I. MAYOR -

*1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor Presents May Award of Excellence to Mark McCaugherty of the Lincoln Water System.

*2. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Beutler, Lincoln’s Symphony Orchestra and Lincoln Jaycees Announce Plans for the City’s “Uncle Sam Jam” on July 4th at a News Conference on 06/19/08 at 10:00 a.m. at 555 So. 10th Street.

*3. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor Beutler Invited Public to “Uncle Sam Jam 2008" - a Free Event at Oak Lake Park.


**1. Fiscal Impact Statement from Urban Development.


**3. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Beutler’s News Conference on 06/25/08 at 1:00 p.m. at 555 South 10th Street - City’s Involvement in Community Learning Centers (CLC).

**4. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Changes Announced for Community Learning Centers.

**5. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: News Conference on 06/26/08 at 10:00 a.m. at 555 South 10th Street in the Reception Area Outside the Mayor’s Office. Mayor Beutler will Discuss Creation of a Development Services Center and Addition of an Economic Stimulus Package in the City Budget.


7. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor’s Budget To Include Home Ownership Stimulus and Development Services Center.


9. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule Week of June 28 through July 4, 2008 - Schedule subject to change.

10. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: News Conference today, Monday, June 30th at 2:00 p.m. (E-Mail to Council on 06/30/08)

11. NEWS RELEASE - RE: “This Old House” Lists Near South Neighborhood As Best In Midwest To Buy An Older House - South Capitol Mall District said “poised to be next”.

12. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Beutler will have two events for the media this week in connection with his proposed budget for the 2008-2009 fiscal year: 1.) New Conference at 10:00 a.m., 07/01/08 in Conference Room 113; and 2.) Media Briefing on the entire budget at 10:00 a.m. 07/03/08 in the Mayor’s Conference Room.
15. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor Beutler Proposes Revenue Increase - City job cuts total 126 over two years.
16. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: “Uncle Sam Jam 2008” the City’s official 4th of July celebration will take place Friday, July 4th.
17. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Open House Planned On Improvements To Pine Lake Road.

II. DIRECTORS -

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1. June Sales Tax Reports.

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1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Hot Weather Alert.
2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: 4th of July Patriotism Includes Cleaning Up Your Fireworks.
3. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Air Quality Health Advisory Fireworks and Air Pollution.
4. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Don’t Let Mosquitoes Put a Bite on 4th of July Activities.

PLANNING -
2. Letter from Brian Will to Marcia Kinning, ESP - RE: Windmill Ridge Estates Addition-Final Plat #08016 - Generally located at South 70th Street and Countryview Road.
3. Letter from Brian Will to Marcia Kinning, ESP - RE: The Woodlands at Yankee Hill Addition - Final Plat#08015-Generally located at South 70th Street and Rebel Drive.

PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION ..... 
*2. Special Permit #08024 - Expansion of Nonstandard Use, 3121 Cedar Avenue - Resolution No. PC-01123.
**3.** Special Permit #08025 - Planned Service Commercial: Lancaster County Agricultural Society - Lancaster Event Center - North 84th Street and Havelock Avenue - Resolution No. PC-01124.

4. Special Permit No. 1174G (Amendment to the Chateau La Fleur/Charleston Court CUP - N. 56th Street and Holdrege Street to North Cotner Boulevard and Vine Street) Resolution No. PC-001128 - DENIED.

**POLICE -**


**PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES -**

*1. Memo from Nicole Tooze with Great Example of Success of Flood Storage through Easements and Purchases with Photo.
*3. ADVISORY - RE: Water Main Replacement Project #700309, 56th Street; Seward - Logan Avenue.
*5. StarTran Advisory Board Actions.

**STARTRAN -**


**URBAN DEVELOPMENT -**

1. Memo from Clinton W. Thomas, Housing Rehab & Real Estate Division - RE: Street & Alley Vacation #08001-North/South Alley between Fremont & Hartley; Touzalin and North 60th Street.

**III. CITY CLERK -**

**IV. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE -**

**JON CAMP -**

**1.** E-Mail from Gary & Faye Gutgesell - RE: Continue to Fight to Reduce Taxes and Have the Board of Education and LPS Look to See Where They Can Make Cuts.

2. E-Mail’s - RE: Grill Ordinance.

3. E-Mail from Russ Guill - RE: Please don’t raise property taxes.
ROBIN ESCHLIMAN -

V. MISCELLANEOUS -
*1. E-Mail from Bruce & Pam Bartlett - RE: Need Path to Mahoney Park & 84th Street Murdock Trail from Neighborhood.

**1. Letter from Lincoln Chamber of Commerce President, Wendy Birdsall - RE: Their 2008 Local Opportunities Agenda with Key Local Objectives.
**2. E-Mail from Michael L. Topil - RE: West Denton Road Construction Not Being Complete with attached Letter from Steve Masters, Public Utilities Administrator, regarding Summary on Status of Completing the Paving Connection at West Denton Road.
**3. E-Mail from Jayne Sebby - RE: Supports Code Violation Fine Increase, Plus Another Category for Refusing to Maintain Property (Council Members received on 06/23/08 Before Formal Meeting).
**5. E-Mail from Dave Bopp - RE: Fuel Fee Added to Speeding Tickets.
**9. E-Mail from Jay Carnes - RE: Against Any Tax Increases, Need to Rein in the School Board Budget and No City Income Tax.
**11. E-Mail - RE: Do Not Increase Our Property Taxes. We Have One of the Highest in the Nation.
**12. Letter to Council Members from Teresa Thompson, TBI State Advisory Council - RE: Reconsider Discontinuing the Adult Day Program at Easterday Recreation Center in Northeast Lincoln.
**13.** E-Mail from Judd Smith - RE: Do Not Increase Property Taxes, and Look at the LPS Budget.


**15.** E-Mail from Arlene Hughes - RE: Please Do Not Consider Raising Property Taxes, Too High Now.

**16.** E-Mail from Sid Havekost - RE: Vehemently Opposed to Any Thought on Raising Property Taxes.

**17.** E-Mail - RE: City Budget Impact on Community Learning Centers.

**18.** E-Mail from David Fikar, Chair, Lincoln Commission on Human Rights (LCHR) - RE: Explanation of LCHR’s Community Role and Reasons Why Services Should Not be Cut or Eliminated Due to Funding.


20. Comment Sheet from the Public Meeting on 06/25/08 - RE: Antelope Valley Research & Development Corridor Master Plan & Design Standards.

21. E-Mail from Tim Henkel - RE: Opposed to the housing stimulus grant.

22. E-Mail from Kay Graber - RE: The housing stimulus grant, one of the worst ideas.

23. E-Mail from Rick Becker - RE: Please do not increase our property taxes.

24. E-Mail from Katheryn Grebe - RE: Please no more increases in property tax.

25. E-Mail and Attachments from Peter Katt, Attorney - RE: West “O” Soil Mining Permit Amendments; and Water Resale Restrictions-West “O”.


27. E-Mail from Russell Miller for Lincoln Neighborhood Alliance - RE: City bus and taxes.

28. E-Mail from Sandra Archuleta - RE: Please do not discontinue the adult day program at Easterday Recreation Center.

29. Letter from H. Eugene Cook - RE: Totally shocked at the Mayor’s proposal to use taxpayer money for people to buy new homes.


32. E-Mail from Leroy Brennfoerder - RE: Tax Increase.

33. E-Mail from Erich Kaiser - RE: We would like to propose that a street be named after Mike Scholl.

34. E-Mail from Carita Kordik - RE: Stimulus money - It is Irresponsible and Inappropriate to use the money for anything but storm sewer or city infrastructure.


36. E-Mail with Attached Letter from Annette Hammeke, Director of Religious Education K-8, Immaculate Heart of Mary - RE: Easterday Facility.

37. E-Mail from Georgia Stevens, PhD., Professor Emeritus Department of Child, Youth and Family Studies-UNL - RE: Expanding the Ride for $5.

38. E-Mail from Adam Forney - RE: Don’t raise my taxes.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**


**HELD OVER FROM JUNE 30, 2008.*

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Mayor Chris Beutler today announced that his proposed City budget for 2008-2009 will include two measures designed to move the City forward in economic development – an area ranked highly by citizens in the PRIORITY LINCOLN budget input process. The Mayor is proposing the City create a home ownership stimulus package and a Development Services Center (DSC) using two one-time sources of funds.

The stimulus package would address the decline in local home building, part of the national economic downturn. The Mayor proposes using about $610,000 in unspent stormwater bond interest to pay outstanding bonds, freeing up the funds for the stimulus package.

“Our goal is to encourage the building and sale of new homes,” Beutler said. “The plan will make a community investment in housing to encourage good-paying construction jobs, increased home loan activity and greater taxable sales. Details of the plan need to be worked out, but I envision families who purchase new homes or the builders receiving $1,000 or more per single-family home. The idea is to get that money pumped back into our local economy.”

The Mayor proposes using part of his Fast Forward Fund to create the DSC, a one-stop shop for the review, permitting and inspection of development projects. The Fast Forward Fund would be created with about $8 million from the seldom used Special Assessment Revolving Fund. Beutler said City staff has been researching the concept by talking to developers, studying work flow and visiting a City with a successful DSC.

“We are exploring the consolidation of personnel involved with our development process,” Beutler said. “We are learning how to leverage Internet-based tools for better service and greater convenience for the development community. Now is the time for Lincoln to look to the future and become a cutting-edge service provider to enhance economic opportunities and create job growth.”

Beutler said the use of these one-time funds is consistent with his philosophy that they should not be used for the City’s ongoing operations. “While one-time funds cannot solve our day-to-day budget problems, they can help us seize opportunities like the proposals I offer today so we can invest in our community and our future.”
LINCOLN FIRE AND RESCUE
1801 “Q” St., Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-8350, fax 441-7098

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: June 27, 2008
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Deputy Chief John Huff, 441-8351

TASK FORCE TO CONDUCT URBAN SEARCH
AND RESCUE SIMULATION EXERCISE MONDAY

Nebraska Task Force 1 (NETF-1), the Urban Search and Rescue Team based at Lincoln Fire and Rescue (LFR), will conduct a simulation exercise Monday June 30 as part of “structural collapse” technician course. The exercise is from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, June 30 at the LFR Training Center, 3rd and South streets. The media is invited to attend the training exercise between the hours of 10 a.m. and noon.

The exercise scenario is based on a collapse of a concrete and steel building with people trapped inside. The exercise will involve using heavy rescue skills such as breaching concrete and steel to reach simulated “victims” and shoring and stabilizing unstable structural elements. Specialized tools and equipment will be used to make access into the concrete and steel structural elements.

About 20 personnel will participate in the exercise, and various components of NETF-1 will be mobilized to support operations, including command, communications, medical, search, rescue, hazmat and logistics.

This exercise will provide the media an opportunity to inform our community about the capability of NETF-1. For more information, contact NETF-1 Program Manager John Huff at 441-8351.

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Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule  
Week of June 28 through July 4, 2008  
Schedule subject to change  

Saturday, June 28  
• Ponca Tribe luncheon honoring Senators Schimek and Chambers - noon, Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, 1701 "E" St.  

Sunday, June 29  
• Celebration for Pastors Joe and NoSheen Rafique, remarks - 1:30 p.m., Lakeview United Methodist Church, 230 Capitol Beach Blvd.  
• City welcome for Top Affiliate Challenge, remarks - 3 p.m., New Victorian Suites, 216 N. 48th St.  

