survivors.

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Definition: Total number of cardiac arrest survivors by sex. For the year 2006, total number of patients separated by sex was provided.
ALS Skill Proficiency

3.a: Advanced Life Support Skills (Minutes)

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*Defib 1: 2001-2005 measured in minutes from time of unit dispatch to first counter-shock. 2006 measured from time call received in the 911 Center to first counter-shock delivered.

**Defib 2: 2004-2006 measured in minutes from time at patient side to first counter-shock delivered.

***Not Recorded

3.b: Percent of patients receiving IV access and/or intubation

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Definition: Percentage of cardiac arrest patients that received I.V. access and/or intubation when indicated. 2006 included intubation with the Combitube™

Lincoln EMS, Inc.
4.a: Percentage of Bystander CPR by Location of Arrest

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Residence</th>
<th>Public Place</th>
<th>Medical Facility*</th>
<th>Total</th>
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<td>35%</td>
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<td>43%</td>
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<td>80%</td>
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<td>2006</td>
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<td>64%</td>
<td>87%</td>
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Definition: Percentage of patients receiving bystander CPR, based upon the location of arrest.
*Medical Facility includes nursing homes, physician offices, and hospitals without emergency rooms.

4.b: Initial Cardiac Arrest ECG Rhythm

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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>V-Fib / V-Tach</th>
<th>Asystole</th>
<th>P.E.A.</th>
<th>Total</th>
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Definition: Initial cardiac rhythm as described by EMS. "V-Fib / V-Tach" is ventricular fibrillation or ventricular tachycardia. Asystole is "flat-line." "P.E.A." is Pulseless Electrical Activity; in other words, an electrical tracing of a heart rhythm that typically produces a pulse but in this event is not.

Lincoln EMS, Inc.
5a: Return of Spontaneous Circulation

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<th>Year</th>
<th>In Field</th>
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<td>2006</td>
<td>33%</td>
<td>21.6%</td>
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*Definition: The percentage of patients who had a return of a spontaneous circulation in the pre-hospital setting.

5b: Return of Spontaneous Circulation (ROSC) by Initial Rhythm in the year 2006

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<tr>
<th>V-Fib/V-Tach</th>
<th>Asystole</th>
<th>P.E.A.</th>
<th>Total</th>
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<tr>
<td># Treated</td>
<td>35</td>
<td>54</td>
<td>45</td>
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<td>In Field ROSC</td>
<td>17(48.6%)</td>
<td>9(16.6%)</td>
<td>18(40%)</td>
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<td>Discharged Alive</td>
<td>13(37.1%)</td>
<td>4(7.4%)</td>
<td>12(26.6%)</td>
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*Definition: The total number of patients with the return of a pulse, classified by presenting cardiac rhythm.
Survivors of Cardiac Arrest Discharged From The Hospital

Definition: Percentage of patients who experienced cardiac arrest, were revived, transported by Lincoln Fire & Rescue, and eventually were discharged alive from the hospital. The cardiac arrest statistics include all transported cardiac arrest patients regardless of initial cardiac rhythm and including calls originating in both the City of Lincoln and surrounding counties.
Automated External Defibrillators and CPR in the Lincoln-Lancaster Community

- By the end of the year 2006, 167 locations in the Lincoln-Lancaster area had registered one or more AED’s.
- During the year 2006, an AED was placed on fourteen patients prior to the arrival of pre-hospital emergency medical services [EMS]. Four out of the fourteen patients required a shock. Of the four patients receiving shocks from an AED prior to EMS arrival, one was revived and discharged alive from the hospital.
- During the year 2006, there were 29 survivors of cardiac arrest. Eighty-six percent of the survivors were either witnessed going into cardiac arrest or received CPR prior to EMS arrival. Fourteen percent of the survivor’s cardiac arrest event were not witnessed and/or did not receive CPR prior to EMS arrival. The data in this report supports the benefit and importance of community training for the recognition of cardiac arrest, public AED use, and CPR.
- AED’s may be registered on-line at the following Lincoln Fire & Rescue website: http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/fire/aed.htm
July 17, 2007

To: Mayor Chris Beutler and City Councilman Dan Marvin

From: Nan Graf
100 no. 12--Apt. 306
Lincoln, NE 68508

The annual expenditure for the City of Lincoln 4th of July fireworks display has troubled me for a long time.

Spending tax money to cause both sound pollution and air pollution seems to me unwise use of our citizens' money.

I understand the need to cut our city budget and would like to suggest eliminating the city's expensive fireworks display every 4th of July. Actually, the display trivializes Independence Day and fails to call attention to the real meaning of the holiday: liberation from an oppressor.

I am also troubled by the proposed closing of Kuklin Pool and the drastic cuts in funding for the Area Agency on Aging.

I respect you both as dedicated public servants and hope you can find ways to cut what is unnecessary and save what is important.

Very sincerely,

Nan Graf
July 19, 2007

TO: Lynn Johnson,
    Director, Lincoln Parks and Recreation

CC: Mayor Chris Beutler
    Lincoln City Council

RE: Proposed Parks and Recreation Budget Cuts

It is never easy to reduce a budget, especially when realizing the fewer persons that can be served by your efforts. Your most recent budget proposal suggests the elimination of the NFL-Pepsi Punt, Pass, and Kick Contest; the MLB-Pepsi Pitch, Hit, and Run Contest; and the Junior Olympics Skills Contest.

The Optimist Clubs of Lincoln, coordinating through the Star City Optimist Youth Foundation (SCOYF), also host both local and regional contests for each of these events. Please be assured that, though you may have to eliminate those programs, the SCOYF will continue to host free local contests for EACH of those events on multiple days and at multiple sites throughout the city to maximize the opportunity for Lincoln’s youth to participate. We will continue to do so with volunteer administration and staffing and the use of no tax dollars.

Sincerely,

Bob Grundman
Secretary
Star City Optimist Youth Foundation
July 12, 2007

CITY COUNCIL OFFICE

Council Member Dan Marvin
555 South 10th St
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Dan Marvin:

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As a senior citizen of Lincoln, I am requesting that you thoroughly study the general information available about ALL of the many facets of the Lifetime Health Program offering a tremendous amount of varied services to seniors in our community. If you are aware of all the exercise classes, nursing/nutritional assessments, caregiver support, health educational programs, health screenings, as well as a lot of individual specialized assistance provided, I feel certain that you will want to DISAGREE with the elimination of the LIFETIME HEALTH PROGRAM!

