IN LIEU OF
DIRECTORS’ MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 2007

I. MAYOR
1. NEWS RELEASE. Nebraska Task Force One Deploys to Fort Worth.
2. NEWS RELEASE. City Asks Residents for Help to Clear Fallen Tree Limbs.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Public Invited to Open House on Lincoln’s Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan.
4. NEWS RELEASE. Clarifications to Release from August 21 (City Asks Residents for Help to Clear Fallen Tree Limbs).

II. DIRECTORS

FINANCE/BUDGET
1. August Sales Tax Reports:
   a. Actual Compared to Projected Sales Tax Collections;
   c. Sales Tax Refunds 2002-2003 Through 2007-2008; and

HEALTH DEPARTMENT
1. NEWS RELEASE. Bat Tests Positive for Rabies in Lincoln.

PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION

PLANNING

III. CITY CLERK

IV. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE

V. MISCELLANEOUS
1. Email from Russell Miller. Lincoln Neighborhood Alliance thanks City Council for Prioritizing Budget Dollars Towards Public Safety Over Funding Roads.
2. Email from Joe Beebe Commenting on Councilman Cook’s Behavior at Meeting.
3. Letter from People First of Lincoln Regarding Public Transportation and Handi-Van Services, Signed by People First of Lincoln Members. (Each Council Member Received Letter on 08/23/07)

VI. ADJOURNMENT
NEBRASKA TASK FORCE ONE DEPLOYS TO FORT WORTH
FEMA to again fund entire local Hurricane Dean relief effort

Nebraska Task Force One, Lincoln Fire and Rescue’s Urban Search and Rescue Task Force, was activated early Sunday morning and requested by the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) to deploy to Fort Worth, Texas in preparation for a potential relief effort as Hurricane Dean approaches the Gulf of Mexico region. A total of 78 Nebraska Task Force One team members deployed Monday morning.

Nebraska Task Force One is one of six task forces deployed to a staging area in the gulf region in order to have search and rescue resources readily available in preparation for Hurricane Dean.

All expenses for the local relief effort, including travel costs and lodging, will be reimbursed by FEMA.

“The entire cost for the task force deployment is paid by FEMA with no cost to the local community,” said Lincoln Fire and Rescue Assistant Chief John Huff. “Costs that are covered by FEMA include all personnel costs for both the deployment team personnel and any Lincoln Fire and Rescue personnel who cover for individuals that are absent due to the task force response. This assures that the citizens of Lincoln will not have service levels diminished as a result of personnel being on an urban search and rescue deployment.”

For more information on Lincoln Fire and Rescue’s urban search and rescue program, visit the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: usar).
CITY ASKS RESIDENTS FOR HELP TO CLEAR FALLEN TREE LIMBS

The Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department is asking Lincoln residents to help clear fallen limbs from street trees on public rights of way.

- Small branches and limbs can be left for pick up by refuse haulers on the normal day of garbage service.
- Large fallen limbs can be reported to Community Forestry at 441-7035.
- Residents who have downed utility lines or tree limbs resting on utility lines should contact the Lincoln Electric System at 888-365-2412.

“Last year, our Community Forestry staff had nearly 2,500 calls regarding broken or fallen tree limbs,” said Parks and Recreation Director Lynn Johnson. “Handling these calls takes time away from other essential street tree maintenance work, such as trimming and dead tree removal. We really appreciate the assistance of the public in helping us to reduce fuel consumption and equipment operating costs.”

For more information, see the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: trees) or contact Community Forestry at 441-7035.

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The public is invited to an open house Tuesday, August 28 to review and comment on the draft of the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan. The open house is from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Bennett Martin Public Library Auditorium, 14th and “N” streets.

- an assessment of transportation needs for individuals with disabilities, older adults and persons with limited incomes;
- an inventory of available services that identifies areas of redundant service and gaps in services;
- strategies to address the identified gaps in service; and
- priority implementation strategies.

The Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan was created to guide the future use of three sources of federal transit funds: the Elderly and Disabled Transportation Program, the Job Access and Reverse Commute Program and the New Freedom Program. Projects funded by these programs are required to be a part of a local plan.

The draft plan was developed by the Community Services Initiatives – Basic and Emergency Needs Coalition for the Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization. It is available on the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: MPO), by sending an e-mail request to urbandev@lincoln.ne.gov, or by calling (402) 441-7606. Copies also are available at Bennett Martin Public Library.

Written comments can be submitted through Wednesday, September 5 through the MPO Web site; through e-mail to urbandev@lincoln.ne.gov; or by mail to Urban Development Department, CSI Transportation Plan, 808 “P” Street, Suite 400, Lincoln, NE 68508.
CLARIFICATIONS TO RELEASE FROM AUGUST 21 (BELOW)

Public trees are those that are in the public rights of way, generally between the sidewalk and the curb. The Community Forestry section will only pick up limbs from these trees. All other trees are the responsibility of the property owner. Residents who have structural damage from a street tree or safety concerns should call the Lincoln Police non-emergency number at 441-6000.

Waste haulers differ on requirements and collection fees for disposal of branches. In general:

- Large trees and branches (more than four inches in diameter) on private property can be cut up and remove by a licensed tree arborist or taken by the homeowner for disposal. The disposal site, schedule and fees can be found on the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: landfill).