Wednesday, July 2  
• International visitors from Afghanistan, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Colombia, Croatia, Kazakhstan, and South Africa - 1:30 p.m., Mayor's Conference Room, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.  
• Wachiška Audubon Society prairie dedication, remarks - 7 p.m., 105th and "A" streets  

Thursday, July 3  
• KFOR Morning Show - 7:45 a.m.  
• Budget presentation to media - 10 a.m., Mayor’s Conference Room  

Friday, July 4  
• Uncle Sam Jam Fourth of July Celebration with Lincoln’s Symphony Orchestra - 8 p.m., Oak Lake Park, 1st and Charleston streets (“Mayor's Dock,” near Symphony stage)
“This Old House” magazine has listed the Near South Neighborhood as one of the best places to buy an older house in the Midwest.

Details will be discussed at a news conference **today (Monday, June 30) at 2 p.m. at the historic home of Scott and Sue Bulfinch, 2128 “B” Street.**
Citing a “family-friendly vibe” and block after block of beautiful historic houses, “This Old House” magazine has listed Lincoln’s Near South Neighborhood as one of the best places to buy an older house in the Midwest.

The print magazine and its online version are part of the “This Old House” TV family made famous by the weekly restoration program shown across the nation on PBS. The show, also seen on HGTV, highlights the trials and joys of bringing America’s treasure trove of historic houses back to life.

Near South Neighborhood President Scott Baird said the neighborhood was delighted with the announcement. “Since 1972, the Near South Neighborhood Association has worked to preserve these landmark homes,” he said. “It’s an honor to have those efforts acknowledged, not only for those families that currently enjoy the neighborhood, but also for those who have worked so hard over the last four decades.”

About half of the Near South neighborhood, including two historic landmark districts, has already seen a wave of purchase and restoration. Jon Carlson, Mayoral Aide for the Stronger, Safer Neighborhoods Initiative, said the Mount Emerald district is an extremely desirable area and homes there sell quickly. Across the street from that district is the South Capitol Mall district of the Near South neighborhood, which surrounds a six-block long boulevard named after the State Capitol architect, Bertram Goodhue.

“The South Capitol Mall district is a sleeping beauty,” said Carlson. “Century old houses and mature oak trees line the boulevard. On the north end is the restored Governor’s Mansion, McPhee Elementary and the beautiful State Capitol. A variety of styles and sizes of well-built but time-worn homes are available for purchase and restoration throughout the district.”
City Historic Preservation Planner Ed Zimmer said the wide variety of sizes, dates and architectural styles of homes in the Near South is one of the strengths of the neighborhood.

“There is so much to choose from in Near South, and so much to see – I’m still discovering new gems whenever I walk through the neighborhood,” he said. Zimmer also pointed out that the Nebraska Valuation Incentive Program is a real benefit to revitalizing historic areas. The program encourages high-quality renovation by freezing property assessments at a historic home’s pre-rehabilitation valuation for eight to 12 years.

Carlson said the national recognition bolsters the ongoing efforts to revitalize the area, “It’s great that ‘This Old House’ shares how we feel in Lincoln,” he said. “This neighborhood south of the State Capitol is a real diamond in the rough. And we have a history of revitalization across the City. We have seen time and again that great neighborhoods don’t happen by accident. It takes strategic public investment and thoughtful public policy to lay the groundwork for families and businesses to thrive. It will happen here.”

“This Old House” also included Near South in its national list of “Best Bargains” and “Best Fixer-Uppers” and stated that the South Capitol Mall District of the Near South Neighborhood was “poised to be the next revival.”

Greg McCown, a Near South homeowner and REALTOR, said the housing market is still strong for the “Heart of Lincoln” neighborhoods. “These historic homes are real bargains,” he said. “You’d pay twice the price for this kind of square footage for a new house and still not have the leaded windows, wide oak trim or fireplaces you find in the South Capitol Mall district of Near South.”

Near South also made the magazine’s list of “Family Friendly” neighborhoods, with such amenities as the Lincoln Children’s Zoo, the Sunken Gardens, and Antelope Park all within easy walking distance.

Cathy Beecham said that parks and playgrounds were a big factor in her family’s decision to buy a house in the Near South. “My husband Andy and I love to take our girls out for walks in the neighborhood and to the park,” she said. “Whether we’re going to the grocery, antique stores, bakery or coffee shops, you can’t beat the Near South for easy access to everything.”

The magazine’s online article can be found at: http://www.thisoldhouse.com/toh/photos/0,,20208088_20473871,00.html.
Mayor Chris Beutler will have two events for the media this week in connection with his proposed budget for the 2008-2009 fiscal year:

- News conference at **10 a.m. Tuesday, July 1 in Room 113 at the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.** The Mayor and City department leaders will discuss how budget decisions have an impact on achieving outcomes across department and division lines. (Example: How keeping City pools open helps the Police Department keep crime rates low.)

- Media briefing on the entire budget at **10 a.m. Thursday, July 3 in the Mayor’s Conference Room, 555 S. 10th St.** Those attending must agree to delay reporting the information until Sunday, July 6.

The Mayor will make his budget presentation to the City Council Monday, July 7. The time and location will be announced this week.

Mayor Beutler will deliver the State of the City address in late August or early September to coincide with the beginning of the new fiscal year September 1.
MAYOR EXPLAINS HOW BUDGET DECISIONS IMPACT CITY GOALS ACROSS DEPARTMENTS

Keeping libraries, recreation centers and pools open can help keep the community safe – the top outcome chosen by residents during the PRIORITY LINCOLN budget input process. That was one example cited by Mayor Chris Beutler today as he explained how budget decisions have an impact on the goals City government wants to accomplish.

“City government is divided into departments and divisions, but they do not operate independently,” said Beutler. “Nearly every decision has an impact not just on that department, but on one or more departments. Budget cuts in one area may harm vital goals in another. No one cut can be considered in isolation.”

Beutler said maintaining safety and security goes beyond police and fire protection and 911 services. The Police Department and Lincoln Fire and Rescue (LFR) rely on the Health Department’s support when they have hazardous materials incidents or bust a meth operation. LFR relies on Public Works and Utilities to make sure the water flow is adequate to fight fires. Police Chief Casady said research shows that young people are most vulnerable to risky behavior between 3 and 6 p.m., highlighting the importance of after-school activities. (A list of other examples follows this release.)

“We are about to make a City-wide decision on what we spend and why,” Beutler said. “It is up to you to decide if the impact on youth crime is worth funding our neighborhood swimming pools and libraries. It is up to you to decide whether building roads is critical enough to the community that we need the attorneys in our Law Department to keep the process flowing. It is up to you to decide whether re-vitalizing older neighborhoods to end crime is a reason to maintain funding for the Urban Development Department.”

The Mayor said that at this point, City job cuts will total about 110 over two years. “Budget cuts have consequences,” he said. “If we are to aspire to compete with cities across the nation, we must balance frugality with quality of life, and practicality with high expectations.”
Shading from trees can extend the life of street pavement. The planting and maintenance of street trees can reduce street rehabilitation costs.

Properly maintained public parks and open spaces can enhance the value of surrounding property, building the tax base. Inadequately maintained parks can lower property values and can become locations for criminal activity.

Recreational amenities such as trails and play fields encourage active lifestyles, reducing public health costs.

The Public Works and Utilities Department relies on the City Attorney’s Office to review contracts for purchasing the rights of way needed for streets, water mains and other public improvements. About 150 Executive Orders on construction projects need legal review every year, and City attorneys also draft agreements for private development and re-development projects. Without adequate legal resources, these economic development projects are slowed.

The City Attorney’s Office is required to review and process about 250 tort claims filed against the City every year. But with fewer attorneys in recent years, the resolution time has increased from two weeks to two months, increasing public frustration and the potential for unnecessary litigation.

Important updates to the City gas and mechanical code and the electrical code also have been delayed due to a shortage of legal resources.

With inadequate resources for the Planning Department, fire stations, parks, streets and other costly infrastructure could be built where they are not needed. On the other hand, new infrastructure could be inadequate for the amount of growth, leading to costly road expansions or the laying of parallel water lines.

Without the long-range plans developed by the Planning Department, the City would not remain eligible to receive more than $10 million per year in federal grant funds for street improvements and to help operate StarTran.

Summer reading programs keep students ready for school. Poor reading skills are a factor in unemployment, which impacts the local economy, social services and the crime rate.
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT


NEED: Due to a recent vehicle accident resulting in a water service van being totaled, this request is for existing funds to be used for the purchase of a replacement van. The requested funds are in addition to the insurance settlement of $10,228. The estimate cost of a replacement van and associated equipment is approximately $25,800. The requested funds are available within the same budget account of 70315.6998 and no transfer across business units is necessary. Specifically, these funds are available from unspent monies budgeted for small replacement water meters. With only three months remaining in the fiscal year, and decrease in construction activity, there will be an available balance in this capital outlay item that will cover this request. The service van is needed to keep service personnel mobile and in the field performing various customer service tasks, tapping, locating, backflow prevention, meter replacements and testing and other various field tasks.

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DIRECTOR DATE 6-30-08
### WHEN TO USE FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

1. Requesting transfer of operating appropriations.
2. Requesting increase in personnel (full time equivalents) appropriations.
3. Requesting transfer of capital improvement appropriations.
4. Requesting operational change not authorized during the budget process.
5. Requesting appropriations based on receipt of additional funds from outside sources.
6. Requesting use of Contingency funds.

### HOW TO USE FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

**NEED:** There should be a detailed explanation of why a change to the previously approved budget is necessary. If the change will have any impact beyond the current fiscal year, it should also be noted.

**FUTURE IMPACT:** One of the boxes should be checked. An example of an item with ongoing impact would be a request for additional fee authorization that will also be requested in upcoming budgets. This would necessitate filling out the "Next Fiscal Year Annualized" column. An example of an item with limited impact would be asking for authorization to use salary savings for the one time purchase of equipment. If "Projected Completion Date" applies, please fill in.

**REVENUES GENERATED:** Please note if the request will affect current and future revenues.

**LEGISLATIVE CHANGES:** These boxes should be marked yes or no. Some of the actions this form is used for (transfer of capital improvement appropriations, Contingency Funds) require a City Council ordinance.

**PERSONNEL (full time equivalents):** Please note the number of ftes the request involves, if applicable.

**PERSONNEL (cost), SUPPLIES, OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES, EQUIPMENT:** All entries in these boxes must have the business unit, object code, and object code description along with the dollar amount. Negative amounts must be indicated by brackets.

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES:** This box should contain the sum of the dollar amounts in the various expenditure categories.

**SOURCE OF REVENUES:** This box should contain the name of the fund the action is required for.
NEWS RELEASE

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7511, fax 441-7120

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 3, 2008
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831
                        Steve Hubka, City Budget Officer, 441-7698

MAYOR BEUTLER PROPOSES REVENUE INCREASE
City job cuts total 126 over two years

Saying it is this generation’s turn to invest in the City’s future, Mayor Chris Beutler is proposing a one-cent increase in the City’s property tax levy as part of the 2008-2009 City budget. A family with a home valued at about $150,000 would see the City’s portion of its property tax bill increase $15 per year. The budget the Mayor will present to the City Council Monday, July 9 also includes a cut of 65 positions, equal to the job cuts included in the budget for the current fiscal year.

“I have shown my commitment to make City Hall smarter and smaller,” Beutler said. “We have restored the community’s confidence in how City government is managed. But good management alone cannot provide a strong, safe and clean community.

“For the cost of only one bottle of pop a month, we can preserve our school’s police officer, the pools that serve our kids and the libraries that enrich our minds,” he said. “For one dollar and 25 cents a month, we can invest in our future and prepare for the generations that will follow.”

The proposed one-cent increase would be the first increase in the City’s property tax rate outside of a bond vote in nearly 15 years. The City property tax rate has dropped 44.7 percent since 1993-1994.

The Mayor’s proposed $135 million budget is a 2.6 percent increase over last year’s budget. With inflation over the last year at 4.2 percent, the tax-funded portion of City government will be reduced by 1.6 percent. The City property tax rate would go from $0.28788 this fiscal year to $0.29788 in 2008-09.