With the Baby Boomers joining the senior community in the near future, increasing the need for the above services, how can elected City Officials consider eliminating these valuable preventative health services??? Where can seniors turn to for such helpful and affordable benefits??

Thank you very much for giving this your honest and sincere consideration.

Nearly all of us grow to become Seniors!

[Signature]
Marilyn Z. [Signature]
To All City Council Members

RE: 2007-2008 Lincoln Budget Proposal

I read with interest, the proposed 2007-2008 city budget by Mayor Chris Beutler, which includes the list of Department/Division budget reductions, and a few budget additions.

Since my wife and I are senior citizens, and both over 80 years of age, my concern is about the programs for the elderly.

1. The largest budget reduction is for aging at 16.1%. The article also says that “the Lincoln Area Agency on Aging would have to find another $444,444 in budget cuts”. This amount, added to the 16.1% ($713,508 less than the 2006-2007 budget) would be $1,157,952, or over a 25% reduction. It is difficult to believe that the Aging 2006-2007 budget was so inflated that a 25% decrease is necessary.

2. “The Lifetime Health educational program for elderly people would be eliminated!” We have been involved in Lifetime Health for over 15 years. We were mainly in exercise programs three days a week, along with an annual physical checkup. We are still involved with an exercise program directed by Lifetime Health, the latest sessions at the Calvert Active Age Center.

3. “The Calvert ActivAge Center would close permanently.” WHY??

Even though the 2007-2008 budget proposal is a general reduction across all the Departments/Divisions, it seem to me that some emphasis is placed on the elderly programs, which involve thousands. They of course, as you all know, are mostly low income, and many are living on only their Social Security income! Some corrections in this area need to be addressed.

Sincerely,

Bob Wallick

CC: Mayor Chris Beutler

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424 Lamont Cr
Lincoln NE  68528

Dan Marvin
City Council, Member At-Large
555 South 10th Street
Lincoln NE  68508

Dear Mr. Marvin,

Please vote NO on closing the ‘O’ Street Senior Center. Then suggest to the Mayor to leave the first floor and the exercise rooms open.

There are so many people who need this area for food and exercise. After receiving therapy for my shoulders and my back, I am depending on the exercise equipment to keep me going. I also talked to a man who goes there who had a stroke some time ago. He told me he could not walk or talk after his stroke; now he is talking [very slowly] and walks slowly also. I see him there constantly trying to make his body keep going. He has to pick up his right hand with his left hand to put it on the handle of the New Step. Believe me, that place does a lot of people a lot of good!

Maybe the Mayor can change his requests a little.

Please Mr. Marvin, vote NO, a vote for us oldsters.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Rixte Geitzenauer
July 15, 2007

Dan Marvin
555 South 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Mr. Marvin:

Please consider reversing Mayor Beutler's decision to eliminate the Lifetime Health Program. This program is very helpful many people including myself in many ways. I am sure you are very aware of the many services and education opportunities that are designed to empower the older adult to make healthier lifestyle choices and reduce their risk of illness and injury.

I speak for my own activities which include The Forever Strong Health Club, Physical Activity through training by the Certified personal trainers, Yoga classes, participation in the Nursing Health and Lifestyle Assessments program and Nutrition Services.

Programs like Lifetime Health are needed in our community. They offer assistance and fun activities for the older adult population that have no available resources to do these things on our own.

If you truly care for the older citizens of Lincoln, please do not cut funding. Remember these are programs that you will benefit from one day in the future.

Sincerely,

Joan Watts
562 Lakeside Drive
Lincoln, NE 68528
July 16, 2007

Councilman Dan Marvin  
City of Lincoln  
555 South 10th Street  
Lincoln, NE 68501-2307

Dear Councilman Marvin:

This letter is to express how devastated I am about the proposed cuts at Lincoln Area Agency on Aging, specifically the exercise program. I have been using that facility for more than a year now and it will be a real hardship for me to join a commercial club.

This exercise program is a major part of my health maintenance program, highly recommended by my physician, because I have high cholesterol.

Furthermore, the exercise program at LAAA is excellent, and of course, geared to the needs of Senior Citizens which would be hard to find at another facility. The equipment is first class and relatively new. The money to purchase this equipment did not come out of city funds. The Senior Foundation Board Members raised the money to upgrade the equipment. I, and many other regular attendees, donate regularly to the program and we do not want this excellent facility closed.

I know Lincoln is in need of making cuts but do the disabled and senior citizens always have to be the ones to suffer during hard times? As a resident of this city, and a citizen of the USA and a Lincoln homeowner, I ask you to please do what is right and vote against Mayor Beutler’s plan to cut this program.

Sincerely,

Janet A. McKane
Stretch and Tone Participant – Lifetime Health

Jeanne Carlson – 2425 Folkways Blvd. Unit #321

Making money. To save money? Take it from individuals who are

exercise and is very necessary for all of us. You want

Health from the budget? This includes our Seniors’

Why would you even consider taking away Lifetime
July 15, 2007

Dear Mr. Marvin,

I moved to Lincoln eight years ago from out of state. Lincoln impressed me with all the services offered to senior citizens. I became introduced to yoga through Lifetime Health. I simply love the movements and benefits from yoga classes taught by Daya Nelson and Terri Swanson. I would be willing to pay more money to attend them.

Please don't eliminate Lifetime Health.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Julie McLean
July 16, 2007

Dan Marvin
555 South 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Mr. Marvin,

I would like you and the Lincoln City Council to think seriously before you cut the budget of the Lincoln Area Agency on Aging. I am a semi-retired pastor who serves the St. James United Methodist Church. The Lake Street Senior Center meets in the basement of this Church. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday I eat at the Lake Senior Center so I am aware of many of the programs that are provided to Senior Citizens. I appreciate it when nurses take my blood pressure. I really like the health programs that are presented at the Senior Center. I appreciate it when I can get my flu shot at the Senior Center. I really like the shoulder and back massages that are given at least once a month. Most of all I appreciate the healthy food that is served. Between January and April I watch as senior citizens use the income tax assistance that is provided one morning a week.

