IN LIEU OF
DIRECTORS’ MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 30, 2007

I. MAYOR
1. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule for Week of July 21 through July 27, 2007. (Distributed to City Council on 07/20/07)
2. NEWS ADVISORY. City Council Tentative Changes to Recommended Budget Available on 5CITY-TV (Time Warner Cable Channel 5)
3. Petition on Retaining Services of Lifetime Health in City Budget.
4. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor Calls for Continued Voluntary Water Conservation.
6. Response from Lin Quenzer, Ombudsman, to Rob Schupbach’s Email (Attached) Regarding Paint Fumes.
7. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor Thanks Blood Donors for Response to Emergency.

II. DIRECTORS

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FINANCE BUDGET DEPARTMENT
1. July Sales Tax Reports:
   a) Actual Compared to Projected Sales Tax Collections;
   c) Sales Tax Refunds, 2001-2002 Through 2006-2007; and

FINANCE TREASURER DEPARTMENT

LIBRARIES
1. Letter from Carol Connor, Library Director, with Attachments of Letters and Resumes of Six Persons Interested in Being Appointed to the Library Board.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
3. Charleston Heights Addition Final Plat No. 06083. Generally Located at North 14th Street and Humphrey Avenue.
PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES
1. ADVISORY. 56th Street and Elkcrest Drive Intersection Safety Improvement Project. Project No. 700846.
2. ADVISORY. Water Main Project No. 700294. St. Paul Avenue; 42nd - 47th Street.

III. CITY CLERK

IV. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE

JON CAMP
1. Response from Dan Wright, Interim Fire Chief, Regarding the EMS Enterprise Fund Utilities and Explanation Regarding Workers Comp with EMS and General Fund.

JONATHAN COOK
1. Letter from Sharon Fry. Thanks for Supporting our Fire Department.

DOUG EMERY
1. Letter from Sharon Fry. Thank you for Supporting the Fire Department.

ROBIN ESCHLIMAN

DAN MARVIN
1. Memo from Dan Wright, Interim Fire Chief, Regarding Impact on Lincoln Fire and Rescue if Another $250,000 is Reduced from the Fiscal Year 07-08 Budget.
2. Letter from Sharon Fry. Thank you for Supporting our Fire Department.

KEN SVOBODA
1. Response from Dan Wright, Interim Fire Chief, Regarding Question of FEMA Grant, the Cooperative Agreement Reimbursement to General Fund for Assistant Chief Huff.

V. MISCELLANEOUS
1. Email from Russell Miller on Police and Taxes.
2. Correspondence from Dana Roper, City Attorney. Consequences for Allowing Propane Tanks on Balconies.
4. Letter from Phyllis Roehl. Suggestions/Comments on City Budget.
5. Email from Paul Haith. Comments on Budget, and Councilman Cooks’ Comment on the Lincoln Fire Department.
6. Comments from Jason Stege on City Council Actions at Meeting on 07-23-07.
7. Forwarded Email. Budget Priorities, Taking care of Elderly Not Commercially Desirable/Profitable.
9. Correspondence from Neighbors of Talent Plus to Comply with Written Requests if Talent Plus is Allowed to Expand. (Distributed to Council Members on 07/26/07)
10. Email from Bob Norris. Comments, Suggestions on the Budget.
Emails Received Week of July 30, 2007 Regarding Keeping the Senior Lifetime Health Program and Senior Centers Open

1. Phone call from Melva Buhrdorf.
2. Message Sent to Action Center.
3. Letters From the Word Weaver’s Calvert Writing Group. Explanation of Participation in Various Programs/Activities at the Calvert Senior Center.
4. Letter sent to Councilmen Jonathan Cook and Dan Marvin from Frances Bockelman. Continue to fund the Lifetime Health Program.
5. Letter from Cy Miller. Keep the Calvert Senior Center Open, Plus Suggestions on Budget.
6. Email from Lisa Henning. Very Saddened and Concerned with Ending the Lifetime Health Program.
7. Email from Gerald D. Poppe. Use Lifetime Health Programs, Consider Keeping in Budget.
8. Letter from Lavaughn Oorlog. With Different Location for Calvert Senior Center Keep Fee Paid Previously to Parks and Recreation Department.
9. Email from Shirley Maly. Abolishment of the Lifetime Health in Aging Services seems to lack foresight and common sense. Lifetime Health offers affordable preventative care.
11. Note from Berena Snyder. Need the Calvert Center.
12. Letter from Gertrude N. Involved in ActivAge Programs for 28 Years.
15. Letter from Jennie Tesch. Do Not Close the Senior Centers.
16. Letter from Sam B. Cuts from Seniors and Youth Programs Absurd.
17. Letter from Lincoln Citizen. Do Not Close Belmont ActivAge Program.
18. Letter from Henry T. Upset at Closing Senior Centers, Especially the Belmont Center.
19. Letter from Effie J. Depend on Belmont Rec Center for Resources.
20. Letter from John B. Disappointed Belmont Senior Center is Closing.
22. Letter from Lyle and Shirley. Upset on the Closing of the Belmont Senior Center.
24. Letter from Connie B. Father Uses Belmont Senior Center.
25. Letter from Charlotte Macku. Sad to Take Away Services for the Elderly.
26. Letter from Mark F. Need to Keep Services at Belmont Center in Place.
27. Letter from Concerned Citizen of Lincoln with Concern for the Lifetime Health Program. (Distributed to Council Members on 07/26/07)
28. Email from Joyce Morgan. Keep the Calvert Center Open. Deeply Offended if Maintaining a Golf Course over Senior Centers.
29. Email from Patricia Lehecka. Do Not Cut Lifetime Health Budget. Vote in the Best Interests of Lincoln Senior Citizens.
Date: July 20, 2007
Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

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
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 2007

Dear City Council Member,

Mayor Beutler has proposed that the Lifetime Health Program and all of its services be eliminated from the city budget. PLEASE think carefully before doing this. This program provides a number of important preventive health services to older residents and family caregivers. These include but are not limited to the following programs or components:

Senior Health Promotion Center

Health education programs dealing with injury and illness prevention

Exercise classes taught by instructors experienced in working with older adults

Forever Strong Health Club

Certified personal trainers who help us develop their own exercise programs

Preventive health screenings like bone density, blood pressure, blood glucose, cholesterol & more

Personalized nursing health and wellness assessments

Fit to Care health promotion services for family caregivers

We, the undersigned, urge you to put the services of Lifetime Health back into the City budget. These specialized services are not offered anywhere else in the community. Most of us are on fixed incomes and cannot afford to go elsewhere to get them.

[Signatures]

[Signatures]
Marta Paxton
Dame Dr. Parsons—
Niles F. Polk
O.T. Reeves
O.T. Tubbs
Dorothea Potter
O. L. Parsons
MAYOR CALLS FOR CONTINUED VOLUNTARY WATER CONSERVATION

Mayor Chris Beutler today encouraged Lincoln residents to continue to conserve water this summer by voluntarily following the designated day schedule instituted three years ago.

The Lincoln area was below normal for precipitation in the months of June and July, with dwindling Platte River flows. Lincoln has received about an inch of rain in the past 39 days. The Platte River wellfield that supplies Lincoln with its drinking water is 78 percent full. The reservoir systems on the North Platte River that are used by the City are only 35 to 40 percent full.

On July 18, Lincoln Water System (LWS) customers used 85 million gallons of water, the highest usage since June of 2002. The next day, the City received a little more than half an inch of rain, and usage fell to 52 million gallons.

“A little rain makes a huge difference in water consumption, but we can’t rely on Mother Nature to help us out,” said Mayor Beutler. “With the continued summer heat, our water supply will be stressed. Good conservation practices are very important during the unpredictable summer months as the state continues to experience dry conditions.”

Those whose properties have street addresses ending in an even number, including zero, are asked to voluntarily limit outdoor water use to Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. Those whose properties have addresses ending in odd numbers are asked to voluntarily limit outdoor watering to Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Those with property having more than one street address at the same location can choose either daily schedule and notify the Lincoln Water System (LWS) of their decision.

LWS Utilities Coordinator Jerry Obrist said residents have done a good job conserving outdoor water in the past. He reminded residents that the City’s water fees are structured to encourage conservation. The more water you use, the higher your rate.
Water is billed by the unit. One unit is 100 cubic feet of water or about 750 gallons. The price is $1.05 per unit for the first eight units (about 6,000 gallons). The price increases to $1.48 per unit for the next 15 units (11,250 gallons). It increases again to $2.28 per unit for every 750 gallons above 15 units. A complete description of water rates and the City’s Water Management Plan are available on the City Web site, lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: water).

In addition to following the designated day system, LWS and the Mayor’s Water Conservation Task Force recommend:

- watering during the cool part of the day;
- not watering when it is windy;
- adjusting sprinklers to water only the lawn, and not the sidewalk or street;
- using a broom, not a hose and water, for outdoor cleaning; and
- washing your car with a pail of soapy water, using the hose only to rinse the car.

Obrist encouraged those who have automatic lawn irrigation systems to set them to follow the designated watering days system. He said many Lincoln citizens have already set their systems to operate in the morning, the cooler part of the day.
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7511, fax 441-7120

DATE: July 25, 2007
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Chris Beutler and representatives of the Community Blood Bank will discuss the City's response to the recent blood shortage at a news conference at 9:45 a.m. Thursday July 26 at the Blood Bank's downtown facility, 131 South 13th Street. Mayor Beutler will donate blood following the news conference, and he invites members of the media to roll up their sleeves and donate!
Dear Mr. Schupbach:

Thank you for taking the time to write Mayor Beutler about your concerns regarding your neighbor's removal of exterior paint using a heat gun. The Mayor has asked that I assist you. I am the Ombudsman (or Citizen Advocate) for the City. It is my job to see that you receive responsible, courteous service from all departments of City government.

Upon receiving your correspondence, I contacted the Health Department and asked how the concerns you voiced are currently being addressed. I have reviewed the findings of the Health Inspector who investigated this activity on July 24, when you reported it to the department with the supervisor of Environmental Health, Rick Thorson. When Inspector LeDuc was at the property, paint removal using a heat gun was underway. When used properly, this method is acceptable, and only presents potential problems if excessive heat is used which may cause the release of lead paint fumes. Inspector LeDuc reported that he did not detect any odors from this activity and determined it did not present a health risk. Environmental Health Supervisor, Rick Thorson confirmed those findings with me. No air quality violations were found. Mr. Thorson can be contacted at 441-6236 for any questions or comments.

Please feel free to call on me should you have other comments, questions or concerns about city government. You may reach me at 441-7511 or email lquenzer@lincoln.ne.gov. I appreciate the effort you made in bringing your concerns to the attention of the Mayor’s office.

Sincerely,

Lin Quenzer
Ombudsman, City of Lincoln
Office of the Mayor
555 South 10th Street, Suite 208
Lincoln, NE  68508
(402) 441-7511
lquenzer@lincoln.ne.gov

cc: Mayor Chris Beutler
Lincoln City Council
Lancaster County Board
Rick Thorson, Environmental Health Supervisor, Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department
Harry LeDuc, Environmental Health Specialist, Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department
Trish Owen, Aide to Mayor Beutler
Burnng leaded paint at 2409 sewell st, lincoln, ne. 2:36 p.m. As I complained before, the painterbis dischargingbleaded paintv fumes, right next door to my home and it is irrit ting my COPD. I am compoaining and I wani it to stop.

Rob schupbach 402 429 3879

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555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7511, fax 441-7120

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 26, 2007
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831
Joyce Halvorsen, Community Blood Bank, 486-9401

MAYOR THANKS BLOOD DONORS FOR RESPONSE TO EMERGENCY

Mayor Chris Beutler today thanked Lincoln blood donors for responding to a shortage of blood earlier this month. The Community Blood Bank (CBB) issued a critical appeal July 12 after unexpected needs brought the supply of available blood to emergency levels.