The City receives 14.3 percent of every property tax dollar paid, so the total property tax levy is determined by other taxing entities such as the Lincoln Public Schools and Lancaster County.

The Mayor outlined seven priorities in developing the budget:
• Solve the budget for the long term.
• Incorporate the results of PRIORITY LINCOLN citizen input process, part of the City’s transition to an outcome-based budget.
• Reject the use of one-time money for ongoing operations.
• Preserve public safety, the top outcome from PRIORITY LINCOLN.

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- Increase efficiencies through restructuring.
- Address fixing structural imbalances between revenues and expenditures.
- Prevent further decay of community assets and services.

Beutler said soaring fuel prices have increased City operating costs by $1.7 million over the last 12 months. Another challenge, he said, is that four of the six City union contracts are pending. Other factors increasing City expenses are the inflation rate, which is an annualized 6.1 percent over the last six months; unfunded mandates from state and federal governments; and increasing utilities costs. At the same time, the Mayor said, City sales tax revenue was down last year and has been growing at only 2.7 percent this year. Sales tax funds 42 percent of the City budget.

Since 1990-1991, Lincoln has seen a 27.6 percent increase in population and a 39.7 percent increase in area. At the same time, the City’s number of non-public safety employees has dropped by 74 positions.

“Further cuts to the budget could destroy the community services and assets that contribute to the high quality of life we have in Lincoln,” he said. “We can no longer cut our way to prosperity.”

Mayor Beutler will present his budget message to the City Council at 12:30 p.m. Monday, July 7 in the City Council Chambers. The presentation will be carried live on 5 CITY-TV, the government access cable channel.

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7511, fax 441-7120

DATE: July 3, 2008
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Dave Norris, Citizen Information Center, 499-4818

“Uncle Sam Jam 2008,” the City’s official 4th of July celebration, will take place Friday, July 4 at Oak Lake Park in the area of Charleston Street and Sun Valley Blvd.

The celebration culminates with a live performance by Lincoln’s Symphony Orchestra beginning at 9:22 p.m. The performance concludes with musical selections synchronized to the Zambelli Internationale fireworks display at 10 p.m. The Symphony concert is free to the public.

Dave Norris of CIC is the City contact at the park. He can be reached via cell phone at 499-4818.

For more information on the celebration, visit the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: 4th).
NEWS RELEASE

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT
Engineering Services, 531 Westgate Blvd., Lincoln, NE 68528, 441-7711, fax 441-6576

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 3, 2008
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Holly Lionberger, Engineering Services, 441-8400

OPEN HOUSE PLANNED ON IMPROVEMENTS TO PINE LAKE ROAD

The public is invited to an open house Thursday, July 10 on improvements along Pine Lake Road, 84th to 98th streets. The meeting is from 5 to 7 p.m. in the elementary activity room at Lincoln Christian School, 5801 S. 84th Street. (Enter through the elementary school doors.)

The project will widen Pine Lake Road to four through-lanes plus turning lanes from 84th to 91st streets and improve the 91st and Pine Lake intersection. From 91st to 98th streets, construction will include a median, the inner two through-lanes and turning lanes of the future four-lane roadway. A new water main also will be built along Pine Lake from 95th to 98th streets. Construction is scheduled to begin this month and completed in September of 2009.

Information also will be available at the open house on the improvements along 98th Street from Old Cheney to Yankee Hill, including intersection of Pine Lake and 98th Street. This project is expected to begin in the spring of 2009.

Representatives from the City Public Works and Utilities Department, Dobson Brothers Construction and the design team will be at the open house to explain the projects, phasing and construction schedule and to answer questions.

For more information, contact Holly Lionberger, Public Works and Utilities Department, at 441-8400 or visit the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: pinelake).
BUDGET
House panel halts work on FY 2009 spending bills. House Appropriations Committee Chairman David Obey (D-WI), angered by Republican attempts to force votes on lifting offshore oil drilling bans, abruptly ended consideration of all FY 2009 appropriations bills in the full committee this week. Obey indicated that he was seriously considering moving a long-term Continuing Resolution (CR) that would fund federal agencies at or near their FY 2007 levels until after a new president was sworn-in.

While most observers believed that a long-term CR will ultimately occur, leaders of both the House and Senate Appropriations Committees had pledged to move each of their 12 individual spending bills at least through full committee prior to the August recess. However, recently Democrats and Republicans in Congress have been looking for ways to pin the blame of high gasoline prices on each other, and House Republicans have decided to use parliamentary procedures to force votes in committee and on the floor on ways to increase domestic oil production – primarily lifting bans on offshore drilling.

While most rank-and-file Democrats agree that lifting the drilling bans will not result in lower gasoline prices, the general public may not be convinced of that fact and thus they would prefer not to be faced with such a difficult vote in an election year.

Meanwhile, the Senate is now put in the position of possibly being able to move more FY 2009 spending bills through their chamber than the House. In recent years, the Senate has moved at a much slower pace on appropriations bills than their House counterparts, but this week, the Senate Appropriations Committee approved its third bill, the FY 2009 funding recommendations for the Departments of Labor, HHS, and Education. However, Senate leaders indicated this week that only the FY 2009 Defense Department appropriations bill would see floor action prior to the August recess.

Meanwhile, the House Appropriations Committee has so far completed action on five bills in full committee: Commerce, Justice, Science; Energy and Water Development; Financial Services; Military Construction, and Homeland Security. The panel had planned on taking up the Labor, HHS, Education and Agriculture measures this week before Obey pulled the plug.

Also, the Senate this week also approved the FY 2008 supplemental appropriations bill for overseas military activities, clearing the measure for the White House. The President is expected to sign the measure, as Democrats stripped objectionable domestic spending (home energy assistance, local law enforcement funds, and emergency highway repairs) from the bill.

TRANSPORTATION
House clears public transit measure, FAA extension without highway trust fund fix. The House approved the Saving Energy Through Public Transportation Act of 2008 (HR 6052) this week.

The bill would authorize an additional $750 million annually in FY 2008 and FY 2009 for the urbanized area formula grant program at the Federal Transit Administration and $100 million each year for the rural transit formula program. Use of the funds would be restricted to efforts that would result in either reduced fares for riders or increased transit services. In addition, no local match would be required.
The bill would also increase the federal share of the cost of clean fuel and alternative fuel transit projects from 90 percent to 100 percent; extend the transit benefits enjoyed by federal employees in the Washington, DC area to all federal employees throughout the United States, and increase the federal share for parking garage structures at the end of fixed guideway lines to 100 percent.

There is no Senate companion to HR 6052, and it is not clear whether the Senate will take up the measure this year.

Meanwhile, the House and the Senate passed legislation (HR 6327) that would provide a three-month extension for programs at the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The last FAA reauthorization bill expired last year and negotiators have been unable to come to a compromise on a number of financing and labor-related issues. In addition, Republicans in both chambers derailed efforts by congressional leaders to include in the FAA extension an infusion of $8 billion to the Highway Trust Fund, which is expected to be running a shortfall by FY 2009.

Finally, late last week, recommendation for the FY 2009 Department of Transportation budget were approved on the House subcommittee level. The subcommittee stuck with the SAFETEA-LU guaranteed levels for highway ($40.2 billion) and transit programs ($10.3 billion), representing a $1 billion increase for each. However, the subcommittee declined to address the Highway Trust Fund matter mentioned above, maintaining it must be solved by authorizing committees, who they contend caused the problem.

The subcommittee also recommended $1.5 billion for Amtrak, an increase of $143 million over FY 2008 and $3.5 billion for the Airport Improvement Program (AIP), the same level as FY 2008.

# HOUSING AND CD

FY 2009 HUD budget approved by House subcommittee. The House Appropriations Committee subcommittee with jurisdiction over the Department of Housing and Urban Development made its recommendations for FY 2009 late last week. Consideration in the full committee is unclear (see related Budget story above).

The subcommittee reported funding the Community Development Fund at $4 billion in FY 2009, which would represent a $134 million increase from FY 2008, but it did not break out how much of that amount would be set-aside specifically for CDBG formula grants. The same is true for the HOME program, where the $1.654 billion recommendation for FY 2009 is $50 million less than current levels, but the level for the formula grant portion of the program for FY 2009 is unknown.

Other suggested funding levels in the subcommittee bill (with difference between FY 2008 levels in parentheses):

- $1.692 billion for homeless assistance grants (+$106 million)
- $300 million for Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (same)
- $765 million for housing services for the elderly (+$30 million)
- $250 million for housing services for the disabled (+$13 million)
- $120 million for HOPE VI severely distressed public housing (+$20 million)
- $2.5 billion for public housing capital assistance (+$61 million)
- $4.5 billion for public housing operating assistance (+$300 million)

# FORECLOSURES

Foreclosure assistance measure hits snag but appears headed towards passage. The Senate spent much of the week debating a comprehensive housing and foreclosure assistance bill (HR 3221).

Ironically, the bill’s favorable prospects led directly to a delay in its final passage by the Senate. With few bills likely to pass the Senate as Election Day nears, sponsors of a measure to extend and expand expiring tax breaks for renewable energy offered their proposal as an amendment to the housing bill in order to better ensure its passage. Although most Senators supports the amendment, the House is likely to reject the renewal of the tax breaks without offsets and Senate leaders do not want to further stall the foreclosure bill over an unrelated issue.

Despite the setback, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) expressed confidence that the Senate would pass the bill soon after returning from recess.

As pending in the Senate, HR 3221 would increase the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) loan cap by $300 billion to allow it to renegotiate and buy mortgages facing foreclosure if the bank holding the mortgage agreed to absorb the difference between the value of the house and the outstanding mortgage.

The bill would also establish a new, independent regulator for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, create tax breaks designed to address the foreclosure crisis, and provide $3.9 billion in CDBG grants to state and local governments for the purchase and rehabilitation of foreclosed and abandoned homes.

The last provision has drawn the particular ire of the Bush Administration and congressional leaders have hinted that they are open to dropping it for the final version of the bill.
CLEAN WATER
House passes sewage overflow public notification measure. By voice vote, the House approved legislation (HR 2452) that would require all wastewater utilities to monitor and report the occurrence of raw sewage spills.

Dubbed the Sewage Overflow Community Right to Know Act, the bill would require all publicly-owned wastewater utilities to implement and use technology to monitor the occurrence of sanitary and combined sewer overflows. The bill would further require that all publicly-owned wastewater utilities go through a thorough public notification process after an overflow.

The bill would also authorize the use of the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund to purchase and install sanitary and combined sewer overflow monitoring systems and to cover the cost of monitoring and reporting those overflows. In recent years, the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund has seen its funding slashed to well below its authorized level.

In its assessment of the bill required by the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act, the Congressional Budget Office found that although it could not specifically calculate the costs HR 2452 would impose on local governments, it found that they would be “particularly expensive.”

A companion bill has been introduced in the Senate, but the Environment and Public Works Committee has yet to take any action on it.

FINANCE
House bill would provide equal treatment for municipal bonds. House Financial Services Committee Chairman Barney Frank (D-MA) introduced legislation (HR 6308) this week that would eliminate the ability of bond ratings agencies to use separate standards for municipal bonds.

Frank maintains that the current ratings system has caused municipal bonds to be rated lower than corporate bonds and points out that unlike their corporate counterparts, there has never been a default on general obligation bonds. The result of the current system is that taxpayers in those communities incur higher costs from the higher interest payments.

A companion bill (HR 6333) was also introduced this week by House Ways and Means Committee member Richard Neal (D-MA) and is designed to stimulate investment in municipal bonds.

The measure would increase demand for certain municipal bonds -- and therefore lower borrowing costs for issuers -- by raising the bank qualified limit for small issuers from $10 million to $30 million and indexing the limit to inflation. The legislation would also encourage financial institutions to purchase other municipal bonds by allowing them to hold up to 2 percent of their total assets in tax-exempt securities without disallowing a proportional amount of their interest expense deduction. According the Financial Services Committee, non-financial companies already benefit from this safe harbor.