For all these reasons I hope you will continue to fund all the programs of the Lincoln Area on Aging.

Thank you for reading this.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Bob Neben, pastor
July 12, 2007

Lincoln City Council Members
555 S. 10th
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Lincoln City Council:

I find it alarming that a vital part of the city of Lincoln has so easily been chosen to be cut from the city’s budget. I am speaking of the Lifetime Health Program with the Lincoln Area Agency on Aging. It seems too easy a fix, this denying of benefits to the elderly. The elderly, who, in their younger years, assured that there was adequate education, defended our freedom, taught us to vote, care for our neighbors, be active in our churches and do the “right thing” for our families, are now targeted for being denied an avenue to reduce the costs of their limited incomes.

The Lifetime Health Program offers substantial opportunities to reduce the cost of healthcare, a cost also borne by the citizens of Nebraska. Nutrition, mental health, illness and injury prevention are just a few needs that are addressed. Health screenings are available to the elderly, detecting conditions that, if left undetected, can lead to costly treatment. Exercise programs specific to geriatric needs are offered to help in preventing falls caused by changing physical conditions. And everyone knows that a fall leads to hospitalization, skilled care, and other related symptoms that need to be treated, curtailing the lifespan of a taxpaying citizen. Many champion the needs of the children and the young adults. Are we teaching them that once they reach the status of senior citizen, there are fewer opportunities? That there will be no one to support them when their health declines, they can no longer drive, and they have no access to support for the needs of their age? But then, there will always be someone to collect their taxes.

I would like to ask the city council...were you not taught to respect your elders? The people who worked and fought to make Lincoln the beautiful city that you were elected to lead should not be denied their right to enjoy their last years. Please find another way to cut the budget that doesn’t affect lives so directly.

[Signature]
Robbie Nathan
Lincoln Branch Manager
Care Consultants for the Aging
Council Member Dan Marvin  
555 South 10th St  
Lincoln, NE 68508

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Thank you very much for giving this your honest and sincere consideration.

Nearly all of us grow to become Seniors!

Bonnie Eckery

I have used many of their services for several decades.
July 12, 2007

Council Member Dan Marvin
PROGRAM
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Lincoln, NE 68508

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[Signature]
To: Lincoln City Council Members

From: Eugene C. Grabow
3003 Chestnut Place
Lincoln, NE 68516
Ph: 402-421-9322

Re: Mayor’s budget cuts for Lincoln Area Agency on Aging (LAAA)

I have used two of the programs offered by LAAA on a daily basis since I retired in the Fall of 2002. These are the ones that I will address in this letter.

Shortly after I retired I began involvement in the Forever Strong Health Club under the auspices of the Lifetime Health Program at The Downtown Senior Center. I did so because at the time of retirement my physical condition was such that I was concerned about my ability to handle myself safely at my workplace. I began workouts under the supervision of a Certified Personal Trainer. Gradually my physical strength and agility returned and
I currently work out five days a week. A recent physical exam by my health provider pronounced me in good physical health for a person of my age (75). Frankly, I am able to be more active than I was before I retired. Now I see that the Mayor wants to cut out my program. This is absolute nonsense! It flies in the face of the goal of helping the elderly maintain fitness so that they can live independently in their own homes. The more a person loses the ability to be physically independent, the more help she has to rely on public programs for support. Obviously, public support programs for the elderly are very expensive when compared to the few dollars saved by cutting out the Lifetime Health Program.

The City Council would be "penny wise and pound foolish" to cut out or reduce the Lifetime Health Program.

The second program I was a client of and is a target of the Mayor's office is the Calvest Congregate feeding site. The purpose of congregate feeding sites is to be scattered throughout the City/County so that they are close
to the people who eat there, when a feeding site is shut down, that convenience disappears, and with it goes a certain number of elderly who will not or cannot go to the new feeding site, thus losing the chance to have the only adequate and nutritious meal they will have all day. I personally eat at a congregate site every day (82-5). Since 2002, two other sites have been closed down: the first in the Antelope Park area and the second at First United Methodist Church. Now the Mayor wants to shut down the Calvert site. Once again, one has to ask: what is the city's responsibility to keep its elderly citizens from going hungry? Also if memory serves correct, there are almost no paid staff, instead volunteers are used.

I suggest that the Mayor's office and the city could acquaint themselves with the Older Americans Act under which the Lincoln Area on Aging has functioned for the past 35 years. Or if you will find what is expected of your program, you may even find that curtailing these programs
may cause a negative snowballing effect, i.e., if you cut your share of the money the state and the feds may cut their share thus leading to further cuts.

You may ask, if not cuts to the aging program, where will the cuts come from? My answer is clear: cut "brick and mortar". It doesn't go hungry in the middle of the day/night and it doesn't have to get around in a face/walker/wheelchair.

Eugene Carson

copy: Mayor's Office
To City Council:

This is sad news to learn the Lifetime Health Services are being cut. Many of us older folks depend on their health care. When we have hip and knee replacements and in my case a plate and 10 screws in one broken leg, it's impossible to reach the feet. Also wearing hearing aids requires the case be cleaned more frequently. True, this can be done at a Doctor's office but at considerable cost and transportation charges. Over the years student nurses have come to my house as part of their training.

I started out using Calvert Actidry Etc. by using its basketball court to walk a mile or more in safety. Now have a few meals and go on most of their trips. This gives me a chance to do and see things and meet people who have become my friends.

Thank you,

Ruth L. Scarlata
2232 A. 35th St
Lincoln NE 68506
488-5968
DEAR DAN MARVIN

I have seen all the good results of Lifetime Health Programs. Just in the time I’ve spent myself as older adults it’s to benefit the wellbeing for us. It saves money through prevention. They can’t afford to spend money on doctors’ visits are costly. Through Lifetime Health Program it keeps the elderly healthy, also in the long run it saves overall everyone money. Not even a bad idea.

It starts a program for teenagers to have prevention health care for their future as they will be older someday.

Tracie Foreman, Peggy Apthoefer, Judy Mather, Terri Swanson are very devoted to the

Thank you for taking the time to hear how we feel about Health Care.