“The Blood Bank saw nearly 300 new donors as a result of the appeal,” said Mayor Chris Beutler. “Another 500 people who had not given blood in some time came back to donate. This is another example of the caring community spirit in Lincoln. I hope this emergency points out that blood is needed every day. It is vitally important that those of us who can donate blood do so on a regular basis.” Mayor Beutler followed his news conference remarks by donating blood and inviting members of the media to join him.

CEO Phyllis Ericson said the CBB normally has a seven- to ten-day supply of blood, but a combination of needs in early July dropped the supply to “dangerous” levels. Blood banks normally experience a shortage of donors in the summer, so no other facility had blood to share. “Blood is a very fragile resource,” said Ericson. “Because the need is unpredictable, we need to keep an inventory of 1,000 units, but even that can be depleted in a short amount of time.”

“About two-thirds of us will need a blood transfusion by age 75, yet only one in 20 of us is a donor,” said Beutler. “Donating blood is easy, it’s safe and it really does save lives.”

Blood donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh 115 pounds or more, be in general good health and provide photo identification. The appointment line is 486-9414, and walk-ins are welcome. The CBB has four locations in Lincoln:
• 2917 Pine Lake Road
• 131 South 13th Street
• 84th and “O” streets
• 27th Street and Fletcher Avenue

The CBB has been the area’s primary blood provider since 1968 and supplies blood to 12 hospitals in six counties. For more information, see the CBB’s Web site at www.don8bld.org.

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BUDGET
Congress continues to move through FY 2008 spending bills despite White House veto threats. The House this week approved the FY 2008 appropriations bill for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education – the largest of the domestic spending bills – amid the now familiar refrain from the White House that it would veto the measure over its price tag.

The White House and Congress are at an impasse over approximately $20 billion in spending in FY 2008, a figure that represents less than 2 percent of the entire domestic discretionary budget for the year. Thus far, Congress continues to approve its versions of the bills, followed by a White House veto threat. Showdowns over those vetoes are not expected until the fall, as the House and Senate still need to complete conference committees to reconcile differences in their competing appropriations bills before they can be sent to the President.

Now that the Labor-HHS measure is complete (details of funding for selected programs may be found in the July 13 Washington Report), the House is expected next week to consider spending measures for the Departments of Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, as well as the Departments of Commerce and Justice. The Senate, meanwhile, is expected to consider its first FY 2008 spending measure on the floor, the Department of Homeland Security appropriations bill.

As the House considers the FY 2008 appropriations bills, Members are getting used to the process of providing greater transparency for so-called “earmarks.” Committee reports that accompany each spending bill list the project as well as the requesting Member. During floor consideration on each appropriations bill, amendments to strike some of those earmarks have been proposed, predominantly by Republican budget hawks.

Thus far, only two earmarks has been removed from a bill, as most Members have been wary of judging a colleague’s project when they themselves have requested earmarks. However, a number of Democrats joined a Republican effort to strike a project sponsored by Rep. Patrick McHenry (R-NC), who has been particularly antagonistic to Democrats during floor debates. In another instance, the sponsor of an earmark requested that it be removed from a bill when he learned that the recipient was under investigation.

HOMELAND SECURITY
DHS makes FY 2007 anti-terrorism, interoperability funds available. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced $1.7 billion in formula allocations this week for its FY 2007 homeland security programs, as well as a joint interoperable communications venture with the Department of Commerce.

With the exception of the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) that funds 45 high-risk metropolitan areas, virtually all DHS formula funding is directed to states, which must then pass through a percentage of that allocation to local jurisdictions. The programs include:

- $747 million for UASI
- $509 million for the State Homeland Security Program
- $364 million for the Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program
- $32 million for Metropolitan Medical Response Systems
$32 million for the Citizen Corps Program

Tier one of the UASI program includes six areas that are considered to have the highest risk and competed for 55% of the $747 million available. The six urban areas are: San Francisco Bay, Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles/Long Beach, Washington, DC, and New York/Northern New Jersey. The remaining 45% of the funds are distributed among the remaining 39 urban areas. Three new areas were added to that group: El Paso, Texas; Phoenix, Arizona, and Providence, RI.

Additional details about the formula allocations are in guidance materials available at:
www.capitaledge.com/dhs-fy07.pdf

DHS is also working in conjunction with the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) at the Department of Commerce on the distribution of $968 million in funds to be used for interoperable communications systems for public safety agencies. These funds will also be distributed to the states, who must present a plan for their distribution to NTIA by August 20. Funds must be provided to the states by September 30, 2007.

The Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) Grant program is a one-time opportunity that is funded with proceeds from the federal government auction of broadband spectrum made available by digital conversion by broadcasters. Additional details on PSIC may be found at:

LAW ENFORCEMENT

House measure would require collective bargaining for public safety officers. The House passed legislation (HR 980) that would mandate collective bargaining for all police, officers, firefighters and emergency medical technicians.

Dubbed the Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act, the measure was approved under suspension of the rules, an expedited procedure generally reserved for non-controversial bills that limits debate to one hour, bars amendments and requires a 2/3 supermajority for passage. The House approved the measure by a vote of 314-97, with 3 Democrats joining 94 Republicans voting against it.

As passed by the House, HR 980 would require the Federal Labor Relations Authority to determine whether each state:

- permits public safety employees to form and join a labor union that is, or seeks to be, recognized as the exclusive bargaining representative of public safety employees;
- requires public safety employers to recognize public safety employee labor unions, bargain with them and commit agreements with public safety employee labor unions to writing;
- requires public safety employers to bargain with public safety employee labor unions on hours, wages and terms of employment;
- makes an impasse resolution mechanism available, and
- requires federal court enforcement of all of the items above.

If the Federal Labor Relations Authority finds that a state does not meet those requirements, then the Authority would take charge of overseeing public safety labor unions in that state, including: protecting the right of employees to form and join labor unions; overseeing labor union elections; mediating disagreements and impasses, and investigating and resolving complaints of unfair employment practices by public safety employers and their unions.

HR 980 includes language specifically prohibiting strikes by public safety employees and labor unions and a grandfather for existing collective bargaining agreements. It also includes language that protects state laws that prohibit a closed shop and protects state laws that are more comprehensive.

The bill now heads to the Senate, where it faces tougher prospects. According to the report filed by the House Education and Labor Committee to accompany HR 980, 20 states, most of them in the south and west, do not meet the criteria outlined in HR 980, so theoretically at least 40 senators might object to the bill. In addition, even those states that meet the criteria would still be subject to review by the Federal Labor Relations Authority, which means other senators may also have concerns about the bill.

Countering those factors, however, is a serious push by police and firefighter unions for passage of a bill, a push that may increasingly resonate with Senators as next year’s elections approach.

FARM BILL

House set to consider farm bill next week with major reforms at issue. The House Agriculture Committee unanimously approved legislation (HR 2419) this week that would reauthorize a wide array of federal agriculture, rural development and nutrition programs for five years through FY 2012. The Committee’s final vote came after several days of contentious negotiations produced a compromise designed to meet the demands of rural constituencies while also addressing the concerns of critics of federal crop subsidies.

As cleared by the Committee, the $250 billion bill would prohibit subsidy payments to farmers earning more than $1 million a year, down from the current limit of $2.5 million a year. Much of the resulting savings of $266 million would be used to bolster funding for conservation and nutrition programs.

In addition, the bill would also increase support for fruit and vegetable farmers, a major focus of nutrition groups and lawmakers from states such as California and New York that do not benefit from traditional agriculture subsidies for the five crops that currently garner the lion’s share of federal farm subsidies: wheat, corn, cotton, soybeans and rice.

The Committee bill also goes part way toward increasing the resources for watershed conservation programs and nutrition programs of interest to local governments.
Reps. Ron Kind (D-WI), Earl Blumenauer (D-OR) and Jeff Flake (R-AZ) — who are not on the Agriculture Committee — argue that the bill does not do enough to reform agriculture policy and to bolster conservation and nutrition programs. They plan to offer an amendment on the House floor that would further cut subsidies and direct those funds to conservation, rural development and nutrition programs.

Although Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns observed the House Agriculture Committee’s vote in person and he congratulated the Committee on its work, the Administration has signaled sympathy towards further subsidy cuts. Crop subsidies are frequently a sticking point in international trade negotiations and a shift to conservation programs, which are not considered subsidies under international trade rules, would likely strengthen the US position at the bargaining table.

The Senate Agriculture Committee has yet to consider its version of the farm bill. Committee Chairman Tom Harkin (D-IA) comes from a state that benefits considerably from current farm policy; but he is also a strong advocate for conservation and nutrition programs. He will likely find it difficult to address all three priorities given current budget constraints.
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Bernie Heier      Larry Hudkins      Deb Schorr      Ray Stevens      Bob Workman
Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer  Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Administrative Officer

July 24, 2007

Larry Hudkins, Chair
Lincoln-Lancaster County Public Building Commission
920 “O” Street, Suite 203
Lincoln, NE 68508

RE: Expansion of Smoke-Free Policy to Include Building Grounds

Dear Larry:

The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners strongly supports the expansion of the existing smoke-free policy governing buildings under the authority of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Public Building Commission to include all property and grounds surrounding buildings. The County Board hereby requests the Public Building Commission to adopt this expanded no smoking policy. The Board further requests appropriate signage be posted to provide notice of the new policy, and that the policy be vigorously enforced.

Sincerely,

Bob Workman, Chairman

cc: County Board
    Mayor Chris Beutler
    City Council
    Don Killeen, County Property Manager
## Actual Compared to Projected Sales Tax Collections

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Actual collections through June are within +0.33% of projected collections.
### CITY OF LINCOLN
GROSS SALES TAX COLLECTIONS
(WITH REFUNDS ADDED BACK IN)

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<td>($1,980,668)</td>
<td>($1,603,541)</td>
<td>($2,342,280)</td>
<td>46.07%</td>
<td>-19.04%</td>
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Year to date vs. previous year
## CITY OF LINCOLN
### NET SALES TAX COLLECTIONS

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<td>$3,197,606</td>
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<td>2.93%</td>
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<td>$3,737,474</td>
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<td>-0.41%</td>
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<td>$3,993,488</td>
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<td>6.49%</td>
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<td>$3,615,893</td>
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<td>$4,066,908</td>
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<td>-5.46%</td>
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<td>0.75%</td>
<td>$4,470,347</td>
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<td>$4,473,291</td>
<td>$5,163,582</td>
<td>$5,208,187</td>
<td>$5,692,517</td>
<td>9.30%</td>
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<td><strong>MARCH</strong></td>
<td>$3,480,060</td>
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<td>$54,270,346</td>
<td>0.91%</td>
<td>$49,642,751</td>
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*Year to date vs. previous year*
OFFICE OF TREASURER, CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

JULY 25, 2007

TO: MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER & CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: FINANCE DEPARTMENT / CITY TREASURER

SUBJECT: MONTHLY CITY CASH REPORT

The records of this office show me to be charged with City cash as follows at the close of business June 30, 2007:

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<td>Balance Forward</td>
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<td>Plus Total Debits June 1-30, 2007</td>
<td>$34,222,593.97</td>
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<td>Less Total Credits June 1-30, 2007</td>
<td>($28,200,172.85)</td>
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<td><strong>Cash Balance on June 30, 2007</strong></td>
<td><strong>$230,858,463.70</strong></td>
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I desire to report that such City cash was held by me as follows which I will deem satisfactory unless advised and further directed in the matter by you.