Frank hopes to markup these measures in his committee in July.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS
Federal appeals court upholds FCC regulations on local franchising. The Sixth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati today upheld regulations issued by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) that would significantly curtail local government authority over telecommunications franchising.

The FCC issued the regulations last year and subsequently a group of local government organizations including the U.S. Conference of Mayors and National League of Cities filed suit, arguing that only Congress, not the FCC, has the authority to regulate local franchising. A three-judge panel of the Sixth Circuit disagreed, claiming that the FCC had provided sufficient evidence that local franchising was “unreasonably impeding competitive entry into the cable television market.”

There was no word on whether the local government organizations would ask for an appeal, take the case to the Supreme Court, or let this decision stand. A copy of the decision can be found at: http://www.ca6.uscourts.gov/opinions.pdf?08a0230p-06.pdf

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES
Department of Homeland Security
DHS has announced it will begin accepting applications for the FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Grant Program for FY 2009. The program funds projects designed to protect individual property from natural hazards, while simultaneously reducing reliance on Federal post disaster funds. Approximately $100 million is available for 80 awards. Applicants can request up to $3 million for Mitigation Projects; $800,000 for New Mitigation Plans and $400,000 for Updating Mitigation Plans. A 75 percent local match is required. The deadline for all applications is December 19, 2008. For more information and the program guidance go to: http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord?id=3309.
### Actual Compared to Projected Sales Tax Collections

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Actual collections through the first ten months of the fiscal year are .051% above projected collections.
## CITY OF LINCOLN
GROSS SALES TAX COLLECTIONS
(WITH REFUNDS ADDED BACK IN)

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CITY OF LINCOLN
SALES TAX REFUNDS

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### NET SALES TAX COLLECTIONS

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<td>0.91%</td>
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<td>-0.57%</td>
<td>$46,244,562</td>
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Year to date vs. previous year
OFFICE OF TREASURER, CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

JUNE 30, 2008

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 May 31, 2008:

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<td>Balance Forward</td>
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<td>Plus Total Debits May 1-31, 2008</td>
<td>$30,029,823.09</td>
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<td>Less Total Credits May 1-31, 2008</td>
<td>($33,405,759.08)</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Cash Balance on May 31, 2008</strong></td>
<td><strong>$212,760,929.49</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 or Account</th>
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<td>U. S. Bank Nebraska, N.A.</td>
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<td>Wells Fargo Bank</td>
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<td>Wells Fargo Bank Credit Card Account</td>
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<td>Cornhusker Bank</td>
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<td>Pinnacle Bank</td>
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<td>West Gate Bank</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 May 31, 2008</strong></td>
<td><strong>$212,760,929.49</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 $23,289,042.48 representing authorized investments of the City’s funds.

**ATTTEST:**

Joan E. Ross, City Clerk

Melinda J. Jones, City Treasurer
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<th>DESCRIPTION</th>
<th>CUSIP</th>
<th>MATURITY DATE</th>
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HOT WEATHER ALERT

The extended forecast for temperatures to reach into the upper eighties to 90 degree range has placed the City of Lincoln into a hot weather alert. These temperatures, combined with extremely high relative humidity levels, will make work and play outside dangerous and possibly life-threatening for young children, older adults, and people with chronic illnesses such as respiratory disease and heart conditions.

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department encourages everyone to become familiar with the signs of heat-related illness and to practice preventive measures to reduce their chance for heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke.

People suffer heat-related illness when the body’s temperature rises and precautions are not taken to prevent it, said Mike Heyl, a Health Educator with the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. With sports camps, athletic events, band camps, and vacations taking place during this heat advisory, basic preventive measures should be followed. These measures include:

• Drink plenty of water. Individuals should increase their fluid intake by drinking 2-4 eight ounce glasses of water each hour during strenuous physical activity.

• Stay out of the direct heat of the sun as much as possible and stay in a cool environment whenever possible. Avoid being outside during the peak sun hours of 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. each day. Schedule outdoor activity carefully.

• Wear appropriate clothing and sun screen. Choose light-weight, loose-fitting, light-colored clothing and wear a broad-brimmed hat to shade the head. Select a sun screen SPF of at least 15, preferably 30, to protect your skin from the sun.

• Never leave children and/or pets in a vehicle with the windows rolled up.

• Adjust to the environment slowly, pace your physical activity, STOP any activity and get into a cool area away from the direct heat of the sun if you become lightheaded, confused, weak, or faint.
June 26, 2008
Hot Weather Alert

• Avoid alcohol, caffeine, or lots of sugar as these promote fluid loss.

• Avoid heavy meals and hot foods as they add heat to your body.

• If you do not have air conditioning or a cool place to be, consider going to a library, a movie theater, shopping mall, or other air-conditioned public location.

“Sweating is the body’s natural mechanism to control body temperature. Under some conditions, sweating is not enough to cool the body, causing a person’s body temperature to rise rapidly,” says Bruce Dart, Health Director. “Both air temperature and humidity affect the body’s ability to cool itself during hot weather. When the humidity is high, sweat will not evaporate as quickly, thus preventing the body from releasing heat quickly,” Dart added.

Symptoms of heat stress include clammy, sweaty skin, light-headedness, weakness, and nausea. Victims of heat exhaustion should be treated by moving them to a cooler area and by removing restrictive clothing. If conscious, individuals with heat exhaustion can be given cold water to drink. Salt tablets, unless under a doctor’s orders, should be avoided. Plenty of rest will help the victim.

Heat Stroke is a more serious condition and should be treated as a medical emergency. Symptoms include hot skin, body temperatures above 103 degrees Fahrenheit, rapid breathing and pulse, incoherent behavior, mental confusion, convulsions, or unconsciousness. Victims of heat stroke need to be moved to a cool place and medical assistance should be summoned immediately.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:       June 30, 2008
FOR MORE INFORMATION:        Harry Heafer: 441-8035

FOURTH OF JULY PATRIOTISM INCLUDES
CLEANING UP YOUR FIREWORKS

Along with the fun of celebrating the 4th of July comes a great deal of litter. Fireworks leave a lot of debris behind after their flashy displays and sharp retorts. Help keep your street, neighborhood and Lincoln clean by picking up your firework debris.

Besides being unsightly, the leftover debris gets washed down storm drains polluting our streams and lakes. “Picking up your firework leftovers should be done as soon as safely possible to keep them from becoming litter,” said Harry Heafer, coordinator of the Keep Lincoln & Lancaster County Beautiful program at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. “At the very least, be sure to sweep up all firework debris the next morning,” Heafer said.

Remember, always practice safety first. Allow duds to sit for several minutes and consider wetting them with water to ensure they are completely extinguished before picking them up. A metal bucket or a bucket with sand or water works well as a temporary trash can. Be sure all fireworks are completely out before putting them with your regular trash.

Have a fun, safe and clean 4th of July and help keep America beautiful. It’s the patriotic thing to do.

###
Air Quality Health Advisory
Fireworks and Air Pollution

It’s that time again - the 4th of July, and of course that means FIREWORKS! The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD) would like to help residents celebrate this important day safely by reminding everyone of the potential for high concentrations of smoke associated with fireworks displays that could impact their health. This smoke is largely fine particle pollution. In prior years, LLCHD has monitored extremely high levels of particle pollution on the night of July 4th through mid-day July 5th, increasing the Air Quality Index level to the status of “Unhealthy for sensitive groups”.

“It is highly likely that again this year there will be a high concentration of fine particle pollution due to fireworks displays. Those most affected are the young, the elderly, and those sensitive individuals with respiratory conditions,” said Scott Holmes, Environmental Public Health Manager, with the LLCHD.

Fine particle pollution is so small that it can get deep into the lungs and cause serious health problems. Exposure to high levels of particles even for a few hours can aggravate lung disease, causing asthma attacks and acute bronchitis, and may increase susceptibility to respiratory infections. In people with heart disease, short-term exposures have been linked to heart attacks and arrhythmias.

The majority of people will not be affected; however, LLCHD is recommending that, individuals with asthma, allergies, lung disorders, or other respiratory conditions take extra precautions during the peak hours of air pollution, which will likely be July 4th near dusk and through mid-day on July 5th. Precautions might include avoiding extensive physical activity outdoors or choosing to remain indoors, keeping windows and doors closed. If health effects are experienced, consult your primary health care provider.

###
The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD) mosquito surveillance program for West Nile Virus has found large numbers of nuisance mosquitoes which are aggressive biters.

“The large number of mosquitoes are due to the significant rainfall over the last several weeks which has created many breeding areas” said John Chess, Supervisor of the Water Quality Program. While these mosquitoes do not carry West Nile Virus, they are aggressive biters and may put the bite on 4th of July and other summer activities.

The public is encouraged to “Fight the Bite” by avoiding outdoor activities at dawn or dusk, when mosquitoes are most active. If you choose to go out near sunset or sunrise, wear a long-sleeved shirt, long pants, shoes and socks, and use an EPA-registered insect repellent with DEET, Picaridin, or oil of lemon eucalyptus.

Chess commented, “The public often asks, ‘What is the best mosquito repellent?’, and my response is always the same, ‘The one that is used.’ It is important to follow repellent directions and to not use any kind of insect repellent on babies under 2 months of age.” A complete list of recommendations for repellent use on children can be found at [www.lincoln.ne.gov](http://www.lincoln.ne.gov) (keyword: “wnv”).

In addition, to help reduce the numbers of mosquitoes the public to take actions to prevent mosquitoes:

- Dump small wading pools daily, and maintain swimming pools properly.
- Clear debris, weeds and litter from drainage ways.
- Change water in birdbaths weekly and pet bowls daily.
- Store tires, buckets and containers where they cannot collect water.
- Fill in yard low spots.
- Maintain garden ponds and fountains and always keep the water flowing.

People with questions about West Nile Virus, mosquito control, and standing water complaints or mosquito breeding site complaints should contact LLCHD at 441-8022.
July 3, 2008

Marcia Kinning
ESP
601 Old Cheney Road Ste A
Lincoln, NE 68512

RE: Windmill Ridge Estates Addition - Final Plat #08016
Generally located at South 70th Street and Countryview Road

Dear Marcia,

Windmill Ridge Estates Addition, generally located at South 70th Street and Countryview Road was approved by the Planning Director on June 30, 2008. The plat and the subdivision agreement must be recorded in the Register of Deeds. The fee is determined at $.50 per existing lot and per new lot and $20.00 per plat sheet for the plat, and $.50 per new lot and $5.00 per page for associated documents such as the subdivision agreement. If you have a question about the fees, please contact the Register of Deeds. Please make check payable to the Lancaster County Register of Deeds. The Register of Deeds requests a list of all new lots and blocks created by the plat be attached to the subdivision agreement so the agreement can be recorded on each new lot.

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

Sincerely,

Brian Will
Planner

xc: Windmill Ridge, LLC, 5700 Frontier Road, Lincoln, NE 68516
City Council
Dennis Bartels, Public Works & Utilities
Terry Kathe, Building & Safety
Sharon Theobald, Lincoln Electric
file
July 3, 2008

Marcia Kinning
ESP
601 Old Cheney Road Ste A
Lincoln, NE 68512

RE: The Woodlands at Yankee Hill Addition - Final Plat #08015
    Generally located at South 70th Street and Rebel Drive

Dear Marcia,

The Woodlands at Yankee Hill Addition, generally located at South 70th Street and Rebel Drive was approved by the Planning Director on June 30, 2008. The plat and the subdivision agreement must be recorded in the Register of Deeds. The fee is determined at $.50 per existing lot and per new lot and $20.00 per plat sheet for the plat, and $.50 per new lot and $5.00 per page for associated documents such as the subdivision agreement. If you have a question about the fees, please contact the Register of Deeds. Please make check payable to the Lancaster County Register of Deeds. The Register of Deeds requests a list of all new lots and blocks created by the plat be attached to the subdivision agreement so the agreement can be recorded on each new lot.