Lynne King
July 18, 2007

Dear Council Member:

I just became aware of the Mayor’s proposed cut of the Health and Wellness Services to Senior Citizens at the downtown Senior Center by eliminating the Health and Exercise Services. As a senior who has utilized these services on a regular basis I can attest to the importance of retaining these services. My husband and I have so appreciated the fact that the Senior Center provides this essential part in keeping seniors fit. When we have gone there, especially on the Nursing Health and Lifestyle Assessments, there are lots of people who are always there and many are even brought by bus. For those who cannot afford belonging to a health club, this gives seniors what they otherwise could not obtain. I have just had an aortic valve replacement, and although Medicare pays for rehab for a limited period of time, my need will continue after that is cut off.

Health promotion programs such as the Lincoln Area Agency on Aging’s Lifetime Health have the potential to reduce health care expenditures. Seniors who reduce their modifiable health risks can forestall disability, reduce health care utilization and save money.

Approximately 100 million elderly will enter Medicare over the next 25 years. The impact of an aging population on escalating US health care costs is influenced largely by the prevalence of chronic disease. Approximately 80% of the senior population has one or more chronic illness. Direct medical costs for persons with chronic conditions account for nearly 70% of national medical expenditures.

Exact cost savings related to health promotion interventions are elusive but we know that much of the total burden of disease can be attributed to conditions or injuries that are preventable. Thus, preventing or postponing disease onset or injury is a crucial public health issue.

I checked into the Mayor’s proposed budget cuts and additions. In the July 8, 2007 Lincoln Journal Star I found that Aging took the biggest hit of 16.1% of any other agency. At the same time the Mayor increased the budgets of Communications, Affirmative Action, Star Tran, City Council, etc. It seems to me that in those increases that the Mayor is ignoring the needs of the City’s Senior Citizens.

Sincerely,

Arlyss E. Felt
July 18, 2007

Lincoln City Council Representative
555 South 10th Street
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

Dear Representative:

The Senior Health Promotion Center (SHPC), located at the Downtown ActivAge Center, is a partnership between the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC), College of Nursing (CON) and the Lincoln Area Agency on Aging Lifetime Health Program. The Lifetime Health Program provides essential support services that allow our SHPC to provide health promotion services without charge to low income and minority older adults in our community.

The SHPC, in collaboration with Lifetime Health Program, serves many area seniors. During the 2005-2006 fiscal year, 1,558 visits were made to the SHPC. Services provided by the Clinic include: foot care, ear care, bone density screening, blood pressure screening, blood glucose and cholesterol screening. If medical problems are identified at the Clinic, referrals are made to area physicians and other health care providers in the community. Services at the SHPC are provided by UNMC senior level nursing students and a nurse practitioner who is a member of the faculty at UNMC, CON. There is no charge to clients, or to the Lincoln Area Agency on Aging for care provided at the SHPC. The majority of people who attend the clinic would be unable to access these services elsewhere because of difficulty with transportation and cost of services. Clients often comment that they are grateful for the care that they receive at the clinic. The foot care service is especially popular, as many of the clients have severe visual impairment or limited range of motion, which makes personal foot care difficult.

Lifetime Health Program provides support that is crucial to SHPC. This assistance includes patient parking, promotion of our services, and scheduling. The collaborative relationship between UNMC, CON and the Lifetime Health Program allows seniors to access healthcare services and other aging related resources at one location for no cost. Lincoln seniors also benefit from the wide variety of other programs offered by Lifetime Health. I ask your support for the continuation of funding for the Lifetime Health Program.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Kathleen Duncan, PhD, RN
Assistant Dean, Associate Professor
College of Nursing, Lincoln Campus
Lifetime Health Program
Information Sheet
Summer 2007

The Lifetime Health Program began providing health promotion services to mature adults in Lincoln and Lancaster County in 1984. Core services have grown and evolved over the years in response to changing community needs.

The focus of the program continues to be to empower older adults and their families to enhance their health through physical activity, health screening and education services. Individuals most at risk of illness and injury are supported in their efforts to decrease risk and promote optimum health.

Numerous collaborations with other community agencies and professionals enable the program to leverage resources and expand needed services without adding costs.

During the 2005-2006 fiscal year Lifetime Health provided the following:

3,903 individuals attended health education programs dealing with illness and injury prevention, nutrition and mental wellness.

2,142 participated in preventive health screenings (e.g. Bone density, blood pressure, blood glucose and cholesterol). Screening participants received individualized education, counseling and referrals as needed.

1,558 visits were made to the jointly sponsored LAAA/UNMC Senior Health Promotion Center. Individuals frequently received more than one screening or service during these visits.

812 individualized consultations with the Lifetime Health Registered Nurse were conducted.

5,353 units of participation in group Stretch and Tone, Pilates and Yoga classes designed especially for older adults were offered.

1,018 contacts with certified personal trainers experienced and knowledgeable about the special needs of mature adults.

369 individual nursing, personal training and nutrition assessments were offered to caregivers through the Fit to Care Program.

1,503 caregivers benefitted from educational programs designed to help them cope with the challenges of caregiving.

2,000 thirty minute exercise programs designed for older adults who are homebound or unable to attend classes for some other reason aired on 5City TV.
The Mayor’s proposed budget appeared in the paper on Sunday, July 8. Lifetime Health has been identified as one of the programs to be cut from the Lincoln Area Agency on Aging budget.

Lifetime Health offers a variety of free or low cost preventive services to older adults in the Lincoln area. These include but are not limited to the following:

- Senior Health Promotion Center
- Forever Strong Health Club
- Certified Personal Trainers
- Fit to Care Support Services for Caregivers
- Nursing Health and Lifestyle Assessments
- Group health screenings such as bone density, blood pressure, blood glucose and cholesterol, senior fitness testing
- 5 City TV exercise classes
- Yoga, Pilates, Stretch and Tone classes designed specifically for older adults
- Health education programs dealing with illness and injury prevention, nutrition, mental wellness and physical activity

If you believe Lifetime Health funding should be continued and you would like to express your views, please contact Mayor Beutler, your City Council representative or write a letter to the Lincoln Journal Star.

The City Council will make recommendations for changes to the Mayor’s budget on July 23. The public hearing will be held on Monday, August 6 at 4:30 p.m.