- Smaller trees, brush and branches (under four inches in diameter) from public or private property can be cut into lengths of four-feet or less, secured and left for pickup by refuse haulers. Haulers may charge additional fees for branch collection. Residents also may take branches to the landfill at 5101 North 48th Street with a pickup or small trailer. Yard waste (leaves, grass clipping) cannot be thrown away with regular trash. For information on yard waste disposal, see lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: yard waste).

For public trees, Community Forestry staff will leave logs in the right of way next to the sidewalk, and these can be picked up for residents to use as firewood.

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Actual collections through August are -0.48% less than projected collections.
# CITY OF LINCOLN
## GROSS SALES TAX COLLECTIONS
### (WITH REFUNDS ADDED BACK IN)

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<td>$48,686,688</td>
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### SALES TAX REFUNDS

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*Year to date vs. previous year*
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 21, 2007
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jim Weverka, Animal Control Manager, 441-7900

BAT TESTS POSITIVE FOR RABIES IN LINCOLN

A bat in Lincoln has tested positive for rabies. This is the second reported case of a bat testing positive in 2007. The bat was found in a home in north Lincoln. There was no known human exposure in the incident. The Animal Control division of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department picked up 176 bats for rabies testing between September 1st, 2006 and August 16th of this year.

During the late summer and fall, it’s not uncommon for residents to find bats roosting in attics or downspouts or flying in their living space. Many older homes can have bats in the attic; owners should contact a professional wildlife management service for removal or exclusion. These animals can squeeze through holes as small as ½ inch in diameter, so cover any openings in your home or building where bats could enter. Place screens over windows that are frequently open; this will not only keep bats from entering your home but reduce the number of insects that get inside, including mosquitoes that may carry the West Nile Virus.

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

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

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PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION
NOTIFICATION

TO : Mayor Chris Beutler
     Lincoln City Council

FROM : Jean Walker, Planning

DATE : August 16, 2007

RE : Preliminary Plat No. 07003 - Cedar Cove Townhomes
     (N. 90th Street and Leighton Avenue)
     Resolution No. PC-01070

The Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission took the following action at their
regular meeting on Wednesday, August 15, 2007:

Motion made by Carroll, seconded by Cornelius, to approve Preliminary Plat No.
07003, Cedar Cove Townhomes, with conditions, requested by Cameron Homes, for
132 attached single family lots and one school site, together with a request to waive the
Land Subdivision Ordinance to allow double frontage lots onto Leighton Avenue, on
property generally located a N. 90th Street and Leighton Avenue.

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

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

The associated Annexation No. 07002 and Change of Zone No. 07044 were recommended for
approval by the Planning Commission and will be scheduled for public hearing before the City
Council on Monday, September 10, 2007, at 1:30 p.m.

Attachment
cc: Building & Safety
    Rick Peo, City Attorney
    Public Works
    Mark Palmer, Olsson Associates, 1111 Lincoln Mall, 68508
    Breck Collingsworth, Cameron Homes, 8040 Eiger Drive, 68516
    Ridge Development Co. & Southview, Inc., 8644 Executive Woods Dr., 68512
    Scott Weiskamp, LPS, 800 S. 24th Street, 68510
    Jon Peterson, Regent Heights H.O. Assn., 2701 N. 81st Street, 68505
    Stephanie Karsting, Regent Heights H.O. Assn., 7722 Yancy Drive, 68507
    Dave Butler, 9420 Leighton Avenue, 68507
RESOLUTION NO. PC-01070

WHEREAS, Cameron Homes has submitted the preliminary plat of Cedar Cove Townhomes for 132 attached single family lots and one school site together with a request to waive the Land Subdivision Ordinance to allow double frontage lots onto Leighton Avenue, for acceptance and approval on property generally located at N. 90th Street and Leighton Avenue;

WHEREAS, the Planning Director has recommended conditional approval of said preliminary plat.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission that the preliminary plat of Cedar Cove Townhomes, generally located at N. 90th Street and Leighton Avenue, as submitted by Cameron Homes, is hereby accepted and approved, subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. After the subdivider completes the following instructions and submits the documents and plans and 6 copies to the Planning Department office, the preliminary plat will be signed by the Chair of the Planning Commission certifying approval: (NOTE: These documents and plans are required by ordinance or design standards.) Revise the preliminary plat to show:

   a. Add a note stating “ANY CONSTRUCTION OR GRADE CHANGES IN LES TRANSMISSION LINE EASEMENT CORRIDORS ARE SUBJECT TO LES APPROVAL AND MUST BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH LES DESIGN AND SAFETY STANDARDS.”

   b. Add a note stating “LANDSCAPING MATERIAL SELECTIONS WITHIN EASEMENT CORRIDORS SHALL FOLLOW ESTABLISHED GUIDELINES TO MAINTAIN MINIMUM CLEARANCE FROM UTILITY FACILITIES.”

   c. Add a note stating “NO DECKS, PERMANENT ATTACHMENTS TO HOUSES, PERGOLAS, PLAY SETS, GAZEBOS, SHEDS, ...
SWIMMING POOLS, HOT TUBS, OR ANY OTHER ACCESSORY STRUCTURE WILL BE ALLOWED WITHIN THE TRANSMISSION LINE EASEMENT ON THE NORTH SIDE OF LEIGHTON AVENUE. PARKING AND FENCES ARE ALLOWED."

d. Add a note stating “VEHICULAR ACCESS TO LEIGHTON AVENUE FROM LOTS 1-14, BLOCK 5 AND LOTS 1 & 2, BLOCK 6 IS HEREBY RELINQUISHED.”

e. Provide a street name for the east-west portion of “N. 91st Street” in the southeast corner of this preliminary plat.

f. Resolve the street naming issue for the continuous stretch of N. 90th Street and N. 91st Street.

g. Provide at least one street stub access point or outlot to be reserved as a future street in the event the school site is sold and not developed as a school. Front yard setbacks should be considered for the adjacent lots to the street access point and made wider to provide for the front yard setback. This condition satisfies the block length requirement.

h. Add additional easements as requested by L.E.S.

i. Satisfy Public Works comments outlined in their August 2, 2007 memo.