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

Sincerely,

Brian Will
Planner

xc: RC Krueger Development, 8200 Cody Drive, Ste. F, Lincoln, NE 68512
    City Council
    Dennis Bartels, Public Works & Utilities
    Terry Kathe, Building & Safety
    Sharon Theobald, Lincoln Electric
    file
TO : Mayor Chris Beutler  
Lincoln City Council

FROM : Jean Preister, Planning

DATE : July 3, 2008

RE : Special Permit No. 1174G  
(Amendment to the Chateau La Fleur/Charleston Court CUP - N. 56th Street and  
Holdrege Street to North Cotner Boulevard and Vine Street)  
Resolution No. PC-01128 – DENIED

The Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission took the following action at their  
regular meeting on Wednesday, July 2, 2008:

Motion made by Cornelius, seconded by Francis, to deny Special Permit No.  
1174G, requested by Chateau Development, LLC, for authority to expand the  
Chateau La Fleur/Charleston Court Community Unit Plan to add 144 multiple-  
family dwelling units, on property generally located at N. 56th Street and Holdrege  
Street to N. Cotner Blvd. and Vine Street.

Motion to deny carried 5-3: Cornelius, Taylor, Esseks, Francis and Carroll voting ‘yes’;  
Larson, Sunderman and Partington voting ‘no’ (Gaylor Baird 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.

Note: On July 2, 2008, a letter of appeal was filed by Mike Eckert of Civil Design Group on  
behalf of Chateau Properties, LLC. The appeal of this special permit is scheduled for public  
hearing before the City Council on **Monday, July 21, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.**

On July 2, 2008, the Planning Commission voted 5-3 to recommend denial of the associated  
Change of Zone No. 08033, which is also tentatively scheduled for public hearing before the  
City Council on **Monday, July 21, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.**

Attachment

cc: Building & Safety  
Rick Peo, City Attorney  
Public Works  
Mike Eckert, Civil Design Group, 8535 Executive Woods Dr., Suite 200, 68512  
Mark Hunzeker, 600 Wells Fargo Center, 1248 O Street, 68508  
Chateau Development, LLC, 3100 N. 72nd Street, 68506  
Russell Miller <neb31340@altel.net>  
Lloyd Hinkley, 5440 Fairdale Road, 68510  
Richard Noyes, 119 S. 9th Street, 68508  
Malinda Burk, UPCO, 1546 N. 60th, 68505  
Jayne Kavan, Pine Ridge Heights Condominiums, 5911 Pine Ridge Road, 68505
WHEREAS, Chateau Development, LLC has submitted an application designated as Special Permit No. 1174G for authority to expand the Chateau La Fleur/Charleston Court Community Unit Plan to add 144 multiple-family dwelling units, on property generally located at N. 56th Street and Holdrege to N. Cotner Boulevard and Vine Street and legally described as:

Lots 1-5, Chateau First Addition, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska;

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

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

WHEREAS, said site plan together with the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth are consistent with the comprehensive plan of the City of Lincoln and with the intent and purpose of Title 27 of the Lincoln Municipal Code to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission of Lincoln, Nebraska:
That the application of Chateau Development, LLC, hereinafter referred to as
"Permittee", to amend the Chateau La Fleur/Charleston Court Community Unit Plan to add 144
multiple-family dwelling units, on Lots 1-5, Chateau First Addition, be and the same is hereby
granted under the provisions of Section 27.63.320 and Chapter 27.65 of the Lincoln Municipal
Code upon condition that construction of said community unit plan be in substantial compliance
with said application, the site plan, and the following additional express terms, conditions, and
requirements:

1. This permit approves 826 dwelling units and 94 elderly housing units.
2. The City Council must approve associated request, Change of Zone #08033
3. Before receiving building permits:
   a. The Permittee shall cause to be prepared and submitted to the Planning
      Department a revised and reproducible final site plan including 5 copies
      with all required revisions as listed below:
      i. Revise the Development Summary to the satisfaction of the Planning
         Department. The parking and density calculations need to be
         corrected and clarified.
      ii. Revise the community unit plan boundary to include Lot 5, Chateau
          1st Addition.
      iii. Revise the change of zone boundaries to be consistent with Change
           of Zone #08033.
      iv. Revise the title block on all sheets to delete “Amended Community
          Unit #__ & Change of Zone #__” to state “Community Unit Plan
          #1174G”.
      v. Show the easement for the existing trunk sewer.
      vi. Revise the plans to the satisfaction of Public Works to show an
          alternative method for providing sanitary sewer service to the
          proposed 18 unit building on Norfolk Drive.
      vii. Revise the site plan to remove or relocate the 18 unit building south of
           Salisbury Court adjacent to Deadmans Run or provide information
           that the building envelope does not interfere with the easement for
           the existing trunk sewer.
viii. Revise the plans to show a second vehicular access and a looped water supply system to the proposed development on Abbey Court.

ix. Add a note to Sheet 2 General Site Notes that states “A second open vehicular access with a public access easement or common access easement shall be constructed prior to the issuing of building permits for any dwelling units south of Abbey Court.”

x. Revise the plans to show a 30' setback from the boundary of the community unit plan to be more consistent with the existing development.

xi. Revise the plans to show additional recreational facilities that comply with the City of Lincoln Design Standards. This is to compensate for the recreational facility proposed to be removed.

xii. Add to the General Notes, “Signs need not be shown on this site plan, but need to be in compliance with Chapter 27.69 of the Lincoln Zoning Ordinance, and must be approved by Building & Safety Department prior to installation”.

b. The construction plans must substantially comply with the approved plans.

c. The Permittee shall provide documentation from the Register of Deeds that the letter of acceptance as required by the approval of the special permit has been recorded.

4. Before occupying the new dwelling units all development and construction must substantially comply with the approved plans.

5. All privately-owned improvements, including landscaping and recreational facilities, must be permanently maintained by the Permittee or an appropriately established homeowners association approved by the City.

6. The Permittee must annually certify that all occupied dwelling units for elderly housing are occupied by individuals meeting the requirements for elderly or retirement housing.

7. The physical location of all setbacks and yards, buildings, parking and circulation elements, and similar matters must be in substantial compliance with the location of said items as shown on the approved site plan.

8. The terms, conditions, and requirements of this resolution shall run with the land and shall bind and obligate the Permittee, its successors and assigns.
9. The Permittee shall sign and return the letter of acceptance to the City Clerk within 60 days following the approval of the special permit, provided, however, said 60-day period may be extended up to six months by administrative amendment. The City Clerk shall file a copy of the resolution approving the special permit and the letter of acceptance with the Register of Deeds, filing fees therefor to be paid in advance by the applicant.

10. The site plan as approved with this resolution voids and supersedes all previously approved site plans, however the terms, conditions and requirements of all resolutions/ordinances approving previous permits shall remain in force except as specifically amended by this resolution.

The foregoing Resolution was approved by the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission on this ____ day of ____________, 2008.

ATTEST:

Chair

DENIED 5-3 (July 2, 2008)

Approved as to Form & Legality:

Chief Assistant City Attorney
The City of Lincoln has selected Dobson Brothers Construction to begin roadway and water main construction on the segment of Pine Lake Road from 84th to 98th Streets. The construction activities will begin in July of 2008. The City is having an open house to provide citizens the opportunity to learn about the improvements planned in your area. The open house will be held on **Thursday, July 10, 2008 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Lincoln Christian School, 5801 South 84th Street (southwest corner of 84th and Old Cheney) in the Elementary Activity Room (enter school through the elementary doors, room is directly ahead from the entrance).** City representatives, Dobson Brothers Construction, and the design team will be there to discuss specific issues. There will be no formal presentation. Please attend at your convenience during the open house hours.

Though improvements to 98th Street from Old Cheney to Yankee Hill are not scheduled to begin construction until 2009, members of this design team will be on-hand to discuss this future project.

For more information, you can contact Holly Lionberger or visit [www.lincoln.ne.gov](http://www.lincoln.ne.gov) (keyword: pine lake).

Holly Lionberger, City of Lincoln
Engineering Services
Phone: (402) 441-8400
-----Forwarded by StarTranInfo/Notes on 06/27/2008 10:32AM-----

To: Hans Gilde <hgilde1@unl.edu>
From: StarTranInfo/Notes
Date: 06/26/2008 12:50PM
Subject: Re: The new bus routes

Dear Mr. Gilde,
Thank you for your June 23, 2008 email regarding the revised routes/schedules recently implemented by StarTran. I know that you have been a long-time supporter of public transit and we definitely appreciate your advocacy of StarTran.

As you noted, the downtown routing system has been revised. The former larger "all bus" downtown loop has been shortened, and effectively integrated with the downtown shuttle route. Between the two, all high-activity areas in the downtown are accessed throughout the operating hours. The shortening of the "all bus" loop, which previously took an average of ten minutes per bus per trip, afforded substantial time which was available to extend and revise the routes to promote frequency and achieve service to new areas of Lincoln. Per direction by the Administration, the revised routes and schedules have the same operating and capital costs as the previous system.

I agree that there are several service improvements that, if implemented, could significantly improve the transit services available to Lincoln residents. Such service improvements would, of course, result in increased operating costs, which, given the financial constraints being addressed by the City of Lincoln, likely will not occur soon.

Thank you for your comments, and for your patronage of StarTran services.

Larry Worth
Transit Manager

-----Hans Gilde <hgilde1@unl.edu> wrote:-----

To: <StarTranInfo@lincoln.ne.gov>, <council@lincoln.ne.gov>, <mayor@lincoln.ne.gov>
From: Hans Gilde <hgilde1@unl.edu>
Date: 06/23/2008 01:56PM
Subject: The new bus routes

To whom it may concern:

Here are some observations and suggestions concerning the new bus routes.

First, the frequency of the buses is much better. That is very positive.

I have, however, some concerns as well.

Some of the routes completely ignore the presence of the university, the Federal Building and the County City Building. That will be especially troublesome in bad weather. Also, as things are configured now, the bus
stops downtown are too far apart, e.g. between the State Office Building and 11th and N and also between 11 and P and Centennial Mall and P. There should be at least one stop in between.

It puzzles me somewhat that StarTran continues to regard the Gold's location with such importance. It seems to me most of the downtown action is farther to the east. Thus it may be more productive to run the buses up and down 13th and 14th Streets between R and M Streets. With such a scheme there should then be coordinated shuttles to the Haymarket, the Federal Building and the County City Building.

One shuttle route downtown does not seem to be sufficient. There should at least be two to accommodate in a reasonable amount of time the Haymarket, the Federal Building and the County City Building.

It is my hope that we can continue to improve StarTran, but of course $500,000 budget cuts do not move us in the desirable direction.

I do appreciate the work you do. Thank you.

Hans Gilde
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

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

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

ATTENTION: 
DATE: June 19, 2008

COPIES TO: Teresa J. Meier
Marvin Krout
John Hendry
Byron Blum, Bldg & Safety
Jean Preister, Planning
SUBJECT: Street & Alley Vacation No. 08001
North/South Alley between Fremont & Hartley; Touzalin and North 60th Street

A request has been made to vacate the north/south alley between Fremont and Hartley, Touzalin and North 60th Street. The area to be vacated was viewed and the northerly portion appeared as the driving lane of a surfaced parking lot supporting the adjacent church. The south half of the alley appeared to be part of the grass, vacant lots adjacent to it. The location did not appear to be an alley at either end, but simply blended in with the surrounding uses. A sanitary sewer manhole was observed in the alleyway/parking lot as well as overhead electrical, telephone and cable lines which would indicate the presence of numerous utilities within the alley.