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<th>Bank/Account</th>
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<td>U. S. Bank Nebraska, N.A.</td>
<td>($2,724,152.51)</td>
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<td>Wells Fargo Bank</td>
<td>($77,334.37)</td>
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<td>Wells Fargo Bank Credit Card Account</td>
<td>($4,255.02)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cornhusker Bank</td>
<td>($35,742.75)</td>
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<td>Pinnacle Bank</td>
<td>($70,921.42)</td>
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<td>Union Bank &amp; Trust Company</td>
<td>$185,588.12</td>
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<td>West Gate Bank</td>
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<td>Idle Funds - Short-Term Pool</td>
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<td>Idle Funds - Medium-Term Pool</td>
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<td>Cash, Checks and Warrants</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total Cash on Hand June 30, 2007</strong></td>
<td><strong>$230,858,463.70</strong></td>
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The negative bank balances shown above do not represent the City as overdrawn in these bank accounts. In order to maximize interest earned on all City funds, deposits have been invested prior to the Departments' notification to the City Treasurer's office of these deposits; therefore, these deposits are not recorded in the City Treasurer's bank account balances at month end.

I also hold as City Treasurer, securities in the amount of $23,606,233.09 representing authorized investments of the City's funds.

**ATTEST:**

[Signatures]

Melinda Jones, City Treasurer
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<th>DESCRIPTION</th>
<th>CUSIP</th>
<th>MATURITY DATE</th>
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July 25, 2007

Dan Marvin, Chair
Lincoln City Council
555 So. 10th Street
Lincoln, NE  68508

Dear Mr. Marvin:

Enclosed are letters and resumes received by the Lincoln City Library Board of Trustees from six persons interested in being appointed to the Library Board to fill one seven-year term created by Norm Langemach completing his term on August 31, 2007.

This group of excellent candidates responded to notices posted at all library locations as well as distributed to community, recreation and cultural centers. Individuals from the Mayor’s Board Bank who expressed interest in the Library Board were also notified of the upcoming vacancy.

At its July 17th meeting, the Library Board reviewed the qualifications of the candidates based on current and future needs of the Board of Trustees along with interest in the public library and the community as a whole. The Library Board of Trustees, as an administrative board, strives to collectively develop occupational diversity, diversity in membership, financial experience, political acumen, legal knowledge and understanding of First Amendment issues, and business/management experience.

With these needs in mind, the Library Board recommends, in priority order, Herbert J. Friedman, Patricia Taft, or Fred A. Hoke for consideration for appointment to the Lincoln City Library Board of Trustees for the term September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2014.

As soon as the City Council completes its appointment process, the new board member will be contacted and the orientation process begun. Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Carol J. Connor

Carol J. Connor
Library Director

Enclosure:  Letters/Resumes
July 10, 2007

Candidate Search
Library Board of Trustees
136 South 14th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

RE: Library Board

Dear Trustees:

Please consider this my application to serve on the City of Lincoln Library Board.

I am a fourth generation resident of Lincoln, a graduate of the Lincoln Public School system and the University of Nebraska, College of Law. I served two years in the United States Army Reserve as a JAGC officer, returning to Lincoln in September of 1962 and have been practicing law since that time. I am the founder and senior partner of Friedman Law Offices of Lincoln.

I have had an interest in public service for many years.

I am currently a member of the Lincoln Cable Advisory Board, serving as chair for three years, and on the negotiation team during the renegotiation of the franchise with Time Warner. If appointed, I will resign my position with CAB.

I am vice-president of Nebraska Appleseed for Law in the Public Interest, on the Board of Governors of the American Association for Justice, and on the Board of Directors and past president of the Nebraska Association of Trial Attorneys, and on the Board of the ADL. I also served as president of the Lincoln Action Program, and been involved with the ACLU for many years.

Philosophically, I am opposed to censorship of any kind; a strong advocate of the First Amendment rights of citizens; and firmly believe that a strong library system is an absolute necessity to this country in general and Lincoln in particular. Lincoln has a history of a strong and proud library system. We were fortunate to have the Carnegie Library, which is the one I first remember, and spent many hours in as a child, and now the Bennett Martin Library. It may be time that Lincoln considers a new downtown library,

Via Hand-delivery
which will be of value to a growing and progressive Lincoln. The internet has, and will continue to confront conventional libraries with many challenges, and I believe that libraries should take advantage of that technology.

I believe I have the experience and education to serve on the Library Board, and if selected, will attend the meetings and devote the time required to be a good board member.

Thank you for considering me.

Very truly yours,

FRIDMAN LAW OFFICES

Herbert J. Friedman
hfriedman@friedmanlaw.com
HJF/drm
5448 S. 31st Ct.  
Lincoln, NE 68516  
July 6, 2007

Candidate Search  
Library Board of Trustees  
136 S. 14th Street  
Lincoln, NE 68508

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to be considered for the vacancy on the Lincoln City Library Board of Trustees.

Libraries have always been a part of my life and as a patron of the Lincoln City Libraries, I have always found them to be a pleasurable experience and would like to now play a part in helping to keep them that way through the supportive work of the Board.

As a volunteer at Walt Branch, I have been able to experience operations from a different vantage point. With this and my community Board and leadership experience, I feel that I would bring a level of experience that complements the intent of improvement of services and efficient use of funds and other resources.

I believe that libraries are the heart of a community – and one of the few resources for all ages and socio-economic levels. Well managed libraries become the cornerstone of a strong and vibrant community with their public access to information, not only for quality living on a personal basis, but also for local business and non-profits to enhance operations. Additionally, through initiatives like One Book - One Lincoln, the Lincoln City Libraries system has united this community in immeasurable terms.

Thank you for your consideration of this application. Enclosed is a brief biographical resume for your review.

Sincerely,

Patricia (Pat) Taft
Patricia (Pat) Taft  
5448 S. 31st Ct., Lincoln, NE, 68516  
402-423-1903  
taft@binary.net

WORK EXPERIENCE

Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services
Currently employed as a Program Specialist with services for aged and people with disabilities with primary role of facilitating quality planning meetings. Twenty-seven years with the Department in capacities of case manager, training specialist, resource development coordinator, volunteer program manager, and System Advocate.

CHP International, Inc.
Managed a national training project through a federal funding grant for five years.

Free-lance Trainer
Thirty years experience as a free-lance trainer, speaker, and consultant on personal and professional development, strategic planning, and volunteer program management.

COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE
Previous volunteer at Walt Branch including shelf work, leading summer reading group, and providing training session for library volunteer coordinators; current member of the Lincoln Area Agency on Aging RSVP Advisory Council and Marketing Chair. Recent member of the Mayor’s Cable Advisory Board; past member of United Way Board of Directors and Chair of Allocations and Chair of Volunteer Cabinet; former member and Chair of the Nebraska Commission on Volunteer Service.

FAMILY
Husband and two adult children; residents of Lincoln for 42 years.
June 28, 2007

Candidate Search
Library Board of Trustees,
136 South 14th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Board Members:

I would appreciate your consideration for my appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Lincoln City Libraries.

My personal and professional training and accomplishments parallel the breadth of experience you're requiring for a new appointee. My work in public and private education, leadership with a number of non-profit associations, and management with diverse corporate organizations have demonstrated practical knowledge and skills necessary to maintain the outstanding work of the Library Board and support improvements in library services for the City of Lincoln.

Library services are an integral part of Lincoln's heritage. Services need to be available to the broadest citizen spectrum over the most practical operating hours in locations most convenient to all our citizens. City libraries can maintain a breadth of services:

- Young children exploring the library for the first time with their parents;
- School-aged children using the services and search capacity of the library; and
- Citizens enjoying the library as their main repository of reading and study materials

Libraries in Lincoln can continue to incorporate the latest technology to operate efficiently. In addition to the traditional services, libraries can serve as community centers for civic activities, special projects, insightful discourse, and cultural interaction.
I enjoy and have been successful identifying ways to make non-profit and corporate services more practical, worthy and efficient. I have significant fundraising experience and success and have demonstrated that talent most recently with my elementary school leadership. I was able to turn a potential school closing into a financial success through the involvement of individual, life-long donors. My skills and diverse experiences could be beneficial to the Library Board of Trustees.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Fred A. Hoke

Enclosures
FRED A. HOKE

Hoke currently serves the Home Builders Association of Lincoln as the half-time Government Affairs Director. He also works with Midwestern banks as the Senior Account Manager with Network Partners, Inc, in Lincoln and Information Technology Audit Services, LLC, in Omaha. He’s a licensed Apprentice electrician.

He most recently served as Head of Japhet School, a Madison Heights, Michigan independent, co-educational Character Education day school for students from preschool through eighth grade.

He’s a professional educator and a leader and innovator with corporations, non-profits and public schools. He’s served in administrative capacities including supervisor, director and administrative assistant of public schools.

Hoke served as the Lincoln, NE Manager of Business Development with Modis Consulting, one of the largest information technology companies in the US. Previously, he was the Branch Manager with Manpower International in Omaha, NE.

Hoke provided change management and outplacement services with Drake Beam Morin, Inc. as the Managing Consultant in its Omaha, NE office.

He served as Executive Director of the Nebraska Council of School Administrators and Executive Director of the West Virginia School Boards Association where he created the nation’s first school board member certification program enacted into state law.

As Executive Director with a Lincoln, NE professional growth, development and recruitment company, Hoke taught structured interviewing and predictive and developmental profiling to administrators and executives.

Hoke worked with governors from each political party both as a lobbyist at the state and national levels and as a director for the evaluation and recommendation of improvements in vocational education. He designed and conducted workshops, conferences and seminars at the state and national levels.

With a B.S. Degree from West Liberty State College and a Masters Degree from West Virginia University in Educational Administration, he’s written 15 articles in national professional journals and co-authored a 1996 book, *Outstanding School Administrators, Their Keys to Success.*
FRED A. HOKE
721 Driftwood Drive
Lincoln, NE 68510-4317
402-489-2721
fredhoke@routers.com

SUMMARY

A persistent, results-oriented professional with proven track record of progressive accomplishments as a leader, innovator and builder with corporations, non-profits and public schools. Special skills in executive recruiting, coaching, and management systems.

PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION OF LINCOLN, Lincoln, NE 2006 – Present
A professional association of over 500 commercial and residential developers and builders and affiliate members.

Government Affairs Director
First Director hired to implement strategic plan for moving the Association into a position of political leadership.

NETWORK PARTNERS, INC. & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AUDIT SERVICES, LLC. 2005 - Present
Two companies dealing with IT security and IT risk assessment audits for banks in the Midwest with yearly sales of over $400K.

Senior Account Manager
Managing retainer business for banks in six states and selling services to over 300 potential banking accounts in the Midwest.

JAPHET SCHOOL, Madison Heights, MI 2002 – 2005
A national award-winning preschool – eighth grade Character Education school with a 32-year history of superior student achievement and leadership

Head of School
Hired to increase non-tuition revenues, increase enrollments and improve teacher performance.

- Closed inefficient daycare program, reduced non-essential staff, increased enrollments and organized programs to increase donor base and revenues received
- Established major fundraising program that raised $176K in less than one hour
- Implemented and expanded system to generate over $600K in yearly pledges and $6.7M in endowment funds
MODIS CONSULTING, Omaha, NE 1998 – 2002
A branch of the largest US Information Technology company with sales exceeding $2B

**Branch Manager/Business Development**
Recruited to create new business and to manage all Lincoln-area technical consultants. Increased business 24% with yearly billings in excess of $2.5M

MANPOWER INTERNATIONAL, INC., Omaha, NE 1997 – 1998
World’s largest technical contractor with over $12B in sales

**Branch Manager**
Recruited to create and to open first Manpower Technical/Professional office in Omaha
- Hired national and international recruiters to place technical contractors and professionals in four states. Client billings of $50K per week

DRAKE BEAM MORIN, INC., Omaha, NE 1993 - 1997
World’s largest change management and outplacement firm

**Managing Consultant,** Omaha, NE 1995 – 1997
- Promoted to direct sales and delivery for over 20 major corporations and 200 executive clients. Exceeded revenue goal by $107K

**Certified Associate,** Lincoln, NE 1993 – 1995
- Achieved 94% placement for 354 front-line, managers, technical professionals and executives for Centel/Sprint telephone merger

NE COUNCIL OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, Lincoln, NE 1986 - 1992
Professional association of five education administration affiliates

**Executive Director**
- Founded nation’s first Academy Certification Program. Invigorated association, revitalized programs, increased member participation to 68% and expanded net revenues $130K per year and reserves from $135K to $600K.
- Established Liquid Asset Trust Fund. Achieved nation’s second most productive fund with assets of $104M in four years with $250M potential.