2. Final Plats will be approved by the Planning Director after:

a. The required improvements are completed or a surety is posted to guarantee the completion of the public streets, sidewalks, sanitary sewer system, water system, drainage facilities, land preparation and grading, sediment and erosion control measures, storm water detention/retention facilities, drainageway improvements, street lights, landscaping screens, street trees, temporary turnaround and barricades, and street name signs.

b. The subdivider has signed an agreement that binds the subdivider, its successors and assigns:

i. to complete the street paving of public streets, and temporary turnarounds and barricades located at the
temporary dead-end of the streets shown on the final plat within two (2) years following the approval of this final plat.

ii. to complete the installation of sidewalks along both sides of all streets and along the north side of Leighton Avenue as shown on the final plat within four (4) years following the approval of this final plat.

iii. to construct the sidewalk in the pedestrian way easement in Outlot A at the same time as the east-west portion of the temporary dead-end street in the southeast corner of the preliminary plat is paved and to agree that no building permit shall be issued for construction on Lots 8, 9, and 34, Block 3 until such time as the sidewalk in the pedestrian way easement is constructed.

iv. to complete the public water distribution system to serve this plat within two (2) years following the approval of this final plat.

v. to complete the public wastewater collection system to serve this plat within two (2) years following the approval of this final plat.

vi. to complete the enclosed public drainage facilities shown on the approved drainage study to serve this plat within two (2) years following the approval of this final plat.

vii. to complete the enclosed private drainage facilities shown on the approved drainage study to serve this plat within two (2) years following the approval of this final plat.

viii. to complete land preparation including storm water detention/retention facilities and open drainageway improvements to serve this plat prior to the installation of utilities and improvements but not more than two (2) years following the approval of this final plat.

ix. to complete the installation of public street lights along all streets within this plat within two (2) years following the approval of this final plat.

x. to complete the planting of the street trees along all streets within this plat within four (4) years following the approval of this final plat.
xi. to complete the installation of the street name signs within two (2) years following the approval of this final plat.

xii. to complete the installation of the permanent markers prior to construction on or conveyance of any lot in the plat.

xiii. to timely complete any other public or private improvement or facility required by Chapter 26.23 (Development Standards) of the Land Subdivision Ordinance which have not been waived but which inadvertently may have been omitted from the above list of required improvements.

xiv. to submit to the Director of Public Works a plan showing proposed measures to control sedimentation and erosion and the proposed method to temporarily stabilize all graded land for approval.

xv. to comply with the provisions of the Land Preparation and Grading requirements of the Land Subdivision Ordinance.

xvi. to complete the public and private improvements shown on the preliminary plat.

xvii. to maintain the outlots and private improvements on a permanent and continuous basis.

xviii. to keep taxes and special assessments on the outlots from becoming delinquent.

xix. to maintain the sidewalks in the pedestrian way easements on Outlot A on a permanent and continuous basis.

xx. to maintain and supervise the private facilities which have common use or benefit on a permanent and continuous basis, and to recognize that there may be additional maintenance issues or costs associated with providing for the proper functioning of storm water detention/retention facilities as they were designed and constructed within the development.

xxi. to retain ownership of and the right of entry to the outlots in order to perform the above-described maintenance of the outlots and private improvements on a permanent and continuous basis. However, Subdivider may be relieved and discharged of such maintenance obligations upon creating in
writing a permanent and continuous association of property owners who would be responsible for said permanent and continuous maintenance subject to the following conditions:

(1) Subdivider shall not be relieved of Subdivider's maintenance obligation for each specific private improvement until a register professional engineer or nurseryman who supervised the installation of said private improvement has certified to the City that the improvement has been installed in accordance with approved plans.

(2) The maintenance agreements are incorporated into covenants and restrictions in deeds to the subdivided property and the documents creating the association and the restrictive covenants have been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney and filed of record with the Register of Deeds.

xxii. to submit to the lot buyers and builders a copy of the soil analysis.

xxiii. to protect the trees that are indicated to remain during construction and development.

xxiv. to relinquish the right of direct vehicular access from Lots 1-14, Block 5 to Leighton Avenue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Section 26.23.140(e) of the Land Subdivision Ordinance is waived to allow double frontage lots onto Leighton Avenue as shown on the preliminary plat.