Small, narrow strips such as these have little, or no, value in and of themselves and only add assemblage value to the abutting property. In the case of the area to be vacated, the existence of multiple utilities would necessitate the retention of utility easements over the entire area. It also would be logical that there would be frequent intrusions into the area for the future maintenance and upkeep of those utilities.

As such, the alley to be vacated is considered to have only a nominal value of $0.15 per square foot. The calculations are as follows:

\[
4,800 \text{ sq. ft.} \times \$0.15/\text{per sq. ft.} = \$720
\]

Therefore, it is recommended if the alley be vacated it be sold to abutting property owner for $720.00 with the retention of easements for existing and future utilities.

Respectfully submitted,

Clinton W. Thomas
Certified General Appraiser #990023
Chief Casady (and Judge John, John and Mike):

Amazing how a somewhat minor matter can involved so many people!

As several of you know, this subject, i.e. grills on decks, is not new and I recall that enforcement is primarily complaint-based.

Further, human nature is such that one may be particularly upset if he/she is caught but a nearby offender goes Scot-free.

Of course, as Chief Niles Ford would confirm, the basis for the ordinance is for safety reasons.

Can we "think outside the box"? Would it be feasible to give a 15-30 day time period for all such grills to be relocated property or removed and then have strong enforcement with higher fines? Perhaps even a "finder's fee" for anonymous reports of violators. We would run the risk of being labeled a "police state".

Unfortunately, Chief Casady summed it up well: "an incredible darned-if-you-do/darned-if-you-don't".

Thanks...I know each of you is extremely busy so I do not want to unnecessarily burden you.

Oh, have a "safe" 4th of July!

Jon

Jon Camp
Lincoln City Council
City Council Office: 441-7515
Haymarket Square Office: 474-1838

-----Original Message-----
From: Thomas K. Casady <tcasady@lincoln.ne.gov>
To: Jon Camp <campjon@aol.com>
Sent: Mon, 30 Jun 2008 8:48 pm
Subject: RE: Fwd: Grill Ordinance

Jon: Would you like me to forward this to Building & Safety? They're the agency that enforces this and that sent the letter.
This looks like an incredible darned-if-you-do/darned-if-you-don't to me--glad it's not in my lap.

Tom On Mon, 30 Jun 2008 19:43:48 -0400 Jon Camp <campjon@aol.com> wrote: >John and Tom: > >? > >I know this ordinance is enforced on a "complaint" basis but with some of the >recent citizen concerns, should we not rethink the manner of enforcement? > >? > >Jon > >Jon Camp > >Lincoln City Council > >City Council Office: ?441-7515 > >Haymarket Square Office: 474-1838 > >-----Original Message----- > >From: TTconrad@aol.com > >To: jcook@lincoln.ne.gov; demery@lincoln.ne.gov; jcamp@lincoln.ne.gov; jspatz@lincoln.ne.gov; reschliman@lincoln.ne.gov; ksvoboda@lincoln.ne.gov; dmarvin@lincoln.ne.gov > >Sent: Mon, 30 Jun 2008 3:13 pm > >Subject: Grill Ordinance > >Members of the City Council, > >? > >I am writing about my disappointment in the city in enforcing a law so >inconsistently. I have had a complaint filed against me by the City of Lincoln >for having a grill or propane tank. I received notice that I was in violation >of the law and removed my propane tank. As weeks passed, I kept driving around >the city and saw grills wit >h propane tanks on decks of apartments across the >city. I e-mailed councilman Camp about this and he told me he hoped for better >enforcement. I also hoped for this but did not see it so I put my tank back. > >? > >At my apartment complex as of today I saw at least ten grills with tanks and >multiple charcoal grills. How am I supposed to take a law seriously that isn't >being enforced uniformly. I did some research and found that in the city of >Lincoln municipal code I cannot even read the International Fire Code, only >the provisions that were amended. I would have to pay $59.95 to get a copy of >the code. I would have to pay the company that came up with the code to get >any amendments or opinions they have made to the code. In summary, I think a >citizen should have access to the code the city has in place.? > >? > >I removed my tank as of yesterday. I am not only a business owner but also an >attorney and have every intention of seeing this through to a jury trial if >need be. I would support any citizens right to go to a jury trial on this >issue. It will cost the city more to prosecute this law than the fines will >be. > >? > >I would appreciate any feedback on this issue and will be disappointed if none >is received. > >? > >Thank you, > >? > >Thomas Conrad > >President > >Heartland Optical Inc. > >1012 N. 27th St. > >Lincoln, NE 68503 > >402-476-3311 > >402-476-0157fax > >Gas prices getting you down? Search AOL Autos for fuel-efficient used cars.
John:

Thank you for your response. I will have this information shared with my City Council colleagues.

Jon

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-----Original Message-----
From: JMcquinn@ci.lincoln.ne.us
To: campjon@aol.com; reschliman@lincoln.ne.gov
Cc: JHendry@lincoln.ne.gov; JMcquinn@ci.lincoln.ne.us; MMerwick@ci.lincoln.ne.us; BMoody@ci.lincoln.ne.us; TCasady@netinfo.ci.lincoln.ne.us
Sent: Tue, 1 Jul 2008 4:47 pm
Subject: Fw: Grill Ordinance

Councilman Camp:

The email you received does relate to a pending prosecution. While I cannot discuss that case, am able to provide you with the following general information that I believe will address your comments regarding the allowance of time for people to voluntarily come into compliance before cases are referred to our office for prosecution.

Enforcement of the Fire Code provisions of the Lincoln Municipal Code are generally done by the Fire Inspectors from Building and Safety. I have had extensive discussions with them in the past regarding the procedures they follow investigating grills on apartment balconies. These cases come to their attention when they receive complaints or do inspections and observe violations. The first step they take is to notify each tenant, in writing, of the violation. The written notice gives the individuals about two weeks to bring the location into compliance. After the expiration of the time period, if the violation still exists, the inspector attempts to make personal contact with the tenant and again requests voluntary compliance. If the violation still exists after the third inspection, the information is generally forwarded to our office for review for prosecution. The timeframe for voluntary compliance is usually a three to four week time period, prior to the case being referred to our office for prosecution. I would be remiss if I did not add that cases involving egregious or imminent fire or safety hazards would likely result in a significantly limited time for voluntary compliance or even require immediate compliance.

Regarding the accessibility of the International Fire Code; those concerns are addressed by L.M.C. § 19.03.220. That section requires one copy of the code to be filed with the City Clerk for review by the public and three copies to be kept in the office of Building and Safety for use and examination by the public. This is consistent with publication of many other regulations and codes adopted by the City or by City Departments. I did check with the City Clerk's Office and they do have a copy of the International Fire Code on file in their office, as required by the Lincoln Municipal Code.
While I am not able to comment on a pending prosecution, please feel free to contact me if you would like any additional general information.

Sincerely yours,
John C. McQuinn
Chief City Prosecutor

John, would you please review Councilman Camp's concern and thereafter talk to the Councilman regarding his concern. Also, would you bring into the "conversation" at the point you think relevant any others you believe need be part of the discussion. Thank you.

----- Forwarded by John V Hendry/Notes on 07/01/2008 07:56 AM -----

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Thank you,

Thomas Conrad
President
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402-476-3311
402-476-0157 fax
Please share this with my colleagues in our packets

Jon Camp  
Lincoln City Council  
City Council Office: 441-7515  
Haymarket Square Office: 474-1838

-----Original Message-----
From: Russ Guill <russguill@gmail.com>  
To: jcamp@lincoln.ne.gov  
Sent: Tue, 1 Jul 2008 6:21 pm  
Subject: please don't raise property taxes

Dear Councilman Camp,

I am writing in response to the Lincoln Neighborhood Alliance's request that city property taxes be raised. I just want to reenforce what you already know: the majority of Lincoln citizens do not want this and that this request is ludicrous. It would be nice if taxes were lowered but I don't think that's possible, realistic or even responsible. I do realize that funds are required to keep the city functioning, but I don't see where property owners should have to hand over any more than we already do. I understand that the city's take of my overall property tax is considerably less than the LPS cut, but that doesn't mean the city's take is too small.

It's very troubling to see citizens actually come forth and say that the city knows better how to handle their money than they do. Words do not describe how strongly I feel that raising taxes is the wrong direction. I don't see why the city cannot cut more and try to run a little more "lean and mean". I think the mayor is doing the right thing but trimming as much as possible.

On Drive Time Lincoln last Tuesday, Coby Mach said that you have been contacted by more individuals in favor of raising taxes so I will be one of hopefully more citizens that are contacting you and stating our feelings that raising taxes are a bad idea.

Today (July 1) I hear that the mayor may be considering raising property taxes to keep as many services intact. Although keeping as many services in place as possible, I think we all need to differentiate between what we need and what we want. Things are tough and may well be getting tougher; higher taxes do not help.

So I urge you, please look into what can be done to keep the overall operating expense of the city down.

Thank you
Russ Guill
Get the Moviefone Toolbar. Showtimes, theaters, movie news, & more!
city council,

i live just north of 18th and lake. the contractor who paved lake street between 18th and 22nd has left his equipment parked here for the last week. i believe this to be in violation of city ordinance. more importantly, i believe this contractor hires workers that are in this country illegally. i will bringing this to the attention of the immigration officials and homeland security.

sincerely,
steven avey
We would like to invite you to share your comments to help us to develop and adopt plans and standards that are reflective of the community's needs and are in the best interest of the City of Lincoln. You are encouraged to write to the Planning Commission or City Council with your suggestions or concerns. For your convenience, we have listed their addresses below. You may also share your thoughts on this comment sheet. Thank you!

City Council, 555 S. 10th Street Room 111, Lincoln, NE 68508
Planning Commission, 555 S. 10th, Room 213, Lincoln, NE 68508

Downtown Design Standards:

The area from 150 feet east of 17th Street to 19th Street increases height maximum from 75 to 150 feet. From 19th Street east, the height plate at 75 feet maximum. Why isn't the maximum height east of 19th Street also increased to 150 feet, at least to 21st Street?

Change of Zone Language:


Changes to the zoning map:

Why is area from 19th Street east to between 1st and north to P St have height limitations of 75' or what is reason for difference to west of 19th St and east of 21st St, in height from 150' to 75'?

(Optional)
Name: 
Address: 
Phone: 
E-mail: 

Dear City Council,

At a time when the city has budget problems, and the mayor eliminated employees last year and again has proposed that again this year along with the school learning center cuts and other things that we can’t afford, he has proposed this grant program.

If someone can afford to buy a house let alone a new house, then they don’t need me to help subsidize them by giving them $1000. It is ridiculous. There are other sectors in the city that could use help. Why should homebuilders get this assistance?

If the city has such a budget problem, then why are we starting a new program to help people that can afford to buy a house? This just makes me think the city budget problem all smoke and mirrors. Please don’t let this grant idea happen.

Sincerely,

Tim Henkel
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for General Council

Name: Kay Graber
Address: 1420 C Street
City: Lincoln, NE 68502

Phone:
Fax: graberkat@webtv.net
Email:

Comment or Question:
Dear Council Members: The mayor's proposal to stimulate the local economy by giving buyers of new homes a $1,000 bribe (from a fund established for something quite different) strikes me as one of the worst ideas to come out of the mayor's office in decades, a blatant bit of pandering. Fact is, we don't need new construction; we need renovation, retroconversion, or replacement of the substandard housing in the older core neighborhoods. The city is spending millions on the Antelope Valley Project and efforts to attract new business in that area. If the construction industry is in such dire need of public support, put it into housing convenient for workers in the new businesses as well as in existing government and private employers in the downtown/university/Antelope Valley environs.
Please do not increase our property taxes. As we have heard repeatedly, Mike Foley has found area after area of fraud and waste that represent our tax money being mismanaged and stolen.