VENTURES FOR EXCELLENCE, Lincoln, NE 1985 – 1986
Professional growth, development, and recruitment company

**Executive Director**
Redesigned national professional growth workshops for school administrators and corporate executives. Taught over 350 administrators structured interviewing and
predictive and developmental profiling for new hires to initiate systematic professional development programs

**WV SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION**, Charleston, WV  
**Executive Director** for professional association. Attracted 100% of all school board members from 55 county public school districts. Created first school board member certification program now addressed by State law. Registered lobbyist with WV Legislature.

**WV STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL – VOCATIONAL EDUCATION** 1972 – 1981  
**Executive Director** for Charleston-based advisory board appointed by two governors to evaluate vocational education at high school and community college levels. Registered lobbyist with U.S. Congress.

**OHIO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**, Wheeling, WV 1963 – 1972  
A K-12 public school district with over 6,000 students

- Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent  
- Director of Community Education  
- Supervisor of Community Relations  
- Director of Public Information  
- Supervisor of Transportation and Maintenance  
- Adjunct Faculty, Ohio University  
- High School Teacher

**EDUCATION**

**WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY**, MA, Educational Administration  
West Liberty State College, WV, BA, English, Speech, Radio & TV  
Glassboro State College, NJ, and Ball State University, IN

**PUBLICATIONS**

Fifteen articles published in national professional journals  
Outstanding School Administrators: Their Keys to Success  
Praeger, Westport, CT, 1996
Candidate Search,
Library Board of Trustees
136 S 14th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

Ms. Carol Connor and the Library Candidate Search Committee

I received your letter and yes I would like to apply for the vacant term on the Lincoln City Libraries Board of Trustees.

My philosophy and goals in providing library service to Lincoln would be to promote life long reading and thirst for knowledge. This is especially needed in youth, who simply don’t read at the level of their parents and grandparents. Lincoln should maintain a strong central reference library in the downtown area. I believe the 4 stronger quadrant libraries need to be maintained at current levels but am torn about the thought of loosing the two small neighborhood libraries. I realize that the city budget won’t provide as much as in the past. In order to keep the flow of current media and to match Library growth with the growth of the community we will need to do a better job working with private individuals and groups to fund libraries activities.

Thank you for the consideration. I will make myself available at anytime for an interview and the further steps in the application process. My resume is attached.

Thank you

Dave Hamilton
(402) 421-2058 home
(402) 432-1178 days
DaveHamilton@alltel.net
David W. Hamilton  
5950 Bartholomew Circle  
Lincoln, Nebraska 68512  
402-421-2058 home  402-432-1178 cell  
DaveHamilton@alltel.net

Employment  
Hamilton College of Lincoln – Adjunct Faculty, 1996-1998, 2003-present,  
I teach business classes including Management, Economics and Quantitative Methods. I also teach general education class such as career prep, college math, database concepts, and classes in Microsoft office products.  
EH Engineering LTD – Software Engineer, 2001-2003, Robotic Bio-Hazard Laboratory developed for University of Nebraska Medical Center and the Department of Homeland Security  
Professional Business Services – Manager Software Development, 1998-2002, Including developing their current PC based Medical Office Insurance software, Managed both software and hardware support personnel.  
S.O.A.P. Notes, Inc – President, 1988-1996, medical software company provided Medical Office software and support to 1500 clinics throughout the US  
Infonet – Owner, 1987-1991, retail computer stores, Lincoln and Omaha  
Pathology Medical Service, PC, – Physician's Assistant, Pathology 1976-1988

Education  
M.B.A., University of Nebraska, 1984  
Bachelor of Arts and Sciences, University of Nebraska Math, 1976

Profession Affiliations  
IEEE Computer Society  
Microsoft MVP, NT Technical Advisor, MSCD VC++ Exam Contributing author  
Holder of U.S. Patent 5,296,688 Software for Recording Patient Notes  
P.A. Pathology Fellow, American Association of Pathologist's Assistants

Publications  
Author Programming Windows NT 4.0 Unleashed - Sams Publishing  
Author SQL Server 6.5 Programming - Sams Publishing  
C/C++ Journal book reviewer  
Contributing author SQL Server 6.5 Unleashed - Sams Publishing  
Visual C++ Advisory Board - Author  
Contributing author, Keith Buggs Visual C++ Construction Set  
Contributor C Programmers Journal, Share Magazine, misc. computer columns
June 25, 2007

Candidate Search
Library Board of Trustees
136 S 14th Street
Lincoln, NE  68508

Dear Trustees:

Please find enclosed my resume for your consideration in filling the vacancy on the Lincoln City Library Board of Trustees.

I really don’t have any preset goal or philosophy concerning the library system. Over the last four years I have used the system extensively to provide reading material for my sons. All I can say is that I will work hard to ensure access for all citizens and I will work hard to keep it the best system in Nebraska.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Steven J. Moeller
Steven James Moeller
7300 South 30th Street Lincoln, Nebraska 68516 (402) 420-5144

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:
Staff Attorney, Legal Division, Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality, 1998 to present
Research Analyst, Nebraska Governor’s Policy Research Office, 1992 to 1998
Assistant Agency Counsel, Nebraska Department of Health, 1991 to 1992
Assistant Nebraska Attorney General, 1986 to 1991
Special Assistant United States Attorney, 1988 to 1991
Deputy Hall County Attorney, Grand Island, Nebraska 1983 to 1986
Deputy Cheyenne County Attorney, Sidney, Nebraska 1979 to 1983

EXPERIENCE:
Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality
Litigation, litigation preparation, research and advice given on livestock waste issues, water quality issues, hazardous waste issues and solid waste issues. Appointed many times a Special Assistant Attorney General by the Nebraska Attorney General to handle litigation.

Nebraska Governor’s Policy Research Office
Researched and advised the Governor on nuclear waste issues, environmental issues, energy issues, and agricultural issues. Also as part of my duties, drafted legislation, assisted in formation of policy in these areas, and represented the State in legislative hearings, regional meetings, forums and seminars.

Nebraska Department of Health
Researched, advised and represented the Department in administrative hearings concerning acquisition of land or equipment for medical purposes, personnel issues, vital statistics, emergency medical services and other health department programs. Wrote and reviewed contracts, interpreted regulations and drafted legislation for various Health Department programs.

Nebraska Attorney General’s Office
Litigated various civil and criminal environmental cases. Litigated inmate civil rights suits (both jury and bench trials) brought under 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1983, habeas corpus actions and handled appeals of these cases to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit and state court system. Represented the State of Nebraska in criminal appeals before the Nebraska Supreme Court.

Special Asst. U.S. Attorney
Took part in tax fraud investigations.

Deputy County Attorney
Conducted jury and other criminal trials, both misdemeanor and felony. Also had experience in civil trials, child support cases and juvenile actions.

EDUCATION:
University of Nebraska; J.D. Degree 1979
University of Nebraska; B.A. Degree in Anthropology 1976
Lincoln Southeast High, Lincoln, Nebraska 1972

COURTS ADMITTED:
United States Supreme Court, 1989
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, 1989
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, 1986
Federal District Court for Nebraska, 1979
Nebraska Supreme Court, 1979
REFERENCES: Available upon request.
June 29, 2007

Candidate Search
Library Board of Trustees
136 So. 14th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

Hello Candidate Search Members:

I am interested in becoming a member of the Library Board of Trustees mentioned in the June 15th letter, which I received. I have been a resident of the City of Lincoln for over 25 years and can meet the qualifications as stated in your letter. I have reviewed the Board Policies listed on the Lincoln Libraries' website, read most of the previous meetings' minutes, am aware of the Tuesday meeting time and day, and feel comfortable with the expected role I should perform. Attached on separate pages are my brief biographical resume, philosophy, and goals.

I hope you find me a worthwhile candidate. If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Phone (Home): 483-7898
Phone (Office): 472-6732
E-mail: MJS4835665@aol.com

I am sincerely,

Marc J. Schniederjans
5901 S. 72nd Street
Lincoln, NE 68516
Lincoln City Library Card #2 3045 00473 6953
Brief Biographical Resume of Marc J. Schniederjans

**General Work Experience:** Marc J. Schniederjans is the C. Wheaton Battey Distinguished Professor of Business and teaches classes in management information systems, operations management, and decision sciences in the College of Business Administration at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He also teaches in the College's partnership MBA programs at Offutt Air Force Base, J. D. Edwards Honors Program and the Gallup Leadership Program. Dr. Schniederjans has won numerous teaching awards and has authored or co-authored 16 books and more than 100 journal articles in the field of management. Professor Schniederjans has served on the editorial review or advisory boards of more than 30 journals and is currently an Area Editor for the *Operations Management Research* journal. He has served as a consultant and trainer to a wide variety of national and international business and government agencies, including some in Nebraska, such as Lincoln Electric System, National Crane Corporation, Lincoln Department of Transportation, American Tool Company, American National Bank, and the North American Youth Ministry Distribution Center.

**Applicable Work Experience to Board Position:** As an educator in the area of operations management, he is a nationally recognized expert in service management, staffing, and facilities management. His research includes such topics as quality service management and journal selection and cancellation in libraries. He has pioneered Web education in the College of Business at the University of Nebraska and has served as a consultant to the City of Lincoln on service quality and conducted quality service surveys for StarTran.

**Community Service Work:** His elected board service to the Lincoln community includes six years on the Edenton South Homeowners’ Association Board of Directors as member, Vice President and President. He was also elected and served for four years on the Board of Directors of the University of Nebraska Federal Credit Union as a member, Vice-Chair and Chairman of the Board.
Marc J. Schniederjans: 
Philosophy and Goals for Providing Public Library Service

In the spirit of Andrew Carnegie, my philosophy of providing library service is simply that knowledge must be shared, efficiently and effectively, to all who are interested in learning. Being a professor, I do not expect everyone to love spending time in libraries like myself or to see libraries as forests of knowledge more alive with diverse wonders of the world than the real forests from which books originate. It is my philosophical belief that libraries offer a major pulse of life for any city, a pulse of life seeking to satisfy human needs for knowledge and self-actualization. Through in-house activities and outreach technology, libraries can stimulate growth, not just in the minds of citizens who use libraries, but in the broader, basic communicative and cultural fabric that makes a city a living entity.

My goal as a Board of Trustee member would be to evaluate, and where possible, support existing library management staff to achieve their objectives. Helping the City of Lincoln Libraries to acquire more funding for staff, facilities, and collections in order to offer greater, higher quality, and more efficient and effective services would be my primary goal as a Board of Trustee member.
Annexation by Ordinance
Ordinance No. 18937
Effective: June 26, 2007
309.37 Acres
July 23, 2007

Paula Dicero
1233 Infinity CT.
Lincoln, NE 68512

RE: Sterling Hills 2nd Addition, Final Plat # 07010
Generally located at S. 37th ST. and Yankee Hill RD.

Dear Paula,

Sterling Hills Second Addition generally located at S. 37th ST. and Yankee Hill RD. was approved by the Planning Director on July 23, 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 on August 6, 2007, and the recording fee has been received.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Planner

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

Q:\PC\FP\PDL\07000\PDL07010 Sterling Hills 2nd Addition AL.cje.wpd
July 24, 2007

Paula Dicero
1233 Infinity Court
Lincoln, NE 68512

RE: Charleston Heights Addition Final Plat #06083
Generally located at N. 14th St. and Humphrey Ave.

Dear Paula,

Charleston Heights Addition, generally located at N. 14th St. and Humphrey Ave was approved by the Planning Director on July 24, 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.