ATTEST:

Chair

Approved as to Form & Legality:

Chief Assistant City Attorney
August 21, 2007

Mark Hunzeker
Attorney at Law
1045 Lincoln Mall, Suite 200
Lincoln, NE 68509

RE: Special Permit No. 07026
(AgeMark - Domiciliary Care Facility - S. 25th & Old Cheney Road)
Resolution No. PC-01066

Dear Mark:

Please be advised that yesterday, the City Council voted to hold public hearing on the appeal to the above referenced special permit on Monday, August 27, 2007, 5:30 p.m., with continued public hearing and action on Monday, September 10, 2007, 1:30 p.m.

The Factsheet submitted by the Planning Department to the City Council, which contains the staff report, the minutes of the Planning Commission meeting, all correspondence and any other information submitted on this application, may be accessed on the Internet at http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/council/index.htm. The Factsheet will be linked to the respective Council agenda. The Factsheet is also available in the Planning Department.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information (402-441-6365) or plen@lincoln.ne.gov.

Sincerely,

Jean Walker
Administrative Officer

cc: City Council
Mayor Chris Beutler
Building & Safety
Rick Peo, City Attorney
Public Works
Opus X, Inc., 2614 Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94704
Windstream Nebraska, Inc., 4001 Rodney Parham Road, Little Rock, AR 72212
Marly Hug, Agemark <mhug@agemark.com>
Andrew J. Benton II, 5025 Norman Road, 68512
Dr. William and Sharon Gewain, 2601 Cindy Drive, 68512
Dave and Vicki Shank, 5800 S. 25th Street, 68512
Layne and Cheri Nelson, 5835 S. 25th Street, 66512
Brendan McDaniel, 5727 S. 25th Street, 68512
Connie Hansen, UNL, SREC, 102 Mussehl Hall, 68563-0714
James Stevens, 5830 S. 25th Street, 68512
Dr. Steven A. Fischbein, 5905 S. 25th Street, 68512
Lori Edmonds, 5825 S. 25th Street, 68512
Marlys Rezaian, 2601 Jacqueline Drive, 68512
Lee and Renee Bateman, 5820 S. 25th Street, 68512
David Smith, 2521 Cindy Drive, 68512
Paul and Kelly Winkler, 5737 S. 25th Street, 68512
John Elliott, 2511 Cindy Drive, 68512
Donald H. Bowman, Attorney, 1045 Lincoln Mall, Suite 100, 68508

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1001 S. 37th Street  
Lincoln, NE  68510  

August 16, 2007  

Lincoln City Council  
555 South 10th Street  
Lincoln, NE  68508  

RE:  City of Lincoln Budget  

Dear City Council Members:  

The Lincoln Neighborhood Alliance (LNA) would like to express our gratitude to our elected city council members who honored their campaign promises and prioritized placing budget dollars towards public safety departments over funding roads.  

While expanding the road network is a sign of growth, we must continue to support our core city functions, especially during budget downtimes.  After all, if the center of the tree is damaged or rotten, it may look good from the outside, but the first windstorm will blow it over.  

Regards,  

Russell Miller  
Lincoln Neighborhood Alliance Chairman  

cc:  Mayor Chris Beutler
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for General Council

Name: Joe Beebe
Address: 5411 Limestone Rd. N.
City: Lincoln, NE. 68512-1114
Phone: 402-770-4337
Fax:
Email: jbeebe@neb.rr.com

Comment or Question:
Mr Camp

As a voter from the district of Jonathan Cook I would like to apologize to you for the terrible childish behavior of my City Council Rep. His behavior is as of a 10 year old child who never gets his own way, and does not represent the feelings or sentiments of this and I would bet of many of the voters of his district. I agree with you that he owes you an apology and am willing to bet he doesn't have the backbone to give you one. I believe he is not representing the people of Lincoln at all and should be ashamed of himself. You do an outstanding job of trying to look out for the citizens of Lincoln and while I don't always agree with everything you do I feel you always do what you think is best for the Citizens of Lincoln as do most all of the City Council. It is awful that one child can ruin all the good work all the rest of you do.

Thank you for serving and God bless you for putting up with the baby.

Joe Beebe
People First of Lincoln
For Adults 18 years and older Who Experience Developmental disabilities

August 11, 2007

Dan Marvin, Chair
Lincoln City Council
555 South 10th Street
Room 111
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Mr. Marvin:

People First of Lincoln is a self-advocacy organization for individuals over the age of 18 who experience intellectual and developmental disabilities for which The Arc of Lincoln/ Lancaster County is a sponsor.

The majority of our members use the public transportation system and Handi-Van services as their main source of transportation to and from work, medical appointments and social activities. The proposed elimination of the evening Handi-Van services (to individuals with developmental disabilities) will have a direct impact on our independence and livelihood. The following is a list of some of our objections:

- If evening Handi-Van services are eliminated, individuals that are in need of transportation to and from medical appointments, such as dialysis appointments, will have no means of transportation to those appointments. There are simply no alternatives.

- Elimination of the evening Handi-Van services will prevent and limit employment opportunities.

- It is our understanding that to be in compliance of ADA regulations, we must have the same opportunities as other tax paying citizens in Lincoln/Lancaster County. The elimination of these services is not providing equal opportunity. Lincoln promotes “the good life”, unfortunately that does not necessarily apply to the elderly and people in our community with developmental disabilities. Imagine, if you will, not being able to go to the grocery store, social or religious activities, or work events that are held in the evening hours. Would you feel like a valued Lincoln citizen?

- It is also our understanding that the cutting the evening Handi-Van service would only save $10,000 of the total deficit. It is our opinion this savings is not substantial enough to eliminate services to a complete population group.