We believe the older residents of Lincoln want, need and deserve a program like Lifetime Health.
Health Promotion Makes “CENTS”

Approximately 100 million elderly will enter Medicare over the next 25 years. The impact of an aging population on escalating US healthcare costs is influenced largely by the prevalence of chronic disease. Approximately 80% of the senior population has one or more chronic illness. Direct medical costs for persons with chronic conditions account for nearly 70% of national medical expenditures.

Exact cost savings related to health promotion interventions are elusive but we know that much of the total burden of disease can be attributed to conditions or injuries that are preventable. Thus, preventing or postponing disease onset or injury is a crucial public health issue.

Examples of chronic disease or injuries that can be prevented, postponed and / or better managed include:

- Poorly managed **type 2 diabetes** cost the US health system an extra $22.9 billion a year in direct medical costs to treat heart, eye, kidney and other associated complications. Obesity and lack of exercise are linked with type 2 diabetes which can cause blindness, heart disease, stroke, chronic kidney disease and foot problems that can require amputation.

- An estimated 10 million Americans have **osteoarthritis** and 34 million (55% being 50 and older) have **low bone density** and are at increased risk developing osteoporosis. Osteoporosis is responsible for 1.5 million fractures annually.

- One out of every three persons aged 65 and older **falls** each year. Falls are the leading cause of injury. Approximately 250,000 hip fractures occur each year among this population. The cost of a hip fracture care averages $26,912 per patient. Only 25% fully recover, 40% require nursing home care; 50% will need a cane or walker and nearly one in four hip fracture patients will die with 12 months due to complication related to the injury.

Health promotion programs such as Lincoln Area Agency on Aging’s Lifetime Health have the potential to reduce healthcare expenditures. Seniors who reduce their modifiable health risks can forestall disability, reduce health care utilization and save money.

Lifetime Health provides services and education designed to empower older adults to make healthier lifestyle choices and reduce their risk of illness and injury:

**Forever Strong Health Club**
Certified personal trainers
Senior Health Promotion Center
Fit to Care Program
Nursing Health and Lifestyle Assessments
Health screenings
5City TV exercise classes
Physical Activity Classes

**Nutrition Services**
Illness and injury Prevention
Mental Health Programs
Educational Programs

Sources upon request

Ch. Given

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ADDENDUM
TO
DIRECTORS’ AGENDA
MONDAY, JULY 23, 2007

I. MAYOR
1. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule Week of July 21 through July 27, 2007 - Schedule subject to change.
2. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: The City Council vote on tentative changes to Mayor Chris Beutler’s recommended budget will be carried live at 8:00 a.m., Monday, July 23rd on 5 City-TV.

II. CITY CLERK

III. CORRESPONDENCE

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE

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FIRE
1. Response Memo from Chief Dan Wright to Jon Camp - RE: Response to your request for information on the impact on the fire department for the proposed hotel.

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES
1. Response Information from Nicole Fleck-Tooze to Ken Svoboda - RE: Budget - Stormwater Federal Mandates (This information forwarded to Council on 07/20/07)

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1. Letter from Coby Mach, President, LIBA and Russell Miller, Chairman, LNA - RE: City and County Government Services.
Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule
Week of July 21 through 27, 2007
Schedule subject to change

Saturday, July 21
• Lincoln Literacy Council annual awards ceremony and luncheon, remarks and present Mayor’s Award for Literacy Achievement - 11:30 a.m., Auld Recreation Center, 3140 Sumner

Tuesday, July 24
• Downtown Rotary Luncheon, remarks - 12:15 p.m., Nebraska Club, 233 South 13th Street, Suite 2000

Wednesday, July 25
• Leadership Lincoln Membership “Hot Topics” Luncheon, remarks - 11:30 a.m., Ameritas Life Insurance, 5900 “O” Street

Thursday, July 26
• KLIN - 8:10 a.m., Broadcast House, 4343 “O” Street
• Cable Television Advisory Board meeting - 4 p.m., Mayor’s Conference Room, 555 South 10th Street

Friday, July 27
• Missing Links statewide conference (language barriers in health services), remarks - 8 a.m., Cornhusker Marriott, 333 South 13th Street
• Shriner’s Banquet - 6:30 p.m., State Fair Park, Ag Hall
Date: July 20, 2007
Contact: Bill Luxford, 5 CITY-TV, 441-6688

The City Council vote on tentative changes to Mayor Chris Beutler’s recommended budget will be carried live at 8 a.m. Monday, July 23 on 5 CITY-TV (Time Warner cable channel 5).

The telecast also can be viewed live via video streaming, and through “video on demand” beginning about 30 minutes after the conclusion of the Council meeting. To view the live streamed telecast and video on demand service, visit the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov and click on the 5 CITY-TV link.
July 19, 2007

Dear City Council,

for public record and the hearing scheduled on 7-23-07, I, Gary Summers, as an area resident, would like to voice my objection to the proposed zone change identified as No. 07010 (134th and "A" Streets) based on the following concerns:

1) WATER (availability and quality) It is a known fact that east Lincoln is an area that has a limited supply of water, both in terms of availability and quality.

NOTE: When I asked Paul Zillig, assistant general manager of the Lower South Platte Natural Resource District, the question, "What do you think is the most important ground water issue in Lincoln is today?", he stated, "the natural quality and availability of water as people want to move out to acreages". Jesse Krouse, NRD Specialist, concurred with me today that Paul's statement is accurate. He said that the long term supply of underground water in east Lincoln is very much a concern.

NOTE: Cambell's Nursery (134th and "O" Streets) is already experiencing a salinization problem in one of their two wells. When underground water levels drop, says Jesse Krouse, often times, in east Lincoln, salt will infiltrate a well.

NOTE: The Crooked Creek Golf course experiences a notable drop in their well flow rate when Cambell's nursery is irrigating their large nursery across the street.

NOTE: The new Waterford Development Project (approx. 98th to 106th and "O" Streets, from "O" St. north to Vine St.), with its 1,500 new residents, will have to maintain water in their 62 acre lake shared with the NRD. Three large deep wells will attempt to help recharge the lake's (3) ft. drop in water level each year due to surface water evaporation loss. This will require hundreds of thousands of gallons of water that could best be used for drinking.