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Sincerely,

[Signature]
Tom Cajka
Planner

xc: City Council
Dennis Bartels, Public Works & Utilities
Terry Kathe, Building & Safety
Sharon Theobald, Lincoln Electric
Jean Walker, Planning
File
56th Street and Elkcrest Drive
Intersection Safety Improvement Project
Project #700846

The City of Lincoln Department of Public Works and Utilities would like to take this opportunity to invite you to an open house regarding the 56th Street and Elkcrest Drive Intersection Safety Improvement Project.

On Thursday August 2, 2007 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at Old Cheney Alliance Church, 5201 Old Cheney Road, Engineers from the Public Works and Utilities Department will be available to answer questions about the safety improvement project that will modify the geometry of the intersection. This Safety Project will construct 11’ wide painted left-turn lanes on all legs of the intersection and will remove the span wire traffic signal, replacing it with a new mast arm system. This will improve overall vehicle safety and operations. Elements of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS), such as digital message signs (DMS), will be constructed with the project. The project is currently in the design stage and is tentatively scheduled for construction in Summer 2008.

Members of the public may attend anytime it is convenient between the hours of 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to review the proposed project and environmental findings. Representatives from the City Public Works and Utilities Department will be available to explain the project. The design team will be seeking public input on the proposed improvements and will be available to meet with you one-on-one to answer your questions.

If you cannot attend the open house and have questions or would like more information, see the City Website, www.lincoln.ne.gov, keyword: elkcrest, or contact a project representative listed below.

Kris Humphrey    Erika Nunes
City of Lincoln   City of Lincoln
Engineering Services  Engineering Services
(402) 441-7592   (402) 441-5675
During the first two weeks of August, 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 October, 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: wwondercheck@lincoln.ne.gov
Lincoln Fire & Rescue Memo

TO: Council member Jon Camp
FROM: Chief Wright
DATE: July 20, 2007
SUBJECT: Response to questions during budget discussions.
COPIES TO: City council members, mayor's staff, Bill Kostner, Fireacs, Firedcs, file

1. Utilities for enterprise fund.

Mr. Camp, you had requested information regarding why Lincoln Fire & Rescue did not show utilities being paid out of the ambulance enterprise fund. Since utilities bills are received for each facility each month and ambulance and fire personnel are housed in multiple locations, the total cost for all department utilities is used to determine the cost to the enterprise fund to avoid splitting each invoice between the two funding sources. The enterprise fund share is determined by dividing the estimated total utility expense by the number of total LFR employees and multiplying that times the number of employees in the enterprise fund. This method has been used since the inception of the enterprise as approved by the city budget office. Each fiscal year the enterprise fund reimburses the general fund for these types of expenses. For the upcoming fiscal year, 2007/08, LF&R budgeted $30,862 from the enterprise fund for fees associated with utilities and other operating costs to be paid to the general fund. This is done by journal entry by the LF&R accountant and monitored by the city budget office. Further documentation could be made available upon request. (See PDF)

2. Workers comp claims, why so few assessed to the EMS fund versus the general fund.

I have discussed your concerns with Bill Kostner. Mr. Kostner informed me that worker's comp claims are classified by his department as either Fire or EMS based upon the worker claim form information. He also advised that their historical practice has been to make sure that claims are assigned to the correct department but they do not necessarily track claims by division within each department. We agreed that his office would review any current open claims and that in the future, claims submitted would be more clearly identified if they occurred while the employee was assigned to an ambulance unit. This will result in summary reports to improve tracking for ambulance related injuries, but it will not alter the costs associated with worker's comp claims.

Also, Mr. Kostner indicated that the worker's comp expenses assessed to Lincoln Fire & Rescue are broken out separately for Fire and for EMS. This is calculated based upon the number of FTE's in each fund. In October of 2006 for FY2006-07 the LF&R general
fund paid $346,717 with the EMS fund paying an additional $37,636 for Worker's Compensation Self Insurance.

Should you have any questions or additional need for documentation please do not hesitate to contact me.

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*Utilities exp*

26,543 Consulting fees + Amb station usage (refer to detail).
## Stations Overhead Budget

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### Consulting Fee Amortization:

- 5980
- 30,862

- Linen / county record
- Credit Charges
- Zoll data service
- Star Care $300 per call, 10 call
- Increase by 5% for FY06-07

**Remind Sherri of Patient Care Report Cost & Collection fee**

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Using the FY06-07 budget to calculate the FY07-08 overhead cost with the logic that the charge in FY07-08 was for 06-07 fiscal yr expenses.
Mr. Jonathan Cook  
Lincoln City Council

Thanks for suggesting our Fire Department.

Maybe reductions should come from areas that do not affect welfare and safety of the general public.

The Firemen always come through when you need them.

Thank you again—you're a thinking man.

Sincerely,

Sharon Clay
Mr. Doug Enemy
Lincoln City Council

Thank you for supporting
the Fire Dept.

If any one's budget should
be cut, it's certainly
not the Fire Department.

The firemen help the general
public in all kinds of emergencies,
as well as fires.

I wonder how Spatz, Eschliman,
Swoboda and Camp would feel if
they had a fire or emergency
at their home, with no response
from the Fire Dept.
A join thank you for trying to stop the budget reduction on Fire Department.

Sincerely,

Sharon

PS Feel free to share this letter with Spitz, Fordoehy, Lamp and Eschelman.
Lincoln Fire & Rescue Memo

TO: Council member Robin Eschliman
FROM: Chief Wright
DATE: July 20, 2007
SUBJECT: Request for information
COPIES TO: City Council members, Fire Assistant Chiefs, Fire Deputy Chiefs, Mayor Staff

Council Member Eschliman,

I have reviewed your suggestion regarding the Ethics Education proposal. Although I would not disagree there may be some value in the course, with it brings many staffing and financial challenges in an already stressed budget.

It is impossible to bring all of our personnel together for an uninterrupted course of the suggested duration without taking the personnel out of service.

As you may know, our operation runs 24/7 with 3 shifts and approximately 90 personnel per shift.

If we were to deliver to this training program to management and supervisory personnel only, we would still impact 79 personnel. Even with this reduced number of personnel, and given the proposal suggestion of two eight hour programs, we would need to conduct the training during off duty hours to ensure that personnel receive uninterrupted instruction. If we require personnel to attend off duty, we are required by federal law and contract to pay those employees overtime, with the exception of the Chief Officers and supervisors assigned to 40 hour work weeks.

The estimated cost for overtime and the expense of Dr. Lawrence would be $47,000.00. (The proposal indicates the fee for this service is $480.00 per hour plus $10.00 per student). Again, this estimate is for management and supervisory personal only.

Please see the attached PDF for a detail of the expense estimate.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information if needed.

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## Cost for Proposed Ethics training

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* employees are salaried with no added cost above salary  
** back fill or hire back costs  
*** employees are hourly with no added cost for back fill
Mr. Don Eckman
Lincoln City Council

Thank you for supporting our Fire Department.

It's hard to believe some council members would even consider reducing Fire Department's budget.

Who serves the people of Lincoln better? Chief the Firemen. They are always first on the scene of any medical emergency as well as fire emergencies.
Thank you for thinking of the welfare of the public in general.

We need more people like you on City Council who can actually think.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

P.S. I can personally think of 7 different instances in which the Firemen helped my family (none of these were fires but medical or other emergencies.)
Lincoln Fire & Rescue Memo

TO: Council member Dan Marvin
FROM: Chief Wright
DATE: July 22, 2007
SUBJECT: Impact on LFR personnel if another $250,000.00 is reduced from FY07/08 Budget

COPIES TO: City council members, mayor’s staff, Fireacs, Firedc, Syost, file.

Council Chairman Marvin;

I understand the fiscal problem that the city is currently facing and I fully support the efforts of the Mayor and the council to balance the budget with what money that is available.

I have heard that there are proposals by council members to reduce the Lincoln Fire and Rescue (LFR) budget by another $250,000.00 from Mayor Beutler’s recommended budget.

As you know, Mayor Beutler has asked for an unspecified reduction of $250,000.00 from the LFR original proposed budget request.

I and my staff have worked very hard and in good faith to reduce another $250,000.00 as the Mayor requested. We have accomplished this by reducing our overtime line, safety equipment line and building maintenance line along with supplies, services, and miscellaneous equipment to meet that challenge.

If the council were now to reduce the LFR budget by another $250,000.00, the only way to reduce our budget by that amount, will be through the reduction of personnel!
Council member Svoboda, per your request, I have reviewed the Lincoln Fire & Rescue agreement between FEMA and NE-TF1 (Sponsor Agency LFR), to determine if a portion of Assistant Chief Huff’s salary could be funded out of the Urban Search and Rescue cooperative agreement (CA).

Over the past 15 or so years, Chief Huff has assumed the oversight role as a part of the in kind contribution that represents LFR’s portion of the cooperative agreement with FEMA. This has been an expectation of FEMA and an understanding of the sponsor agency (LFR) since we entered into the memorandum of understanding in 1993.

After reviewing the existing memorandum of understanding with FEMA, the FEMA Urban Search & Rescue Statement of Work/Cooperative Agreement (SOW) for fiscal year 2006/07, and the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 208, National Urban Search & Rescue Response System, I find it is possible and reasonable for NE-TF1 to appropriate a portion of our FY 06/07 cooperative agreement funds to assist with Chief Huff’s salary for his responsibility for US&R program administrative oversight.

With that being said, the current SOW and the CFR do allow the use of CA funding for administrative expenses.

Several things have to be done in order to begin the re-allocation of CA funds to Chief Huff’s salary.
1. LFR will have to calculate the amount CA funds that are available that could be shifted to be re-allocated to Chief Huff’s salary.
2. Once that number is identified, LFR will have to submit to FEMA an adjusted spend plan with the proposed changes in the cooperative agreement.
3. The FEMA Grants manager will have to sign off on the proposed CA spend plan change.
4. Once the FEMA Grants manager signs off, a revised agreement would have to be executed through the EO process.

Challenges:
As of this RFI, I do not have an exact amount of how much money could be re-allocated, but I will task our NE-TF1 division to begin the work to move forward with a re-
appropriation to Chief Huff. As we are nearing the end of this CA, I would estimate it to be approximately $5,000.00 to $7,000.00.

Because LFR/NE-TF1 is currently spending funds from the FY06/07 CA, there are no guarantees that the FEMA Grants manager will allow a spend plan change at this time. If that should be the case, we would certainly begin the request for the administrative allocation for the next and future CA’s.

Because Chief Huff is a salary employee as opposed to an hourly rate employee we will have to determine the best method of tracking Chief Huff’s time for purposes of grant auditing.

As we move forward each year with our future CA’s, we will prepare our spend plans for the re-appropriation of funds to Chief Huff’s salary on the front end, rather than request a spend plan change after the CA has been executed.

DW/sy
20 July 2007

Mayor Beutler and City Council Members,

This past week the all Republican Lancaster County Commissioners raised Lincoln’s property taxes to enlarge the Lancaster Event Center with an $8 MILLION bond issue.

My understanding is that approximately 90% of the county tax revenue comes from city tax payers. Please notice that there was no gnashing of the teeth, no uproar and no threats to leave the city because of high taxes from Lincoln taxpayers. Even LIBA supported it. That property tax increase was a nonevent.

Yet compare that to the $11.6 million stormwater bond issue hearing of 5 March 2007. The hearing produced LIBA and others claiming the taxpayers could not afford this and everybody would move out of town, grandmothers would have to leave their homes etc. etc. etc. As you know it ended in a compromise of a $8.5 bond issue that easily passed in this May’s election. And the voters knew it would add annually $6.26 to their $138,000 house tax assessment.

Yet our City elected officials are reducing our police force because some of you fear raising property taxes. As crime statistics show, certain areas of your city have high crime rates and that must not be tolerated. It can only be cured by more street police.

Trying to balance the City budget by reducing the police force is not an option if you are truly concerned about crime victims. Why have sidewalks if it is dangerous for individuals to use them?

Lincoln requires 20 more active street police. Be like the Republican County Commissioners and raise our taxes. More police will benefit the many taxpayers that live in the high crime areas.