If you have questions, or would like to address our comments, you may do so by contacting us through The People First Local Advisor, Teresa Bergman, at The Arc of Lincoln/Lancaster County, 5609 South 49th Street, Suite 5, Lincoln, NE 68516, or call 421-8866.

Thank you for your time,

People First of Lincoln Members
(See attached list)
People First of Lincoln
For Adults 18 years and older Who Experience Developmental disabilities

The following are People First of Lincoln members who attended the August 11, 2007 meeting.

Jim Schragers
David Weller
Reg Barndage
Paul Smith
Carrie O'Brien

Pam Brentzel

Karmel Newman

Mike Shandora
Nancy Carpenter
Mike Wilkes
Dee Hils

Pete Dunn Williams

Michel Ramos
AL Matthews
AD D E N D U M
TO
D I R E C T O R S’ A G E N D A
MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 2007

I. MAYOR -


2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor’s State Of The City Address To Focus On Future - Public is invited to speech and reception August 30.

3. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Chris Beutler will announce the appointment of a new Fire Chief at a news conference at 1:30 pm on 08/24/07.

4. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Lincoln’s new Fire Chief will be available to talk to the media during a conference call at 3:30 pm on 08/24/07.

5. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor Says Traffic Improvements will Greet State Fair and Husker Fans.


7. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor Beutler Names New Fire Chief.


II. CITY CLERK - NONE

III. CORRESPONDENCE -

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS - NONE

C. MISCELLANEOUS -


2. E-Mail from Jennifer Buxton, LAPHDC- RE: Joint Press Conference with Mayor Chris Beutler and Lincoln Action Program Housing Development Corporation on 08/30/07 at 10:00 a.m. at Pentzer Park.
Mayor Chris Beutler today announced that he is reorganizing the City’s economic development team and will develop a new plan to create and retain jobs.

“Changes to the national and state economy demand a new economic development vision for Lincoln’s future,” said Mayor Beutler. “Over the next 90 days, I will develop a new plan to meet a dynamic economic landscape and give Lincoln a new direction.”

Beutler said he has already taken three steps to strengthen the City’s economic development efforts:

- The creation of a Mayor’s Opportunities for a Vibrant Economy or MOVE Council, to examine policy and plan for the future. Beutler said the MOVE Council, created in May, already has made an important contribution on a key economic development tool. “I plan to use the Council’s help to develop more of our City’s ‘big picture,’” he said.

- The appointment of former State Senator Dave Landis as Director of the City’s Urban Development. “Dave crafted several of Nebraska’s economic incentive programs at the State level, and I want to use his experience to make our City more aggressive and creative in attracting new projects,” Beutler said.

- The initiation of a process to create a centralized development services center to cut red tape and speed business growth and job creation.

“Now, it is time to thoroughly examine the City’s economic development plan, integrate it closely with the work of Lincoln’s private sector efforts, and develop a new model that reflects our goals for the future,” Beutler said.

Beutler said he will discontinue the economic development position in the Mayor’s office until determining what that role will involve in the future. “Unfortunately, this means the City will lose the services Darl Naumann, who has been a champion for job growth for the past five years,” he said. “Darl has been instrumental in the addition of several thousand jobs. We are grateful for the hard work of an outstanding public servant.”

- more -
Naumann was hired in 2002 as the Economic Development Coordinator for the City, Lancaster County and the Lincoln Electric System. Beutler said it was inappropriate to keep funding the position and unfair to Naumann to keep his future in limbo. “I’m considering an option to move this position to the private sector to eliminate duplication and provide more cohesion in our contacts with potential businesses.”

Beutler said he is looking forward to working with the Chamber of Commerce, the Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development, the Lincoln Independent Business Association, the Lincoln Board of Realtors, the Home Builders Association of Lincoln and other partners to create an economic development plan that further strengthens the community.

- 30 -
Mayor Chris Beutler will deliver his State of the City address at 3 p.m. Thursday, August 30 in the City Council Chambers, 555 South 10th Street. The public is invited to attend the speech. It also will be carried live on 5 CITY-TV, the government access cable channel and on the City Web site, lincoln.ne.gov. The public also is invited to a reception immediately following the speech just outside the Mayor’s Office on the second floor of the County-City Building.

In previous years, the State of the City address was combined with the release of the City budget. This year, Mayor Beutler gave a budget presentation July 9 and chose to deliver the State of the City address to coincide with the beginning of the City’s new fiscal year September 1.

“Because of the budget situation, I wanted to focus solely on City finances during my remarks in July,” said Mayor Beutler. “In my first State of the City address, I will take a more broad look at my vision for how we can best plan for Lincoln’s future.”

Free public parking is available in the lot north of the County-City Building, across “K” Street. The parking gate on the lot will be open, so drivers do not need to get a pass to exit.

- 30 -
Mayor Chris Beutler will announce the appointment of a new Fire Chief at a news conference at 1:30 p.m. TODAY, Friday, August 24 in Room 113 of the County-City Building, 555 South 10th Street.

The announcement will be carried live on 5 CITY-TV. The new Fire Chief will not attend the news conference, but a photo and phone number will be provided.
Lincoln’s new Fire Chief will be available to talk to the media during a conference call at 3:30 p.m. CDT Friday, August 24.