I strongly urge the council to heed the water availability warnings that are now revealing themselves. We all must foster responsible water management by denying further urban sprawl, such as this zone request implies. More underground wells will jeopardize our current underground water supply in east Lincoln. The illusion of ample water, presented by the developer, is a shocking act of exploiting our underground water resources today with a blatant lack of stewarding our precious water resource for the future. We the people, along with appointed/elected officials, such as yourselves, must responsibly manage our WATER SUPPLY. It is our lifeblood.

I encourage each council person to educate themselves by contacting our experts at the Lower South Platte Natural Resource District (Tel. 476-2729 and speak to Paul Zillig and Jesse Krouse)

2) NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE CITY OF LINCOLN'S COMPREHENSIVE GROWTH PLAN It is clear that the City Planning Department objects to the above mentioned zone change. Mike Dekalb gave public testimony to this effect back in April, 2007. This, in and of itself, should be enough rationale to remove No. 07010 from the table. The installment of city "infrastructure" to the location of future developments still remains the prudent priority strategy for growth. Maintaining continuity in neighborhood design through such CITY PLANNING, with "infrastructure" in place, is a foundational need to prevent the insidiously impatient effects of urban sprawl (we all know so well).

NOTE: The Comprehensive Plan states, "New urban acreage development is not encouraged in the Plan Vision Tier I areas for Lincoln". "New urban acreages' development should only be permitted in Tier II and Tier III areas of Lincoln and near towns under higher design standards
based upon a 'build through' model." Is the proposed Champoux Development compliant with
the "build through model"? In regards to the Comprehensive Plan, this proposed
development appears to be OUT of compliance. As council persons, I ask you to enforce our
city's comprehensive plan.

In addition, Mr. Champoux's 54 home development would add to: a) the already burdened
emergency service system (fire fighting, ambulance, rescue), which has seen increasing
occupancy in the neighborhood over the years  b) gravel road traffic (especially on "A"
St.) contributing to accidents, noise and respiratory illness (all "safety and Health" issues).

In conclusion, I believe that the issues of WATER and COMPREHENSIVE PLAN NON-
COMPLIANCE are reasons enough to DENY, once again, this zone change request. It is the
"quality" of life I wish to speak for, both in behalf of current residents and the residents of the
future.

Most Respectfully,

Gary Summers
P.O. Box 282
13301 "A" Street
Walton, NE 68461

NOTE: On 3-8-07, I submitted a petition of opposition to the
City of Lincoln and Lancaster County Planning
Commission on behalf of myself and neighbors.
Mr. Champoux's zone change request was DENIED.
Lincoln Fire & Rescue Memo

TO: Council member Jon Camp

FROM: Chief Wright

DATE: July 20, 2007

SUBJECT: Request for information

COPIES TO: City Council members, Marvin Kraut, Fire Assistant Chiefs, Fire Deputy Chiefs, Mayor Staff

Council member Camp, Lincoln Fire & Rescue’s response to your request for information on the impact on the fire department for the proposed hotel, is as follows.

1. Fire Department concerns regarding a hotel that is four stories tall. (50 feet to the flat roof).

Lincoln Fire & Rescue does not oppose any four story building (high-rise) built within the corporate city limits. This is largely due to the fact that any structure that is three stories or greater in height, is required by the City adopted International Fire Building and Life Safety Code to be fire sprinkler compliant. In addition, the code would require that the structure be complaint with a fire alarm system to notify all residents and be monitored so that early notification is sent to the 911 Dispatch center for the deployment of Lincoln fire and rescue resources.

LFR does have concerns regarding response time for fire apparatus to that location. Currently the initial responding resources to that location would be the closest available units in this order:

Engine 4 responding from 5600 So. 27th, approximately 1.4 miles, 3 minutes, being the first company on location.

Followed by Engine 6 responding from 5051 So. 48th, approximately 3.25 miles, 7 minutes.

Followed by Engine 8 responding from 2760 So. 17th, approximately 4.1 miles, 10 minutes.

With the following two truck companies being dispatched. The closest truck company would be Truck 8 responding from 2760 So. 17th, approximately 4.1 miles, 10 minutes. And Truck 7 from 1345 So. Cotner, approximately 5.8 miles, 13 minutes.

This does not take into consideration heavy traffic volume, weather delays, or responding from an area other than their quarters.
The fact that a building is built with fire protection sprinklers and an alarm system in place, does not always provide for 100% safety of the occupants. Sprinklers are intended for initial life safety and property conservation, with total extinguishment and confirmed life safety left to the fire responders. As you know, fire alarms receive multiple units responding in order to assemble an adequate number of firefighters for life safety and fire attack.

Therefore, it is critical that LFR have a quick response time to address the incident with resources as necessary. Time saved equates into greater increase in life safety and decrease in fire damage.

2. Whether taller buildings like this have an impact on our organization.

There is an impact on Lincoln Fire & Rescue due to taller buildings. We provide all LFR personnel with training in high-rise operations, which include advancing hose lines, connecting to fire sprinkler and standpipe systems, advancement of ground ladders to lower levels, basic high angle rope rescue techniques for levels beyond ladder reach, evacuation of building, and protection in place strategies. All Lincoln Fire & Rescue aerial companies are equipped with special equipment and additional training to assist with technical high angle rescue techniques that may be needed within high-rise structures. This requirement is necessary already due to the many high-rise structures located through out our city.

In the fall of 2008 proposed budget, there is a planned CIP General Obligation bond to be voted on for Lincoln Fire & Rescue along with other public safety requests. In that bond request, Lincoln Fire & Rescue is proposing a fire station which could include an aerial company located at approximately 27th & Rokeby road. In the event that the bond should pass, a new station would improve response time to the area of concern for an aerial response to approximately 3 to 4 minutes. As the city continues to grow in the perimeter of the city limits, Lincoln Fire & Rescue is strives to protect public safety by adding resources to provide life safety capability in those expanding perimeter areas.