Russell Miller
341 S. 52
day time 499-2611

PS : Please do not claim the Event Center is economic development. Worthy economic development is more than part time jobs of hotel maids and waitresses that are paid a minimum wage plus tips.
INTER-DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATION

TO    Chief Tom Casady
DEPARTMENT  Police
ATTENTION
COPIES TO    Mayor’s Office
              Mike Merwick
              Doug Emery
              City Council

DATE    July 20, 2007
FROM    Dana W. Roper
DEPARTMENT  City Attorney
SUBJECT    Consequences for allowing propane tanks on balconies

You have inquired as to any consequences to a owner or manager of an apartment complex for violation of allowing propane tanks on balconies. It would be this office’s opinion that violation could culminate in both civil and criminal proceedings.

The Uniform Fire Code is basically an industry standard which has been adopted widely along with the Uniform Building Code to set a standard for housing in numerous cities and counties.

**Criminal Prosecution**

Notice to have the tanks removed would have to be given prior to being subject to prosecution.

Section 307.5.1 of the International Fire Code prohibits propane-fueled cooking devices with the tank on combustible balconies or within ten feet of combustible construction (one- and two-family dwellings are exempt).

Section 109 of the same code makes it unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to utilize a building or premises in violation of any provisions of this code.

Lincoln Municipal Code § 19.03.240 deems any person, firm, or corporation that violates any provision of the Lincoln Fire Code guilty of a misdemeanor.

Lincoln Municipal Code § 9.04.010 allows prosecution of any person that aids or abets another in violation of the Lincoln Municipal Code as if that person were the principal offender.
Civil Liability

Is the Uniform Fire Code merely an administrative guide for use by local officials, to know when there is either a violation or compliance with its provisions, or does it set a standard of care that the locality has endorsed, the breach of which allows the plaintiff to sue the violating building owner or the public authorities? In response to this question, the courts in a number of cases have taken the position that there was a duty to the public, based on provisions of the Uniform Fire Code requiring certain fire inspections or prevention techniques, and thus there could be a civil liability claim against owners . . . based on damages resulting from a violation of such provisions, although other courts have held to the contrary. And, it has been held that ordinances, which were Uniform Fire Code sections concerning the accumulation of waste material, continuance of a fire hazard, and compliance with notice, constituted a valid exercise of the city’s police power.


For example, in Alderman’s Inc. v. Shanks, 536 N.W.2d 4, (Minn. 1995), it was held that a violation of the Uniform Fire Code gave rise to negligence per se if persons harmed from the violation were within the intended protection of the provision and the harm suffered was the type that was meant to be prevented by the code.

A person who sustains personal injuries or property damage by reason of the defective or dangerous condition of demised premises may have a right of action in tort for recovery of damages based on the defendant’s negligence. Where the condition or use of the demised premises constitutes a nuisance causing actual or threatened injury to others, suit may be brought against the landlord or tenant in possession for damages or to enjoin continuance of the nuisance.


In addition, the Nebraska Residential Landlord Tenant Act requires that a landlord and tenant have a duty to substantially comply with the Minimum Housing Codes materially affecting health and safety. Neb. Rev. Stat. § 76-1419 (Reissue 2003) and Neb. Rev. Stat. § 76-1421 (Reissue 2003).
In summary, simply put, a landlord/manager who has been given notice of a violation of the Fire Code could face both criminal prosecution and civil liability for allowing the situation to exist.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Dana W. Roper  
City Attorney

DWR/ce
July 17, 2007

To: City Councilman John Spatz

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 hope you can help find ways to cut what is unnecessary and save what is important.

Very sincerely,

Nan Graf
City Council  
City Hall  
Lincoln, NE  

Dear Council:

Several years ago the State of South Dakota was short on funds. The Governor told on national TV how he solved the problem. Everyone or every department that received funds from the state coffers took a 10% cut in funds, from the Governor's salary on down to the smallest department. He said he received not more than 3 to 5 complaints state-wide because everyone was treated equally. Why couldn't our city do likewise rather than wipe out some departments completely? One of the women who must be working in a department that's going to be eliminated said she would be willing to take a cut in pay if it would help save her department.

Another thought on a different topic: Why do the huge, fuel-guzzling fire trucks chase after every ambulance call? Talk about expense that wouldn't have to be. The former mayor defended the action by saying that paramedics are on the fire trucks and there aren't as many ambulances as there are fire trucks, which in some cases gets the fire trucks there first. Why not put adequate paramedics in the ambulances and fewer on the fire trucks? We never saw fire trucks chasing the ambulances when our ambulance service was privately owned -- and operating in the black. Or maybe add more ambulances and keep the fire trucks for what they are intended -- fighting fires.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Roehl

Phyllis Roehl

Ms. Phyllis Roehl  
6131 S 48th St  
Lincoln, NE 68516
Members of the City Council:

It is without question that the City needs the services of the Lincoln Fire Department, but that does not mean that they should be treated any different than other agencies. I take issue with Councilman Cooks comment: “….Fire Department is overly scrutinized for issues as trivial as fire trucks going to grocery stores”. Fire truck going to grocery stores cost the tax payers over $40,000 in gas costs and depreciation. That is not, in my opinion, trivial Vince Major once stated that he thought the costs were closer to $60,000 for the use of fire apparatus for personal use. This $40,000 and the over $200,000 the fire department spends for EMS billing, that they could do internally, would go along way towards helping the city balance its budget. The Lincoln Fire Departments “sacred cow” status because of the fire unions substantial contributions to campaign funds has got to end.

Paul Haith
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Lincoln, NE  68506
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InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

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Comment or Question:
To the council:

I was offended after watching the Lincoln City Council Changes to Mayor's Budget on 7-23-07!

Elected council members are suppose to be ethical, intelligent, and level-headed individuals. The mudslinging that went on I would expect to see at the neighborhood tavern not at a meeting between council members.

Mr. Marvin's position on the fire department budget is one I agree with but his actions as chair I can not support. I applaud Mr. Svoboda's effort to try and control the situation.

I would expect a formal apology from the council to the city of Lincoln for these actions.
This is a Forwarded E-Mail

I found it interesting that the council is cutting so many programs/services for the elderly but not considering selling a golf course. Interesting priorities. I thought Eschliman's observation that the market will produce, on its own, sufficient golf courses without the city's support/intervention was a very good point. And yet, as most of us so painfully know, taking care of our elderly is not commercially desirable/profitable. --Anonymous because I've not asked for permission to quote
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for General Council

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Comment or Question:

Dear Council members

After watching the past hearing on the budget and seeing that more money is being cut from the fire department it truly makes me feel as if there are members who truly do not understand how a fire department functions or the needs that are required to make a department function, I am a Lincoln firefighter and I can tell you every firefighter out there does there best for the citizens of Lincoln. We as firefighters are very proud of what we do but it becomes very frustrating when the fire department is always being dragged into certain issues.

I have a suggestion not as a firefighter but as a TAX PAYER. There are seminars and there are instructors that travel throughout the United States and teach City Councils. Managers, Mayors what fire departments are all about, types of equipment that is needed to be used for the safety of the firefighters and citizens they serve, types of trainings that are a must and why equipments cost so much, staffing requirenments, the whole gammut. I believe maybe this type of class/seminar should be looked at and all council should look at attending this to better help them understand the fire department so this could help them possible make better decisions on the fire department. Would the council not be looked at in a better light if they make there decisions because they understand how the fire department needs to operate and the needs that are required for the fire department.

Thank You

G. Fisher
July 25, 2007

Lincoln City Council
555 So. 10th Street
Room 111
Lincoln, NE 68508

Re: Talent Plus Expansion Application

The undersigned neighbors would like the City Council to ask Talent Plus to comply with the following requests from the close immediate neighbors to their building. Talent Plus has not been a welcome addition to our neighborhood. They are obviously more concerned with their “Campus” and have not been considerate of the surrounding homes. Their planned addition has been protested to no avail. If they are allowed to proceed with their expansion they should at the least be mindful of their neighbors concerns. After all, we were here first.

1 – We find the concession trailer that is parked on the north side of their property to be offensive and unsightly. They are in direct competition with the golf course concessions and it is out of place in our neighborhood.

2 – The garbage collection area next to existing homes is noisy and unsightly. A truck collecting the garbage at 6:00 in the morning disturbs the peace. Perhaps it can be incorporated into the new building so that it will be away from the residential area.

3 – More screening or perhaps a berm needs to be put in place to screen the east parking lot from the adjoining homes.

4 – We would like to see mowing done during the week. Mowing on weekends lasts for hours and disturbs the peacefulness of the neighborhood.

5 – Snow removal needs to be scheduled for early morning, not midnight as it is presently. Being so close to our homes it is very noisy on a winter night.

6 – Lights in the building at night need to be kept to a minimum to reduce light pollution to the neighborhood.

Thank you for your consideration
Name: James Shughart
Address: 4206 Ridgewiew Drive

Name: Jeanette Shughart
Address: 4215 Ridgewiew Dr.

Name: Lee E. Sawyer
Address: 4224 Ridgewiew Dr.

Name: Allen L. Clay
Address: 4234 Ridgewiew Dr.

Name: Judy L. Clay
Address: 4236 Ridgewiew Dr.

Name: Nancy L. Clay
Address: 4230 Ridgewiew Dr.

Name: Linda L. Clay
Address: 4230 Ridgewiew Dr.

Name: Darlene Brown
Address: 4142 Ridgewiew Dr.
Mike Kules
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Doug Mahoney
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Susie Mahoney
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Madine A. Hains
Name

Terry Adams
Name

4142 Ridgewiew Dr.
Address

4151 Ridgewiew Dr.
Address

4225 Ridgewiew Drive
Address

4151 Ridgewiew Dr.
Address

4200 Ridgewiew Dr.
Address
Dear Members of the City Council-
I have been "listening" with great interest to the budget discussions.
I think it is important to acknowledge that the Lincoln City Government cannot be all things to all people. There are some things government can and should do and there are things individuals (and their families) must do themselves. I happen to be in the "less government is good" camp.
Over a few decades the City has continued to add services that are nice but not a necessity and can/should be provided by other entities. I believe if you scrutinize the Dept. on Aging, the Health Department, Star Tran and other large City departments you will find many areas where budgets can be reduced.
The Fire and Rescue budget gets contentious due to the manner the "ambulance deal" was presented to the community and how it worked in reality...compounded by recent happenings in that department. That is unfortunate, but perhaps it is time to forget the past and develop a plan to solve the financial problems.
In the end, personnel costs are your biggest hurdle. In the budgets I have seen, City employees receive compensation and benefits that are greater than what most of Lincoln's private sector employers can offer.
When you are able to address those costs you may hear less whining from Lincoln's taxpayers.
Thank you for your time.
Bob Norris
bnorris@nebraskasign.com
While You Were Out

Caller: Barbara Melos
Of: 5530 Oldham
Phone: 409-4402
Fax:

Message:
Save Calvert Senior Ct.

Best Time To Call: Date:

Taken By: M
An action has been filed for City Council - General.

Tracking Number: 6217

Problem:

Comments: Please reconsider the ending of the Lifetime Health Program. Many older adults in this city have few or no resources available to them other than Lifetime Health. Lifetime Health provides information and services vital to older adults. Thank You for your consideration of this matter.

Go to your list of actions:
https://intralinc.lincoln.ne.gov/city/mayor/action/default.asp

PLEASE DO NOT REPLY TO THIS MESSAGE.
July 16, 2007

The Calvert Senior Center means so much to so many people.

Nancy, our very efficient and supportive leader is very responsible and very caring to all the seniors who frequent the center.

There are numerous groups who participate in many programs which are listed below.

Writing group (Word Weavers)
Singo
German Class
Art Class
Exercising
Bridge Card Group
Pinochle Group

Bus tours to various locations in and out of the city are offered.
Grocery Shopping

This Center is a haven for several widows and widowers who would be very lonely without the companionship and friendliness of the center.