To be connected, call **402-472-0060.** This call is for MEDIA ONLY, and the number should not be distributed. The line will open up just a few minutes before 3:30. Call this line directly. Do NOT transfer calls to this line because it will cause the system to lock up. If you will be typing during the call, please mute your phone for the benefit of those recording.

Mayor Beutler’s news conference is still scheduled for 1:30 p.m. today in Room 113 at the County-City Building. A photo of the new Fire Chief will be e-mailed.
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7511, fax 441-7120

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 24, 2007
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831
Captain Bob Kawamoto, Police Department, 441-7751
Scott Opfer, Public Works and Utilities, 441-7851

MAYOR SAYS TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS WILL GREET STATE FAIR AND HUSKER FANS

Lincoln Mayor Chris Beutler today said those headed to the Nebraska State Fair and Husker football games will continue to see traffic improvements, especially in the areas of downtown, the UNL City campus and the fairgrounds. The State Fair runs from today through September 3, and the Huskers’ first home game is September 1.

“The biggest improvements fair and football fans will see are related to the Antelope Valley Project,” said Beutler. “Three legs of the elevated roadway are open near the Devaney Center, providing improved access to downtown and State Fair Park. The overpass spans the railroad tracks which used to block traffic, and pedestrians have a new trail that runs parallel to the waterway.”

On football game days, Interstate 80 exits can be very congested, so out-of-town visitors are encouraged to use Highways 6 and 34, West “O” and the West Bypass as alternate routes. Because of the usual traffic congestion after football games, Beutler encouraged Husker fans to “linger in Lincoln” and enjoy the dining, shopping and entertainment in the downtown and Haymarket areas. He also encouraged visitors to plan ahead for traffic and parking and to try the three options offered by the City of Lincoln: pre-paid, reserved event parking; StarTran’s free State Fair shuttle; and StarTran’s Big Red Express.

Parking at State Fair Park is free. Fair visitors are encouraged to use the 27th Street entrance to the fairgrounds because most of the available parking is on the east side of the fairgrounds. More information on the State Fair is available at www.statefair.org. UNL parking for State Fair visitors is $5.

Those traveling downtown should be aware of the bike lanes on 14th Street from “L” to “R” streets and on 11th Street from “O” to “K” streets.

(*PARKING, STARTRAN AND GAME-DAY INFORMATION FOLLOWS*)
RESERVED PARKING AVAILABLE

The City recommends using pre-paid, reserved event parking through the City Web site, lincoln.ne.gov, and through parkitdowntown.org. Football parking locations and fees are:

- City-County, 10th and “K” streets - $6 on site, $7 online
- Carriage Park, 1120 “L” Street; and Cornhusker Square, 1220 “L” Street - $9 on site, $10 online
- Center Park, 1100 “N” Street; Lincoln Station South, 7th and “P” streets; Lumberworks, 711 “O”; and University Square, 101 North 14th - $11 on site, $12 online
- Haymarket, 9th and “Q” streets; Iron Horse, 7th and “Q” streets; Market Place, 10th and “Q” streets; and Queen Place, 1111 “Q” Street - $12 on site, $13 online

Maps and other parking information are available at lincoln.ne.gov and by calling the parking office at 402-441-6472.

Parking also is available at the following University areas for $10:
- 17th and “R” garage
- 16th and Court streets, just south of the Devaney Sports Center
- Anderson Hall, 16th Street between “P” and “Q” streets
- Beadle Center, 19th Street north of “S” Street
- 1820 “R” Street
- 900 North 22nd Street
- Business Services Complex, 17th Street north of “Y” Street

Wheelchair accessible parking is available at UNL Lot 8, Stadium Drive and Holdrege, for $10 per vehicle. Handicapped parking is available at:
- Mabel Lee Hall (vans only) - $10
- 14th and Avery garage - $10, with free cart shuttle
- 14th and Avery surface lot - $10, with free cart shuttle
- 14th Street between Vine and “W” streets, free
- 17th and “R” garage - $10
- 19th and “R” - $10, with van shuttle service

The State Fair parking lots will not be available for football fans to use for the September 1 game.

Those using Interstate 80 who plan to park in the Haymarket Park lots should use the airport exit (399). Those parking in downtown should use the 9th Street/downtown exit (401).

A number of private lots also are available. Rates vary, and some offer season passes.

Downtown parking meters are enforced from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Vehicles blocking drives, parked too close to the intersection, parked on public right of way or interfering with vehicle and pedestrian traffic will be towed.
STARTRAN OFFERS STATE FAIR SHUTTLE AND BIG RED EXPRESS

StarTran will offer FREE shuttle services during the State Fair. A shuttle will operate from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays and Labor Day, Monday, September 3, from the parking lot of the north Bed Bath & Beyond, 5040 North 27th.

In addition, one HandiVan will offer service to the State Fair for eligible persons with disabilities. Reservations for this service can be made with StarTran by the usual procedure. (HandiVan users must register with the League of Human Dignity which can be reached by calling 441-7871.) The HandiVan service will be offered at the following dates and times:
  • 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday, August 26; Sunday, September 2; and Monday, September 3.
  • 6 to 11 p.m. Saturday, August 25 and from Monday, August 27 through Saturday, September 1.