3. Break point and height.
There is always an obvious concern for structures that are increasing in height in relationship to response and providing emergency services. The taller a building is above ground level, the more important it is to incorporate a variety of building code safety enhancements, such as sprinklers, stand pipe, alarm systems, and fire department controlled elevators. Currently the International Building Code, the International Fire Code and the National Fire Protection Association Life Safety Code 101, address those issues which is a benefit to our community's safety. However, the taller structures are built, the more difficult it is to get staffing and equipment to those upper elevations for emergency operations. For instance, in the downtown business area, should we have to deploy emergency responders to the 16th floor of the US Bank building, it would be much more difficult and labor intensive to do that versus the 3rd floor. In the event of a major incident at a high-rise location, LFR would be required to bring more resources in from other areas of the community to assist with that added work load.
4. Are better equipped in some parts of the city than in others.

Lincoln Fire & Rescue has more stations and is better equipped in the core of the city than in the outskirts of the corporate city limits, due to the fact that is where the most of our resources are located presently. It is a long standing departmental goal as the community continues to grow, that the department continue to grow organizationally to provide the same level of services to all of our community including these new areas.
This email is to provide information regarding three budget cuts proposed by Ken Svoboda affecting: 1) Watershed Management, 2) Street Sweepers, and 3) Drainage budget. **All these proposed cuts would adversely impact federally mandated activities relative to our NPDES stormwater permit.** This week, EPA was here for three days performing a very detailed audit of our stormwater program and each of these areas were reviewed as part of that audit. I think it is fair to say that EPA's expectations are high. While we do not yet have the results of the audit, one of the things they emphasized was the importance of having dedicated funding and personnel adequate to meet the program requirements. We strongly recommend that the City Council avoid making cuts that would affect this mandated program to avoid the potential for penalties for failure to comply with the permit. Below is a description of the way in which the program will be affected by the proposed cuts.

1. **Watershed Management by 2 1/2% ($12,786).** The programs in our budget are federally mandated programs. There are eight major categories of compliance: 1) Public Education and Outreach, 2) Public Participation and Involvement, 3) Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination, 4) Construction Site Runoff Control, 5) Post Construction Runoff Control, 6) Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping, 7) Industrial and Related Facilities, and 8) Monitoring Program. We anticipate having 37 program activities within these eight major categories next year. There are also increased costs relating to monitoring and new pollutant limitations for specific stream reaches. As described above, we have just been through a process that required us to document dedicated funding and resources for these programs. In my opinion, we cannot cut this budget and still meet our federally mandated obligations.

2. **Reduce Drainage Budget by 2 1/2% ($19,358).** This budget represents personnel, supplies, and resources to maintain the stormwater drainage system, such as inspecting and cleaning pipes, maintaining ditches, and addressing pollutants in the storm drain system, including identifying illicit discharges - all of which are required by our stormwater permit. If these cuts occur it will reduce the level of maintenance of the drainage system and our ability to meet these requirements. There is also a concern about liability if there is flooding as a result of failure to maintain adequate drainage.

3. **Eliminate Replacement of Street Sweepers ($380,000).** Eliminating this replacement would result in greater down time for maintenance of the existing sweepers and we would anticipate fewer curb miles being swept, dropping below our current level of service. This will affect our ability to meet our permit requirements (see email below). During the EPA audit, we were questioned why we didn't pick up gravel on the streets more frequently - after each storm event.

Please feel free to contact me at 441-6173 or via email if you have any questions about this information.

Thank you, Nicole Fleck-Tooze

----- Forwarded by Nicole Tooze/Notes on 07/20/2007 09:01 AM -----
Karl, this is in response to the Federal requirements associated with street cleaning. Attached are three pages from our current NPDES Stormwater Permit which includes the Code of Federal Regulations and the specific obligations in our current permit.

With regard to our next 5-yr permit which is anticipated to be effective 9/1/07, we initially proposed the following language in the draft permit: "Practices for operating and maintaining public streets, roads and highways, and procedures for reducing the impact on receiving waters from the MS4." However, DEQ has indicated that this language is not adequate and we must provide a specific, measurable goal. We annually report to DEQ the number of curb miles swept, which was 18,500 in 2005-06, and is in that range annually. Also in 2005-06 we hauled 15,040,018 lbs or 7,520 tons of material to the landfill from street sweeping. We do not expect DEQ to accept a lower level of maintenance in this regard, which means that our new permit is anticipated to have similar requirements for frequency of sweeping. In addition, we have requirements to maintain the stormwater drainage system - this maintenance would be expected to increase if a lower level of street sweeping were performed.

Nicole

(See attached file: Scan7098.pdf)
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----- Forwarded by Karl A Fredrickson/Notes on 07/10/2007 03:48 PM -----

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07/10/2007 01:26 PM

Subject
budget

Karl,
I hope the budget discussion this morning wasn't too painful. It seems the council has additional questions and may be asking for some additional time with you. The question I'd like answered relates to the maintenance of street cleaning. Could you have the staff put together the costs associated with this function including equipment, maintenance on equipment, personnel and employment benefits? I'd also like to have the federal requirements associated with this function.

Thanks for your time.
Ken

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Appendix B: Federal Regulation Citations (Continued)

40 CFR Part 122.26 (d) - Application requirements ... (Continued)

(A) A description of structural and source control measures to reduce pollutants from runoff from commercial and residential areas that are discharged from the municipal storm sewer system that are to be implemented during the life of the permit, accompanied with an estimate of the expected reduction of pollutant loads and a proposed schedule for implementing such controls. At a minimum, the description shall include:

1. A description of maintenance activities and a maintenance schedule for structural controls to reduce pollutants (including floatables) in discharges from municipal separate storm sewers;

2. A description of planning procedures including a comprehensive master plan to develop, implement and enforce controls to reduce the discharge of pollutants from municipal separate storm sewers which receive discharges from areas of new development and significant redevelopment. Such plan shall address controls to reduce pollutants in discharges from municipal separate storm sewers after construction is completed. (Controls to reduce pollutants in discharges from municipal separate storm sewers containing construction site runoff are addressed in paragraph (d)(2)(iv)(D) of this section);

3. A description of practices for operating and maintaining public streets, roads and highways and procedures for reducing the impact on receiving waters of discharges from municipal storm sewer systems, including pollutants discharged as a result of deicing activities;

4. A description of procedures to assure that flood management projects assess the impacts on the water quality of receiving water bodies and that existing structural flood control devices have been evaluated to determine if retrofitting the device to provide additional pollutant removal from storm water is feasible;

5. A description of a program to monitor pollutants in runoff from operating or closed municipal landfills or other treatment, storage or disposal facilities for municipal waste, which shall identify priorities and procedures for inspections and establishing and implementing control measures for such discharges (this program can be coordinated with the program developed under paragraph (d)(2)(iv)(C) of this section); and

6. A description of a program to reduce to the maximum extent practicable, pollutants in discharges from municipal separate storm sewers associated with the application of pesticides, herbicides and fertilizer which will include, as appropriate, controls such as educational activities, permits, certifications and other measures for commercial applicators and distributors, and controls for application in public right-of-ways and at municipal facilities.