My wife and I have attended the Calvert Senior Center since it opened and have enjoyed the friendly atmosphere and participating in many of these activities.

Sincerely,

From Word Weavers
Calvert Writing Group

Richard Rhodes
Ramona Rhodes
1125 Holly Road
Lincoln, NE 68502
When something is done you realize it was a great place. The location was central, very easy for everyone to find. Parking was very sufficient and very handy for most events. Different rooms could be used for different programs that were offered. Bathrooms were very assessable for us elderly people.

It is great to be where there is action. The park which is close by is enjoyed by us all.

Consideration should be given for the people that drive. Downtown is great, but is hard to get to, and parking is a nightmare.

Finally, I have met many wonderful people through my experience here.

Sincerely

[Signature]

Joyce Habaneworth
The Calvert Senior Center means social conversations with friends, and a closeness to others.

Card playing
Exercise - walking
Writing group
Lunch
Day trips
Monthly Birthday celebrations

Because of the transportation it enables seniors to get out of the house and remain independent. Our Manager, Nancy, is very supportive. We have people in to lecture on health topics and other pertinent topics.

Because we are a small group we are interested and care about each other. Because the seniors enjoy their time together. It helps keep seniors from being on welfare and a liability to the State and City.

From Word Weaver's
Calvert Writing Group

Sincerely

Joanne Howell
July 15, 2007

The Calvert Senior Center was located in my area of Lincoln, and easy to get to distancewise.

I especially enjoyed going to the Center on Wednesdays to take part in the Weavers writing group. I made new friends and enjoyed so much hearing all the different stories written by members of the group.

I also enjoyed eating lunch with all the familiar people that frequented the Center.

There was easy access for bus tours and trips to other centers.

By closing the center would leave many trying to find a place that would fill that void. We are hoping this doesn't happen.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

From Word Weavers Calvert Writing Group

[Signature]

James A. Crawford
July 15, 2007

The Calvert Senior Center means for me helpful moments and days to enjoy with other lovely ladies, and to write and talk about memories.

With Nancy, our boss, the lovely lady in the kitchen, the drivers, and all the fellows and new friends I have met in this short time, has been nice to me. Because when you receive the friendship and good moments, you know in these people you have good, wonderful friends.

I hope with all my heart we can have more of the same for a long, long time.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

From Word Weiser's
Calvert-Writing Group

RECEIVED
JUL 28 2007
CITY COUNCIL OFFICE
Jonathan Cook
555 South 10th St.
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Mr. Cook:

I'm a low income senior citizen who would appreciate Lifetime Health funding be continued.

The senior citizens that are on low income need the services provided by Lifetime Health.

As a member of the City Council will appreciate your making recommendation for the changes to the Mayor's budget on July 23rd.

Sincerely,

Frances Bockelman
Honorable Council:

My name is Cv Miller and I reside at the above address. I am 86 years of age and I have been a member of the Calvert Senior Center ever since it was started.

I feel that June Peterson has made the wrong decision in closing the Center. It is the social point of the College View area. My view is that it would be more practical to cut the payroll five (5) percent by both elimination and reduction in salary and eliminate all Senior van transportation after 4 p.m. The senior income has been cut far more than that. LET US ALL FEEL THE PAIN. Do we really need 40 telephones in the Health and Human Services Division? (Reference Lincoln Telephone Directory).

I realize we must cut back to fill the 90 million dollar gap but let us all feel the pain -- not continue business as usual.

Now for some suggestions for the Council: (1) Do away with the two for one match on retirement funds; (2) Do away with the City contractors - must pay a living wage for help. (3) Put a cap on cab fares of $10.00 to people on Medicade. (4) If possible roll back the Homestead Exemption to $40,000. (5) Recommend parking meters on all spaces less than 400 feet from “big box” stores. (6) The Wheel Tax on vans and RV’s that can carry 300 pounds. The tax on a pickup that can carry 300 pounds is the same as a 3 ton truck regardless of the size. (7) Raise pet licenses $5.00.

I think the sales tax for Lincoln will stay flat because no one is going to drive from Seward, Crete, Beatrice or any town around to buy at a Lincoln WalMart.

If you are still with me THANKS for your time. I realize it is a tough decision - VOTE YOUR CONCIOUS. It is one of those things that will be “hell if you do and hell if you don’t”.

We voted for a tax reduction - LET US ALL FEEL THE PAIN.

Cv Miller
3311 South 54th Street
Lincoln, NE 68506-3423

Telephone: (402) 483-4878
I was very saddened and am quite concerned to see that the cuts involved in the new budget could put an end to the Lifetime Health program. I have worked with the senior population in some capacity for 20 years. During these 20 years, I have been amazed to witness what a valuable asset our senior population is. This is a population that has given so much to the community over the course of many years, and now you are looking to cut a program that has been able to give back in many ways. From screenings, to educational programs, to the wonderful exercise class on tv—seniors benefit from Lifetime Health. How terribly sad to see that these benefits may come to an end in the near future.

I sincerely hope you will take a close look at the budget, and find a way to salvage a service that is desperately needed and utilized by so many.

Lisa Henning

Executive Director

Grand Lodge at the Preserve

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Please see that all City Council members receive this message. Thank you!

To All City Council Members:

Thank you for your services. I know that the budget work that you are doing is a challenge. I do not have any specific requests as to the budget but I know that many others are requesting that you not cut specific services. Of course, you cannot grant all of these requests.

I do, however, have a general request of each of you. Please do your best to make budget decisions based on the facts and best information that you can gather. Do not base your budget decisions based on political issues, "squeaky wheels" or emotional appeals.

I personally use the LifeTime Health services, regularly, twice a week, for weightlifting and other exercise. I have had two TIA's (little strokes) the most recent over this last Memorial Weekend. Exercise (I also walk every day) is essential to my health. I give a donation to the Senior Foundation each year to support this program. I would hate to see this program dropped but I could probably find another suitable way to continue my exercise program if it no longer continued. Since the equipment is already in place and the building is open and we work independently, it appears to me that the cost of continuing this program would be minimal. I do not know if Senior Foundation funds could be used to keep it going. That is for you and the administrator's of the program to determine.

I would like to "put a human face" to the persons that I see each week at the LifeTime Health exercise rooms at the Downtown Senior Center. I talked to one (or mostly she talked to me) last Thursday. She uses the LifeTime Health and Senior Center services most days each week. She said that she has been using the services for nine years. She lives in Senior Housing, I believe. She exercises at the Downtown Center daily. She keeps in good shape and takes part in the meal program also. She also uses the Health Screenings and Medical Services program at the Senior Center. I believe that these services are essential to her and to most of the other persons who use the Lifetime Health Program. Even though we did not discuss the possible cut of these services, she ended our conversation with this comment, "I don't know what I would do without this place." It certainly contributes to her health and well-being.

Again, I do not know if these services can be continued through the Senior Foundation or in other ways. By whatever means that can be found, I believe that they are important.

Thanks again for your services to the Lincoln community by serving on the Lincoln City Council.

Sincerely,

Lois Poppe
TO CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: LAVAUGHN OORLOG
3830 LASALLE ST.
LINCOLN, NE 68516
PH: 483-2351

RE: CLOSING OF THE CALVERT SENIOR CENTER DUE TO BUDGET CUTS

In a recent conversation I had with June Pederson, Director of the Lincoln Area Agency on Aging, I learned that the only reason she recommended closing of the Calvert Senior Center about three months ago was the information she had at that time concerning the center was that it was to lose it's site and had found no other location.

Since June 1, 2007 the Calvert Center has found a suitable site in southeast Lincoln at the Trinity Baptist Church at 3801 LaSalle St. I have confirmed that Pastor O'Boyle and his congregation are willing to house the center permanently, at the same fee that was previously paid to the Parks and Recreation Dept.

Therefore it is requested that this center's operation not be cut from the City Budget for 2008.

This center has been in operation since 1994. Currently this center offers classes in German Language, Writing Course, Book Club, Fitness Class, Bridge and other games at no cost to the seniors or to the center. These offerings are comparable or exceed those found at the other Senior Centers in Lincoln.

Thank you for considering this information and respectfully ask again that the operation of the Calvert Senior Center not be cut from the budget.

[Signature]

Mrs. Lavaughn Oorlog
3830 La Salle St
Lincoln, NE 68516-1041
To: City Council persons

From: Shirley Maly  
5931 Wolff Lane (68521)

Abolishment of Lincoln's Lifetime Health in the Aging Services department seems to me to lack foresight and common sense. It looks like the program costs less than $20 per person or user. Affordable fees like City Rec charges for its track and weight room could cover cost.

I have used Lifetime Health services for the past 10 years, sometimes inconsistently for various health reasons. However, it is the only place I've found 'preventative' care including screening for various ailments as well as exercise equipment and classes tailored to needs of older persons. Some services have been free; other costs nominal. But at least, it has been affordable, which many of the health clubs and so-called non-profits are no longer.

Much of the downtown senior center equipment has come from user donations. I know that I and many of my friends have donated money to help purchase equipment. Class fees are charged to teach us how to use the equipment, as well as learn other physical skills to maintain health. If Lifetime Health goes, so will the daily yoga, stretch and tone, weight and pilates classes on Channel 5. Those shows are so valuable especially in the winter when weather limits ones ability to get out. It may be that some of the classes can be continued through City Rec, since some are offered in City Rec locations. But without something available at a reasonable cost, many of us are probably headed toward Medicaid and other welfare services whether we want to accept them or not because affordable health prevention opportunities are not available.

You think you have budget concerns. Fixed income living means a plethora of prioritizing and choice. The more older folk in the population base, the more welfare expense down the road if good health is not attainable. Good health means people with some income to help pay their own way when it's affordable.

Certainly it makes sense to expect to pay more taxes when you have more people to service. That's one of the costs of economic growth. It feels like the city is trying to grow, but on the cheap rather than caring about the quality of life and health of its citizens.
July 22, 2007

City Council Members
555 South 10th
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Friends,

I was very disturbed to hear that Lifetime Health has been one of the programs identified to be cut from the city’s budget. My mother is 74 years old and uses a lot of the services that the lifetime office has to offer. She is a Foster Grandparent at the Bryan Community School (LPS). She rocks the babies everyday and serves as a mentor to the young mothers in that program. The students in our schools benefit from having older people in their lives and the Foster Grandparents benefit. They have so much life experience and wisdom to bestow on our youth. The Senior Center is a place where my mother can go exercise and meet new friends. She has a Senior Companion. She is able to get health assessments. The programs that my mother participate in keep her healthy and active. I have a family of my own so I can’t afford to pay for day services for her. I believe there are other families just like mine who are just as grateful for the Lifetime Health Program as the elders who participate in it. Please don’t cut this program from the budget. I believe if you do you will end up spending a lot more money on doctors and hospitals for these individuals. In the long run you will not have saved very much money for the city.

Sincerely,

Lisa A. Taylor
Berdena A Snyder

4620 La Salle St
Lincoln NE 68516
Tel: (402) 468-2533

Lincoln NE 685

Ms. Berdena Snyder

July 25, 2007

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Si,
you are just going back
to you by cutting services
for seniors. We need the
Calumet Center. It is populated by people.
The other senior centers
are not very big. They are
not large enough for more
people.

Berdena Snyder
4620 La Salle
Lincoln, NE 68516
Mayor and Council Members

I have been involved for over 28 years as a participant in ActivAge programs. I have attended the Belmont ActivAge program for the last several years each weekday for my noon meals, fellowship, programming, bingo, exercise, health screenings, etc. I have a strong support system there and because I have these services, I have remained in my own apartment with a minimum of health problems. I am able to do my own laundry and house cleaning each week even though I am 97 years old.

Think about me when you vote to cut ActivAge
programs. We all hope to grow older and will want quality programs and affordable programs as we continue in our lives.