The current economy is dictating that excesses be prioritized and in some cases cut back or eliminated. As a small business owner and sales tax generator, I can tell you that business sales are very soft. We do not have the ability to have more money taken in taxes, regardless of what type of tax used.

I also have a huge issue with the city employee benefits package. Unless this elephant in the room is addressed, citizens such as myself will never feel like we are as well represented as we deserve to be.

I really appreciate the way the Mayor and the City Council have come together since the new administration took over. I am a Republican who really appreciates Democratic Mayor Buetler’s efforts and yours as well to work for the benefit of the city and its citizens.

I appreciate your attention to this plea and hope my voice is heard.
Thank you.

Rick Becker
6910 South 34th Street
Lincoln, Nebraska 68516

467-3738
Please, no more increases in property tax. As property owners, we pay for so much that is used by non-property owners and there is just so much we can manage. The schools are eating us alive, the fuel prices are out of sight, and any cost-of-living raises we receive don't begin to cover all of this. The true tax payers, i.e. property owners, are burdened enough. So NO MORE TAXES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Katheryn Grebe
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Peter W. Katt
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6. Add a new paragraph as follows:

Should the soiling mining activities authorized under this permit result in the water wells of the Lancaster County SID #6 (“SID #6”) Public Water System running dry or becoming contaminated, then Permittee shall immediately takes steps, at its expense, to provide an alternate water source for SID #6. The alternate water source may include the annexation of the real estate subject to this Permit together with the extension of a water main and the construction of a water bottling and distribution facility upon Permittee property. Water from the facility so constructed or a City of Lincoln hydrant meter shall then be piped, trucked, or otherwise provided to the Public Water System for SID #6.

Further, as a precaution and prior to any problems with its water wells SID #6 may elect, should it desire to do so, at its sole cost and expense to extend the City water main across the Permittee’s property and then construct and operate a water production facility or obtain a hydrant meter. Permittee shall, at no cost to SID #6, provide the necessary easements to SID #6 for the construction of the water mains. SID #6 shall pay Permittee the fair market value of the land associated with the water facility if constructed upon Permittee’s property. Should Permittee, or its successors or assigns ever tap the water main constructed by SID#6, Permittee, its successors or assigns, shall then reimburse SID #6 the costs of constructing the water main.

7. Renumber all paragraphs accordingly.

Introduced by:

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Approved as to Form & Legality:

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City Attorney
From: Peter W. Katt
To: Rick peo
CC: Leroy Sievers; Marvin Krout; mike deKalb
Date: 5/1/2008 11:08 AM
Subject: Re: Water Resale Restrictions- West "O"

Rick:

I have never heard back from you on my question below on any existing legal restrictions to the resale of the City of Lincoln's water once it passes through a meter. This matter will be back on the Council's agenda for continued public hearing on May 19th. At that hearing I would expect to be able to say the following:

1. The City of Lincoln does not prohibit or control in any manner the resale of its water once it passes through a meter.

2. Any person or company may obtain a permit and buy water from the City of Lincoln from one of its fire hydrants.

3. The only prohibition on the use of water purchased from a City of Lincoln hydrant is "long term" irrigation of turf or other vegetation.

Does the City Attorney's office disagree with any of these statements? If so, why and what is the basis for the contrary view?

Do you want to involve Steve Huggenberger or John Hendry in providing your reply?

Are you the one to review and prepare the new Motion to Amend that will incorporate the changes that need to be made to the Special Permit to address the concerns raised by SID # 6?

I will get a draft to you and Planning of the necessary amendments after they are reviewed by the SID's attorney, LeRoy Sievers.

Peter

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Marvin:

I do not agree that we have walked down this path yet. While the export of City water from within the City limits was raised in my letter request to the Mayor, it was never answered and I did not further pursue it since it would have required working with a willing developer within the City. I have that now. This is not about the City's policies of
extending City utilities beyond the City limits. The answer to that was no and I accept that answer.

The new question is what legal rights does the City have to control the resale or distribution of the water once it is sold to a City customer and passes through the meter? The short answer, I believe, is that whatever controls and rates the City has now or puts in place in the future for that water use must be fair and reasonable.

As to the specifics of annexation and extension of the water line wholly within the new City limits to the railroad tracks on West "O":

1. I interpret your Comp Plan comment to mean that while it may technically be in Priority "B", the line between "A" and "B" was arbitrarily placed and could be easily moved to the west.

2. As to the strip question, how wide must it be to satisfy the City's new sensibilities? Further, why does the City even care about what the Courts look at in a voluntary annexation rather than one imposed by force?

As to the legal rights on water resale, I have a call in to Rick Peo. I hope to hear back from him early in the week.

Peter W. Katt
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>>> <MKrout@ci.lincoln.ne.us> 4/21/2008 12:07 AM >>>

The tract in question is in Priority B, but that is the least of the problems. I think we have previously trod this ground about a water line to a pump station in the city limits to deliver water to Emerald, and indicated it would not conform to city policy on extending utilities. In addition, we have become more sensitized to how the courts may look at "contiguity" in future annexations, and are not likely to pursue a narrow linear "strip" as you are describing.

Marvin S. Krout, Director
Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Department
tel 402.441.6366/fax 402.441.6377
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

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City: Lincoln, NE 68512
Phone: 402-420-1729
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Comment or Question:
I am writing in regard to the decision reguarding Easterday Recreation Adult Day Service. My family is so grateful for what this program has provided for my sister who has had a head injury due to an accident on Christmas day in 1989. I understand how hard it must be to make a budget to service many of Lincoln's citizens. However, these 32 people are also citizens who may have voted and entrusted their well being to you and the Mayor.

Many people may not realize what it is like when these individuvalrs or their families heard the outcome of the budget decision. For most of us it is like getting a call from the hospital again saying that your loved one has been hurt. Imagine how it is everytime you have to meet new people, or start a new job or to just start over. It is not always easy. Now, imagine doing this without a good memory, few physical abilities, not the best eyesight or speech. There are not many places for these people to go where there are others who are like them, and at the same time have people helping them with their physical, cognitive and all other skills. These people are some of the most vunerable in Lincoln seem to be the one's in constant jepardy of loosing so much again when they have already lost most of their life. How do we as their loved ones who admire their daily courage explain to them how this could happen. Should any of these people not get into an appropriate program and have to go to a home or a loved one needs to quit a job to help out the expense will go up for all involved as well as all branches of government.

I do understand that budget cuts need made, however I wonder if dislocating helpless people is the true answer and at what expense. For the people who would take over their building, would they really be happy once they know who had to exit. If it were me I would be shocked. If you have never had to deal with a loved one in these circumstances you have no idea how it is a daily thought that tugs at your heart and whole being. To have anyone in a higher level see them only as a dollar amount really is not very comforting. I have always believed that it takes a village but not only for children but for our elderly, and for those who do not have a voice or physical ability to speak for themselves. Thank you for you time. I will email once more for a letter from my Parents since they do not have an email.

Thank you Sincerely Joyce Vrbka
From: Lincoln Neighborhood Alliance 28 June 2008
To: Lincoln City Council
Copy: Mayor Beutler

Dear Council Members:

Last November the Council voted down the "living wage" for non-profits. Some members stated (or agreed) that individuals need incentives (such as a poverty wage) to work harder and develop skills so they can advance to higher paying jobs.

The reality is that minimum wage jobs do not support a vehicle plus room and board. In addition, to enable wage advancement, each person requires transportation to school and/or a job that provides work experience.

Not everyone works an 8-5 shift. Many local businesses run two or three shifts; therefore, a ride to or from work and/or school would be needed in the early afternoon or "mid-day."

The elimination of mid-day bus service deprives citizens of the "boots" so they can pull themselves up "by the bootstraps."

A City bus driver has pointed out that the number of riders on a bus depends upon its location in relation to its route. At the outer edge of the bus route, the bus empties; as it approaches downtown it fills up. Any person complaining about an empty bus must give the bus' location and time of day so a determination can be made if an empty bus is normal.

The Council has been mandating City departments to be more efficient and function with less money for the last 3 years. It is now time for Lincoln's citizens to demonstrate their efficiency capabilities by paying a small increase in taxes so the bus system can continue to provide services that are desperately required.

Russell Miller
for Lincoln Neighborhood Alliance
City Council Members:
I'll be brief, but please consider this matter of most importance.
Please do not discontinue the adult day program at Easterday Recreation Center. It is of monumental importance to these unfortunate clients, to remain in the company of the skilled, dedicated and established Easterday staff they have come to trust. They come from all walks of life, just like you and I. They have loving and caring families who were unsuspecting, and undeserving of the trauma that came upon them.
Now they rely on you to continue this program that has provided them with the little bit of peace, hope, security and comfort they have come to know since misfortune struck. Thank you for not allowing their lives to be shattered again.
Sincerely,
Sandra Archuleta
June 27, 2008

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

Dear Council Persons

I am totally shocked at Mayor Beutler’s proposal to use taxpayer money for people to buy new homes. Taxpayer money should NEVER be used for such a purpose. You are asking people who live in modest housing and even those living in substandard conditions to subsidize people that can afford BRAND NEW and I assume even very expensive houses. Is this an underhanded way to line the pockets of contractors? Will this set precedence for the good Lord only knows who to gorge themselves at the public taxpayer trough? I will want my share also.

This is undoubtedly one of the most stupid proposals I have ever heard. Please request the Mayor to immediately withdraw this proposal. If he will not do so it certainly must be defeated. I will be watching how individual council members vote on this matter.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
H. Eugene Cook
2200 Larchdale Drive
Lincoln, NE 68506
Re: West O Soil Mining Permit Amendments

Attached is a proposal from Lancaster County SID#6 that was approved at its last meeting. I apologize to Mr. Katt and to the rest of you for the delay in making this proposal in response to Mr. Katt's initial proposal. I would hope that perhaps between now and when the council meets we might be able to reach a complete agreement. Thank you for your consideration of this option.

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-----Original Message-----
From: Peter W. Katt [mailto:PKatt@baylorevnen.com]
Sent: Saturday, June 28, 2008 12:57 PM
To: City Council
Cc: LeRoy W. Sievers
Subject: West O Soil Mining Permit Amendments

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08R-82

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      Installation of the monitoring wells and completion of the subsoil boring must be completed prior to the start of any soil mining operation.

2. Add a new paragraph as follows:

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Permittee agrees that LPSNRD in consultation with the State of Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services and/or the Lancaster County Health Department shall be the entity to make a preliminary assessment whether Permittee’s soil mining activities are the likely cause of the SID wells running dry or becoming contaminated. Permittee agrees that the preliminary assessment by LPSNRD, after consultation as noted previously, shall be binding for purposes of this provision. Permittee agrees that LPSNRD, the Department of Health and Human Services and the Lancaster County Health Department incur no liability and are held harmless for the performance of this service.

7. Renumber all paragraphs accordingly.

Introduced by:

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Approved as to Form & Legality:

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City Attorney
Dear Council Members,

Enough is enough!

We must get control of this city budget and live within our means. I propose a cut in fat not a raise in taxes. There are certainly ways to reduce spending rather than increase taxes. It currently takes 113 days of 365 to pay the taxes we are burdened with.

How by paying more taxes will I have money to spend on home improvements, my children’s braces, additional fuel costs and rising food costs? I say NO to new taxes! I suggest that the city adjust thermostats, shut off lights, reduce unnecessary services, use unessential vehicles for an additional year, etc, etc, etc… We all know the great amount of waste that takes place in government by foolish spending… NO NEW TAXES!

Thank you for your great sacrifice on our behalf.

Matt Wagner – Lincoln Home Owner
Greetings,

Thank you for taking the time to serve the city of Lincoln. As a citizen of Lincoln and a strong supporter for our city I appreciate people being willing to serve in any capacity. Thank you!