(B) A description of a program, including a schedule, to detect and remove (or require the discharger to the municipal separate storm sewer to obtain a separate NPDES permit for) illicit discharges and improper disposal into the storm sewer. The proposed program shall include:

1. A description of a program, including inspections, to implement and enforce an ordinance, orders or similar means to prevent illicit discharges to the municipal separate storm sewer system; this program description shall address all types of illicit discharges, however the following category of non-storm water discharges or flows shall be addressed where such discharges are identified by the municipality as sources of pollutants to waters of the United States: water line flushing, landscape irrigation, diverted stream flows, rising ground waters, uncontaminated ground water infiltration (as defined at 40 CFR 35.2005(20)) to separate storm sewers, uncontaminated pumped ground water, discharges from potable water sources, foundation drains, air conditioning condensation, irrigation water, springs, water from crawl space pumps, footing drains, lawn watering, individual residential car washing, flows from riparian habitats and wetlands, dechlorinated swimming pool discharges, and street wash water (program descriptions shall address discharges or flows from fire fighting only where such discharges or flows are identified as significant sources of pollutants to waters of the United States);

2. A description of procedures to conduct on-going field screening activities during the life of the permit, including areas or locations that will be evaluated by such field screens;
40 CFR Part 122.34 (b) - Minimum Control Measures (Continued)

(6) Pollution prevention/good housekeeping for municipal operations.

(i) You must develop and implement an operation and maintenance program that includes a training component and has the ultimate goal of preventing or reducing pollutant runoff from municipal operations. Using training materials that are available from EPA, your State, Tribe, or other organizations, your program must include employee training to prevent and reduce storm water pollution from activities such as park and open space maintenance, fleet and building maintenance, new construction and land disturbances, and storm water system maintenance.

(ii) Guidance: EPA recommends that, at a minimum, you consider the following in developing your program: maintenance activities, maintenance schedules, and long-term inspection procedures for structural and non-structural storm water controls to reduce floatables and other pollutants discharged from your separate storm sewers; controls for reducing or eliminating the discharge of pollutants from streets, roads, highways, municipal parking lots, maintenance and storage yards, fleet or maintenance shops with outdoor storage areas, sand/salt storage locations and snow disposal areas operated by you, and waste transfer stations; procedures for properly disposing of waste removed from the separate storm sewers and areas listed above (such as dredge spoil, accumulated sediments, floatables, and other debris); and ways to ensure that new flood management projects assess the impacts on water quality and examine existing projects for incorporating additional water quality protection devices or practices. Operation and maintenance should be an integral component of all storm water management programs. This measure is intended to improve the efficiency of these programs and require new programs where necessary. Properly developed and implemented operation and maintenance programs reduce the risk of water quality problems.
5.1.2.2 Proposed Program

The present extent of the Storm Water Management Program to reduce the discharge of pollutants from the municipal storm sewer system is summarized in Table 5.2. City will continue to work on finding funding sources to implement the proposed program. As per Federal regulation 40 CFR 122.42 (c), a report on the status and proposed development of storm water management programs will be made available to NDEQ on an annual basis.

5.1.3 Public Streets

5.1.3.0 NPDES Regulation

40 CFR 122.26 (d) (2) (iv) (A) (3) A description of practices for operating and maintaining public streets, roads, and highways and procedures for reducing the impact on receiving waters of discharges from municipal storm sewer systems, including pollutants discharged as a result of deicing activities.

5.1.3.1 Existing Program

The Street and Traffic Operations Divisions of the Public Works & Utilities Department maintains public streets in Lincoln. Maintenance personnel also maintain some of the highways in through an agreement with the Nebraska Department of Roads. The Maintenance Division sweeps all residential streets three times per year, all arterial streets once every two weeks and the congested business districts once every four days.

Snow Management:

The Maintenance Division is also responsible for snow and ice removal in Lincoln. The City’s objective is to return all major streets to bare pavement within eight hours after the completion of each storm. Bare pavement is not attempted on residential or local streets. Reasonable traction for stopping and starting at lower speeds is the goal on non-arterial streets within 24 hours after the completion of each storm.

In past years, salt was the primary material used to melt snow and ice to bare pavement while sand was used to provide traction. Salt works best when temperatures are 20-35 degree. In the last two years, Lincoln’s Maintenance Division has tested alternate chemicals which can significantly reduce the use of salt and sand. Some of these chemicals are also more environment friendly. The maintenance Division will continue to test alternate chemicals to minimize the use of sand and salt, while still meeting the goals of bare pavements and traction.

Street Repair and Traffic

Other items of concern for operating and maintaining of public streets are road maintenance, repair activities, equipment yards, maintenance shops and traffic in
Dear Lincoln and Lancaster County Officials:

The Lincoln Neighborhood Alliance (LNA) and the Lincoln Independent Business Association (LIBA) want to thank you for your foresight to again study the potential benefits of consolidating City-County government services. We strongly encourage you to take this opportunity to maximize the beneficial use of limited resources through more efficient and/or effective government services.

Our two groups have met and have agreed to the following points:

- It is much preferred that the consolidation of government services occur as compared to a decrease of government services for the purposes of saving tax dollars and balancing budgets;
- LNA and LIBA have representation at the study table, and
- the study group have representation from all major stakeholder groups.

LNA and LIBA share the vision that consolidating all or part of the county/city government structure could provide a positive step in maximizing local government effectiveness and/or efficiency.

Please contact Russell Miller of LNA at 499-2611 and/or Coby Mach of LIBA at 466-3419 to let us know how we can be involved in this important process.

Sincerely,

Coby Mach  
President, LIBA

Russell Miller  
Chairman, LNA