In addition to its regular routes, StarTran will provide its Big Red Express service on Husker game days starting two hours before kickoff from seven locations:
  • Westfield Gateway, 61st and “O” streets. Buses load in the area north of Penney’s, south of Circuit City.
  • Shopko, 27th and Cornhusker, west portion of lot.
  • SouthPointe Pavilions, 27th and Pine Lake Road, west side of Von Maur.
  • Holmes Lake, 70th and Normal, north end of the lake.
  • Southeast Community College, 8800 “O” Street, parking lot on south side.
  • State Department of Roads, 14th and Burnham, north side.
  • Slumberland/Toys R Us, 5240 North 27th Street (27th and Kensington).

After the game, buses will leave from the east side of the stadium. The cost is $4 each way for adults and $1 each way for children age 12 and under, and passengers will need exact change. Big Red Express season ticket packets, good for round-trip travel for all seven home games, are available for $40, a savings of $16. They are available at StarTran, 710 “J” Street. For information, call 476-1234.
OTHER GAME DAY INFORMATION

STREET CLOSURES AND CHANGES

Stadium Drive west of the stadium will be closed to all vehicular traffic. Passenger drop-off and pick-up will not be allowed in front of the stadium before or after the game. Fans can be dropped off and picked up at 10th and Charleston streets and 12th and “R” streets.

Only StarTran buses and those using UNL Lot 12 or handicapped parking will be allowed west of 16th Street on Vine.

Charter buses will park on “W” Street between 14th and 16th streets.

The following traffic patterns are in effect after the football games:
- 10th Street is one-way northbound from Military Avenue to Sun Valley Boulevard.
- 8th Street is one-way southbound from “S” to “N” streets.

Motorists are reminded that the Antelope Valley Project has resulted in changes to 16th and 17th streets near campus. 17th Street north of Vine now crosses the new Antelope Creek bridge between “X” Street (near Nebraska Hall) and “Y” Street. Traffic is two-way on 17th from “X” Street north to Holdrege and on 16th from “X” to “W” streets.

The taxi stand is at 14th and Vine streets.

REMINDERS

Alcohol is prohibited on City streets, parking lots, garages and sidewalks including the trail between Haymarket Park and 8th Street.

The sale of tickets, souvenirs or other items is not allowed on City streets or sidewalks. Officers will issue citations for violations that inhibit the use of the street or sidewalk.

Locked your vehicle and put valuable items out of sight to prevent theft.

Grills are not allowed in City parking garages.

Backpacks and umbrellas are not allowed in Memorial Stadium.
August 23, 2007

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Traveling to Lincoln?

**Labor Day Holiday, State Fair, Husker Home Games . . .**

According to the Nebraska Department of Roads, there are no detours on state highways in the Lincoln area but there are highway improvement projects underway. Plan ahead and drive safely through the following work zones.

**I-80**

Two lanes are open in each direction on I-80 with reduced speed limits in the following construction locations: Ruff Road to the Platte River Bridge west of Omaha; Greenwood interchange; 176th Street over I-80 near Waverly; Waverly interchange bridges; I-180 interchange to 56th Street and US-77 south interchange to I-180 interchange. Travelers from west of Lincoln will need to exit I-80, in to Lincoln, using exits other than the US-77 SB exit, as that ramp is closed.

**Lincoln Area Highways**

US-34 Lincoln west construction zone NW 31st to NW 70th – one lane is open in each direction; US-6 between Lincoln and Emerald - 10 foot lane open in each direction; US-77 Lincoln west and south (Warlick Blvd. to N-33) southbound lanes only – both lanes are open.

On N-50 north and south of Weeping Water - bridge work requires a signal to control one-lane traffic over bridge, may cause delays. Work on Hwy. 75, south of Plattsmouth, has lane closures, flaggers and a pilot car, may cause delay.

**Farther West**

There will be Interstate 80 lane closures, after the Labor Day Holiday weekend, west of Kearney, from the Elm Creek interchange west to the Odessa interchange.

#MORE#
Plan Time, Pay Attention

All motorists are urged to pay close attention to their driving duties and slow down when approaching highway work zones.

To check your travel routes before you leave home, log on to www.nebraskatransportation.org and check the Traveler Information Portal, the 511 – Current Travel Map, Current Weather or any other information on the State Roads Department website.

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Contact:
MJ Hall Oie at (402) 479-4512.
Mayor Chris Beutler today named Niles Ford, Deputy Fire Chief in Fulton County, Atlanta, Georgia, as the City of Lincoln’s new Fire Chief. Ford will begin his new job with Lincoln Fire and Rescue (LFR) October 1.

“Chief Ford brings the skills, abilities and experience to lead LFR into the future and continue its sterling reputation for quick response and outstanding medical care,” said Mayor Beutler. “I chose Chief Ford because he is a fire administration professional and will keep the LFR budget lean and efficient. He has an extensive educational background in fire management, personnel and human resources. He also understands emergency response and what it takes to save lives.

“Chief Ford will be an agent of change for this department,” Beutler said. “Change requires strong leadership. But it also requires a commitment from the rest of us to support change. We can have the best fire department in the nation, but it will take positive support from the entire community to make it happen.”

“I am humbled and honored to lead the Lincoln Fire and Rescue Department,” said Ford. “It is my mission to ensure that we, as members of this great fire service organization, strive continuously to achieve the highest level possible of all risk, all hazard response and patient transport and care. I would like to thank the Mayor, City officials, the selection committee and most importantly, the people of Lincoln for allowing me to be Fire Chief of this great Fire Department. I will work every day to make sure I am worthy of their trust.”