Gertrude N.
To the City Council
Attention: John Spatz

I have been attending the Belmont Activity Program since it opened several years ago. My daughter and I checked it out as I live in my own home alone. I do some cooking for myself, but aren't eating very well and wanted to be with people. I now have plenty of friends to visit and play cards with each week and I spend several hours each day at the center. Being lonely can be very depressing and having people to eat a meal with and have some good laughs each day make an older man of 95 feel good.

Please keep the Belmont Senior Center open.

Sincerely,
Ken Svoboda

I am concerned about the budget cuts the Mayor is wanting to make. I am seriously against those cuts.

I am a senior citizen who has come to like using our (Belmont) Senior Center, for all the opportunities it affords.

1. We get a well balanced meal.
2. We play cards, games & socialize.
3. We get educated by Student Nurses that come take our Blood Pressure tests on different health related subjects.
4. We exercise twice a week which helps with our balance & makes our muscles stronger.

It gives me a reason to get up in the morning, have a place to go to.
Otherwise I would have to eat alone at home by myself. I am a widow.

Think about it, when you get old, don't have any programs to help you spend daytime here.

Think about that. Quit hitting the old people to make those cuts. Fire some people at the top & you wouldn't have to cut any programs.

Thank you

Ann Younger
Dear Mr. Camp,

Please don't close the Senior Center. The one I attend gives me in my position (retired and I have emphysema) something to look forward to each day. It keeps me from being home bound and I've made friends. I am also recently a widow. It helps me get a nutritious meal and helps my outlook on life remain positive to be with other people.

Sincerely,

Jennie A. Tesch
Dear Council

Your recent cuts for seniors and youth programs is absurd. The aged who have paid taxes all their lives are now being shored out there recreational and fellowship halls. Most of these people have no where else to go, and for the youth, they won't get the same opportunity you and I had as kids. Do the right thing and leave some of these programs in your budget.

thank you

Sam B
Councilman Spatz and other council members,

I have been attending the Belmont Activity Program for several years to eat my meals, play cards and exercise. My doctor doesn't want me eating at McDonalds as it would be much more expensive and has no nutritional value for a 68 year old man, especially one who has maturity onset diabetes and has recovered from a triple bypass. Do any of you council members think about the possibility of some kind of service some day? You won't be getting any younger, just
John, Spatz, and Council

As a Goodyear retiree, I am very upset at the closing of senior centers, especially the Belmont Center. I enjoyed the meals, exercise, and fellowship. I think you should come and see the nice facility and meet the people. Using the track has helped me lose twenty pounds. It seems like the old are always kicked to the curb.

Henry T.
Dear John Spatz,

Have you ever been to the Belmont Rec Center where the Active Age program is located? We can actually find a place to park when we want to walk the track, exercise, play cards and eat our lunch. It is close to our home in the neighborhood and it is a friendly, accessible location where it is easy to get to. We know other seniors and support one another. We depend on the center and are on a fixed income where we have limited resources for extra services. You need to come by and take a look at the facility and see what it has to offer to older adults.

Effie J.
John Spatz & City Council

I am disappointed that the Mayor is closing down the Redmont Senior Center as a senior center. I know we had real good tennis there playing cards, exercising and conversing with other seniors. Why do you have to pull on older people and kids?

John B.
Mr. Spatz,

I have recently finished cardiac rehab at Bryan East. I now walk the track at Belmont ActivAge three days a week and use the fitness equipment. It has helped my recovery very much. I also spend time visiting with my friends and playing cards. I will not be able to afford other health clubs or rehab places because they are so far away and too expensive. Belmont ActivAge is very important to me, good parking, easy to access, treadmill track, a place to play pool with my friends etc. Before you close a gym like this location, why don't you stop by.

A concerned Lincolnite
John!

I've never meant to see you all are thinking about Cherry Bellew.

We may not be the biggest. But many of the people
who get there know me either
at meal or outside eating
near the people. We share what they are

The 50 day went well. Our work was
put to good use and we made 4 meals and had

That's why we had to go away our 65 people.

And hope they need & get it

Think about it.

Love,

[Signature]
Jon Spatz

I am writing to you because I am concerned about the budget cuts. The Mayor wants to make cuts to the Aging program. I am seriously against these cuts.

I am a senior citizen who pays taxes for the last 40 yrs. Now you want cuts to programs made for us, seniors, who have been supporting this city. That is not fair, how could you forget?

I will tell you why the Senior Center (Belmont) means the world to me. It gives me a reason for getting up and something to look forward to each day. I am a widow and I do not like to eat alone at home. I am on a fixed income so the price for a meal is just right at the Senior Center. It's like a big extended family. Playing cards, games, socialize with my friends my own age. We all have something in common, we can talk about our problems. Our lives will end as we know it if you close our Senior Center.
Most of us can't afford to go to YMCA or other programs. We exercise twice a week and have student nurses come take our blood pressures. Educate us on different topics about health and keep us informed.

Thank you
Ann Yeager
To John Spatz:

My father moved to Lincoln from Mississippi as he needed family to care for him. I have my own family and I work each weekday, so my father has been attending the Belmar Senior Center, so he does not have to spend so much time at our home without friends. He looks forward to getting on the bus and attending each day. He would never feel comfortable in a large consolidated center and said he will not attend if Belmar is closed.
He has told me that many of the participants at Bellfont will not attend another center. What will happen to my father and the rest of these people who will still need service? Those of you on the City Council who do not support Aging Service, especially Active Age Programs, will not receive any votes from me for re-election. You should remember how many votes come from those over 60.

Connie B.
Dear Mr. Spatz,

I think it will be a sad day if they take away these services for the elderly. Why do we have to give up so much? I would not go downtown if we have to go there. It is so nice to have somewhere to go everyday and mingle with the people, and not have to worry about a place to park.

Thanking you if you can help.

Charlotte Mack
266 Barlow

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CITY COUNCIL OFFICE
To John Spatz,

We need to keep good services we have at Belmont in place. Please don't take this away from older adults who need the programs and services. I will be just one of these over 60 adults.

Mark F
July 13, 2007

City Council Members:

I am writing to you with concern for the Lifetime Health Program at the Lincoln Area Agency on Aging. I have heard that this program is being cut due to the city budget. This is really upsetting news and I think you should reconsider this closing.

The Lincoln Area Agency on Aging department should be growing instead of being targeted for most of the cuts. We are now in the time where there will be more senior citizens than ever due to the “baby boomers” reaching this age and also people are living longer. More than ever, seniors need help and something to make them feel like they belong.

The Lifetime Health program is one of the biggest contributors to keeping the seniors healthy and active. It seems to me that with closing this program and making the biggest cuts at this Agency, we are sending the message that our seniors do not mean anything to our society. We all know that this is not true. If they can stay active and have social activities, seniors can thrive and continue to contribute to their community. Seniors are the foundation of the youth today. Should we really be sending this message to them?

Please understand what the Lincoln Area Agency on Aging means to all of the seniors today and what it will do for all of the “soon to be seniors” (baby boomers) tomorrow!! It gives seniors a sense of belonging, answers to life questions, keeps them healthy, keeps away the loneliness, feeds them, and just lets them remain active. It can also help out some of the children of the elderly who are caregivers. While the caregivers are at work, they can have the piece of mind that their parents, who took care of them when they were younger, have a place to go and also be fed. You can’t even imagine what the centers mean to seniors. We all will be there someday and only then will we truly understand. Please don’t push the seniors aside!!

Sincerely,

A concerned citizen of Lincoln
(with respect for our elders)
I will be deeply offended if each of you vote to maintain a golf course versus ensuring the funding to keep the Calvert Center open. Not everyone can drive or ride to the Lake Street center, nor do they want to. The Calvert Center is the only one on the south side of Lincoln and deserves to be maintained for the aging population.

Please note what your citizens desire, not politics as usual!

Joyce Morgan
The Lifetime Health, Lincoln Agency on Aging, budgets should not be cut as recommended by the Mayor. The services they offer to the seniors in the community are very valuable. I have benefited from the exercise programs and received good advice and information on other issues from the advisers and consultants in the LIFE office. I trust that you will vote in the best interests of the senior citizens in Lincoln.
ADDENDUM TO DIRECTORS’ AGENDA
MONDAY, JULY 30, 2007

I. MAYOR -

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor Names Finalists For Fire Chief.

2. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule Week of July 28 through August 3, 2007 - Schedule subject to change.

3. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Open House Set For Improvements At 56th and Elkcrest.

II. CITY CLERK - NONE

III. CORRESPONDENCE -

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS - NONE

C. MISCELLANEOUS - NONE
Mayor Chris Beutler today announced the five finalists for the position of Fire Chief. The finalists, selected by the Mayor’s Fire Chief Selection Committee are:

- Robert Brown, Chief of Department, Stafford County Fire and Rescue in the Washington, D.C. metro area.
- Richard Fagan, retired Fire Division Chief of Lenexa, Kansas in the Kansas City metro area.
- Niles Ford, Deputy Fire Chief, Fulton County Fire Department in the Atlanta metro area.
- Mark Rohlfing, Assistant Fire Chief, Omaha Fire Department.
- James Woydziak, Fire Chief, City of Nampa, Idaho.

“I am greatly impressed by the experience, skill and qualifications these candidates could bring to our community,” said Mayor Beutler. “The residents of Lincoln are very fortunate to have such high caliber individuals apply to be Fire Chief of this growing city.”

The Mayor said the assets he is looking for in the new Fire Chief include experience in managing Emergency Medical Service; a strong educational background in fire operations and public or business administration; excellence communication skills; and a history of management leadership. “Each candidate has demonstrated those traits I am looking for in a Fire Chief, and I look forward to hearing their vision for the future of Lincoln Fire and Rescue,” Beutler said.

The candidates will visit Lincoln the week of August 6th for final interviews with the Fire Chief Selection Committee and the Mayor.

Beutler thanked members of the Fire Chief Selection Committee for their hard work. The committee includes community members with backgrounds in firefighting and management. They include former State Senator and State Fire Marshal Wally Barnett; former Grant Fire Chief Rod Hutt; HR Connex President Mark Koller; former Building and Safety Director and Lincoln Firefighter Jerry McGinn; former Foxboro, Massachusetts Fire Chief Hobie Boswell; and Lincoln Firefighter Union President Dave Engler.
Date: July 27, 2007
Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule
Week of July 28 through August 3, 2007
Schedule subject to change

Saturday, July 28
• Friends of the Ross dinner and screening of “Disappearances” - 5:30 p.m., Ross Media Arts Center, 313 North 13th Street

Sunday, July 29
• “Christmas You Missed” celebration for National Guard troops, remarks - noon, Pershing Center, 226 Centennial Mall South

Wednesday, August 1
• Junior Achievement volunteer recognition luncheon - 11:45 a.m., Country Club of Lincoln, 3200 South 24th
• World premiere of NET documentary “Most Honorable Son” - 5:30 p.m., Embassy Suites, 1040 “P” Street

Thursday, August 2
• Firefighter graduation and badge pinning, remarks - 6 p.m. Firefighters Reception Hall, 241 Victory Lane
OPEN HOUSE SET FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT 56TH AND ELKCREST

The public is invited to an open house Thursday, August 2 to discuss proposed safety improvements at the intersection of 56th Street and Elkcrest Drive. The meeting is from 5:30 to 7 p.m at Old Cheney Alliance Church, 5201 Old Cheney Road. The church’s parking lot and front entrance are accessible from 53rd Street.

This project includes the construction of left-turn lanes on all legs of the intersection; the replacement of the traffic signal with a new mast arm system; and the installation of digital message signs. The project is currently in the design stage and is tentatively scheduled for construction in summer 2008.

The meeting will give residents the opportunity to review the proposed project and environmental findings. Representatives from the City Public Works and Utilities Department will be available to explain the project. The design team will seek public input on the proposed improvements and will be available to answer questions.

For more information, see the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: elkcrest) or contact Erika Nunes or Kris Humphrey at Public Works at 441-7711.

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