Ford has 16 years of experience in public safety, fire suppression and investigation, emergency medical service, training and management. He has been Fulton County’s Deputy Fire Chief - Logistics, Support Services, Safety and Member Services since 2003. In that position, he manages and directs administration, an annual budget of $36 million, information technology and logistics. He also is responsible for human resource management, training, recruitment and development for the 447 members of the department.

His previous experience includes positions as Captain, Firefighter/Medic, Program Director/Instructor, Lt. Fire Investigator/Inspector, Paramedic and Public Safety Dispatcher in three Alabama communities – Bessemer, Adamsville and Birmingham.

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Ford is finishing his thesis for a doctorate in Organization and Management from Capella University in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He has created courses in Fire Service Operations and Personnel Management. Ford also earned a master’s degree in Management from Faulkner University, Montgomery, Alabama; a bachelor’s degree in Public Administration from Athens State University, Athens, Alabama; and an associate degree in Fire Science from Lawson State Community College in Birmingham, Alabama.

Mayor Beutler thanked the members of the Fire Chief Selection Committee for their work on the process. The committee evaluated the 18 applicants for the position. Two local personnel evaluation firms, HRConnex and Talent Plus, also interviewed and evaluated the finalists. Talent Plus had a contract with the City to assess the administrative, management and supervisory positions in LFR; to identify improvements in business operations; and to develop an ongoing management and leadership program for LFR. Beutler said the information will be important to Ford as he makes changes to strengthen the department.

Beutler praised Danny Wright, who has served as Interim Chief since November 2006. Wright will return to his former position as Deputy Chief of the Training Division. “Dan was asked to assume a tough job in the aftermath of the dismissal of the former chief,” said Beutler. “Every eye in the City was on him and he responded well. Largely because of Dan’s leadership, our City ambulance fund is operating in the black. This City owes him a tremendous debt.”

Beutler also thanked the men and women of LFR for their professionalism. “Now it is time for this community to unite behind Chief Ford, to unite behind our Fire Department, and put the past where it belongs, in the past,” said Mayor Beutler. “If we are to move forward, we must look forward. A city of the future cannot be chained to the controversies of the past.

Ford’s annual salary will be $113,000.
Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule
Week of August 25 through 31, 2007
Schedule subject to change

Saturday, August 25
• Rotary #14 new international student picnic for first-year students from area colleges - 12:15 p.m., Holmes Lake area 2, 70th Street and Normal Blvd.

Tuesday, August 28
• International visitors from Russia - 9:30 a.m., Mayor’s Conference Room, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.

Wednesday, August 29
• Planning Commission meeting, plaque presentations to outgoing commissioners - 1 p.m., Council Chambers, County-City Building
• Groundbreaking for College of Hair Design, remarks - 91st Street and Highway 2 (near Menards)

Thursday, August 30
• News conference - 10 a.m., topic and location to be announced
• Mayor’s “State of the City” address - 3 p.m., Council Chambers
• “State of the City” reception - 4 p.m., lobby outside the Mayor’s Office, County-City Building
August 22, 2007

To the Mayor of the City of Lincoln Neb.

As I have been reading the paper LJS. It seem to me that the Councilman J Camp has a personal Vendeita against the Fire Dept as he is deturmen to cut funding to them in no way should be done he is taking it out on them for taking over the Ambelance serveis which was at one time part of his intrest. As a new member of this fine city I for one will file a law suite against hin if I have a fire in my home or a acaddent an it takes longer then needed to respone due to the cuts he personley wants agents the fire dept. as they need every thing they can get an more as this city is grownen at a rapied pace. An the Police Dept needs more also I for one do not hold a grudge against this city but I hope if mr Camp has a fire in his home an it takes longer then needed to get there an it burns down then he deserves it. For the cuts he wants. Is going to hurt this fine City an I think you should VETO his Budigt line item.

Sincerely,
Martin E Rasch Jr.

Signature

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Martin E Rasch Jr.
Joint Press Conference with Mayor Chris Beutler and Lincoln Action Program Housing Development Corporation

Please join us on Thursday, August 30, 10 a.m., at Pentzer Park (North 27th and Potter Streets) for a joint press conference with Mayor Chris Beutler and Lincoln Action Program Housing Development Corporation (LAPHDC).

Mayor Chris Beutler and Ms. Jennifer Buxton, LAPHDC Executive Director, will be announcing the receipt of three grant awards from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development. These three grant awards, totaling over $898,000, will directly benefit Lincoln's Clinton and Hartley Neighborhoods. Funding for these grants, which was made possible through the Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund, will assist LAPHDC in implementing the following neighborhood programs:

- An existing program in the Clinton neighborhood will benefit from a $373,400 grant to help purchase, rehabilitate and resell seven homes.

- A new program in the Hartley neighborhood will benefit from a $266,300 grant to help purchase, rehabilitate and resell four homes.

- A new program in the Clinton neighborhood will benefit from a $258,500 grant to help rehabilitate nine owner-occupied houses.

Questions on the joint press conference may be directed to Jennifer Buxton, LAPHDC, at 471-4515, ext. 110 or jbuxton@lincoln-action.org.

In case of rain, the joint press conference will be held at the Police Station on Holdrege and 27th Streets in the conference room.

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