There might be a time when tax increases are a good thing (I'm not sure when that would be) but this certainly is not the time for any kind of increase in taxes. As you are well aware we are paying higher fuel prices than ever in Lincoln. Many of the prices we pay at the supermarket are higher than ever before. There certainly doesn't seem to be any light at the end of this tunnel for paying lower gas and food prices. This is only two areas where Lincoln citizens are paying more.

The greatest way to stimulate an economy and encourage growth in Lincoln is to lower taxes. This puts more of the peoples money in their own pockets to spend as they determine necessary for their good. As people have more of their own money to spend, they usually spend most of it, verses saving it, and it is this spending of money that helps support and grow our local economy.

I appreciate what Lincoln provides for me and all of the citizens of Lincoln. If the city can't afford what they have or are providing there are a couple of ways of changing things rather than take more of my money. One of those to cut more out of the budget. There is nothing wrong with that even when it affects me. I helped elect you to make these tough decisions for me when the time is here to make the decisions. The second way to raise additional money IF needed is to have those who use certain services pay to have and/or use them. Increase income in ways besides taxes.

Thanks for taking the time to read and consider my comments.

Leroy Brennfoerder
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

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Comment or Question:
My dear young friend Mike Scholl from Lincoln was killed in Iraq in Nov 2006. He was only 21 years old and never met his beautiful daughter who was born shortly before his death. Jeff Fortenberry and Colleen Seng both attended his funeral. We would like to propose that a street here in lincoln be named after Mike so the people of Lincoln will always be reminded of the home grown hero that gave his life for this city. What do I need to do to get things moving on this?
The citizens of Lincoln voted for the 2005 Storm Sewer bond to use this money to support the infrastructure of the city. It is **IRRESPONSIBLE** and **INAPPROPRIATE** to use the over $600,000.00 for anything but storm sewer or city infrastructure. The idea of taking the money from the citizens of Lincoln that was designated for a specific use and passing it on to individuals under the guise of a stimulus package is mismanagement and a mistrust of public funds.
Commissioners review plans for 85,000 square foot jail!
Facility could cost $30 million and house more than 500 prisoners!
Wait, not Lancaster County's jail, this one is in Oklahoma!
Lancaster County's jail STARTED AT $90 Million!!!
Thank you sir, may I have another....

http://www.stillwater-newspress.com/statenews/cnhinsall_story_352091506.html

Tom Anderson
1989 Harwood
Lincoln, NE
416-3616

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Dear Tammy Grammer,

Knowing that you are a busy person, I implore you to read the attached letter in regards to the Handicapped people, residents of Lincoln, NE, at Easterday.

Thank you for all your time in this matter and for all you do and accomplish for the City and residents of Lincoln, NE.

Sincerely,

Annette Hammeke
Director of Religious Education K-8
Immaculate Heart of Mary
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Hays, KS 67601
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ahammek@ihm-church.com

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Dear Lincoln City Council Members,

Today I share with you information about my best friend. There was nothing I couldn’t tell her, nothing that couldn’t be discussed, laughed about, ponder on or cried about. We shared everything! As this is being read, you may be thinking of someone you have in your life that qualifies to be called you best friend; someone who you are completely comfortable with and share everything with. Perhaps someone that you hold so dear to your heart that the mere thought of losing them would tear your world apart….you heart apart.

When this person, who means so much to me suffered a nearly fatal head injury, caused by a head on collision nearly 20 years ago, our world and my hearts were torn apart. Everything we’ve known was ripped from our grasps. And, yes, by the Grace of God, she is here with us today and our world has changed in so many ways.

As in everything there are life changes, a cycle of life so to speak. Three weeks into her comatose state she started breathing on her own again after many weeks on artificial support. (A glorious day!) Opening her eyes to see us, but not recognize those standing with love in their eyes for her; this was a tremendous day even so…you see, we saw her beautiful loving eyes. We had hope. Through the next few years after the accident she progressed and relearned so very much; talking, eating, sitting up on her own, rolling over, reading, and even recognizing us again. (She even thought she had a brother, not so.) As therapy continued she was able to perform some life functions on her own and live dependently in an apartment for handicapped.

My friend retains her sense of humor, love for God, cooking and gardening. The Easterday facility has acknowledged her importance in this life and her meaning to so many of those she encounters. She has integrated into our society through the efforts of the outstanding staff at Easterday and continues to learn from them. Jane is engaged in activities at the day facility site as well as experiences excursions in the Lincoln community. Easterday provides a place in which Jane has the opportunity to be with other adults her own age. The staff provides excellent physical and cognitive stimulation. Other facilities would combine her age group with the elderly. Easterday provides the opportunity to interact with others who share similar interest in her own age group. Other facilities focus on the elderly and the infirmed.

Lincoln, Nebraska and its elected City Officials (current and past) should be proud of the outreach that has provided for the handicapped the past several years. I share the accolades of this wonderful city, of my home state, and in particular the accomplishments of those staffing Easterday facility and their ability to offer as normal world as possible to so very many.

Earlier I mentioned that my best friend and I share everything. You see this friend of mine and I share a blood line as well. Jane is my youngest sister and is a client at the Easterday care day facility.

Nationally, we have laws that mandate and govern to help those in need. In 1975 Individuals with Disability Education Act was originally enacted by Congress. As you may recall, this act gave special needs children the opportunity to receive a free and appropriate public education just like other children. The Americans with Disability Act also has acted in protection of those that have grown passed the school age.

It is my hope that you read this letter with an open mind and heart. With a prayer and a plea I ask that you reconsider your termination of the Easterday facility. Nearly 20 years ago Jane’s car was totaled and hauled off to the dump, her life torn apart. Being leaders of the City of Lincoln, I ask that you step forward in responsibility to not let my sister Jane’s, and those so close to her heart at Easterday, life be torn up, totaled, and thrown away as her car was after the accident. Instead restore hope and a continued quality of life for those with disabilities and special needs.

Thank you for your time in reading this letter and I look forward to a response from you.

Sincerely,
Annette Hammekke, Sister of Jane, an Easterday family member, 2902 Walnut, Hays, KS  67601
e-mail address: nettyrose11@hotmail.com
Please consider the proposal to expand bus ridership by increasing the income guidelines allowing more families to take advantage of this budget cutting resource.

Especially important is your opportunity to show leadership in helping Lincoln residents to have more options in cutting the resources used by our city.

Georgia L. Stevens, PhD., Professor Emeritus
Department of Child, Youth and Family Studies
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"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."
Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. -- 1963
Need I say more?
What is the function of any government whether it be city, county, state, or Federal?

The number one function OF government is to provide protection for the people. This is providing armed forces, police protection, and fire protection. Protection is the number one most important service and these areas should not have any cuts in service.

All other areas of government should be reduced and/or eliminated in times of financial shortfalls. This may be painful, but it is no more painful than we the citizens are experiencing with costs for gas, food, and almost every other sector increasing in expenses and costs. How are we the general public coping, WE HAVE TO CUT BACK ON THINGS THAT ARE NOT NECESSARY!!! WE ARE NOT LIKE GOVERNMENTAL UNITS THAT SAY WELL WE NEED MORE MONEY SO WE WILL RAISE TAXES!!!

Government needs to run just like we the PEOPLE have to run our budgets.

THERE SHOULD BE NO TAX INCREASES UNTIL EVERY CITY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT GOES THROUGH A MIKE FOLEY TYPE AUDIT. IF AFTER THIS TYPE OF AN AUDIT AND THE AUDIT DETERMINES THERE IS NOT WASTE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OR STATE NO MORE CUTS CAN BE MADE, ONLY THEN SHOULD A TAX INCREASE BE CONSIDERED!!

Examples approximately a year ago a person from I believe the Parks Dept. (I may have the wrong dept.) was asked about painting yellow lines on bike paths. His response basically was, We had money in the budget, so we did it. They could have saved this money, but it was in the budget so they SPENT IT!!! This is the mind set governments have spend, spend, spend. I just saw yesterday people from Campbell's nursery pulling weeds in the median of the roads, believe me we Could have a few weeds instead of spending money for that service. Should we do away with the grass, plants, etc in the medians and just put rocks? This would not take near the maintenance. It would not look as nice, but NICE IS NOT A NECESSITY!!!!

I WILL GIVE THE CITY CREDIT AS I THINK THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND PROBABLY PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE MUCH WORSE AT WASTE THAN THE CITY IS.

Governments were not designed to be a provide all to the public, but somewhere over time governments are saying, "WE CAN TAKE THAT OVER, YOU THE PEOPLE SHOULD NOT HAVE TO DO THAT. IT IS TIME WE CHANGE THINGS AND START SAYING YOU THE PEOPLE NEED TO PROVIDE FOR YOURSELF. PEOPLE TAKING CARE OF THINGS AND PROVIDING FOR THINGS ARE ABLE ACCOMPLISH THINGS MUCH LESS COSTLY THAN THE GOVERNMENT PROVIDING FOR THINGS IN MOST CASES.

MANY SERVICES CAN AND SHOULD BE REDUCED OR CUT. IF THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT PROVIDE, IF WE THE PEOPLE REALLY THINK IT IS IMPORTANT, WE THE PEOPLE WILL FIND A WAY TO DO IT, BY FORMING ORGANIZATIONS, HAVING NONPROFITS HELP, GETTING VOLUNTEERS, CHURCHES, ETC.

THE GOVERNMENT AND WE THE PEOPLE NEED TO CHANGE THE THINKING AND PHILOSOPHY AND GO TO SMALLER GOVERNMENT AND WE THE PEOPLE NEED TO PROVIDE MORE FOR
OURSelves.

City employees wages on average are higher than the private sector, this is totally wrong. Changes need to be done to bring the wages on par with the private sector.

City employee benefits are much richer than the private sector on health insurance and retirement. Private companies have had to make changes in lessening benefits to employees to be competitive, but government has not followed suit!!!

Wages and benefits need to be reduced. I realize this will take some action of the state of Nebraska to change state laws, but this needs to be done!!!!!!

City government needs to be more business friendly!!!!!!! We would have more businesses come to Lincoln if we would offer our help instead of chasing them away. Businesses will bring in more tax revenue!!!!

City government may need to do like the federal government does with many employees. The employees are considered fulltime temporary and while they are in the temporary class these people do not receive health or retirement benefits. I personally know people worked for the federal government for 2 years or more on this status before they reach full time status.

If the federal government can do this, then the city should be able to do this also. This would be a huge savings if we did not have to provide benefits for two years or more. As employees retire or leave, either do not replace them or if they are replaced, put them on the fulltime temporary status or a couple of years.

Maybe city government should not have as many paid holidays. Maybe only the major holidays should be paid. Private sector employees for the most part only get major holidays. By doing this we would be getting x more days of production. Now we are paying wages for no production on all the minor holidays!!

City government needs to be ran as a private business, not as a governmental agency and government philosophy.

Maybe there should be an advisory committee of private company CEO's, and have them go through the city budget line by line and suggest areas for improvement and expense reduction.

As you can see I feel there are many things that need to be looked at before taxes are raised. For lesser government services, there needs to be more cuts and/or programs eliminated if necessary to make sure the protection services at fully funded.

Government always it seems wants to provide the whole pie while it should only provide a slice of the pie.

Jerry Wolf
7711 So. 41st St.
Lincoln, NE
I. MAYOR -

1. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule Week of July 4 through July 11, 2008 - Schedule subject to change.

II. CITY CLERK - NONE

III. CORRESPONDENCE -

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE -

JON CAMP -

1. E-Mail from Dave Anderson - RE: Against property tax increase.

DOUG EMERY -

1. E-Mail from James Becker - RE: City Budget.

B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS - NONE

C. MISCELLANEOUS -

1. E-Mail from Leroy Brennfoerder - RE: Vote NO to a tax increase.
2. E-Mail from Leslie & Rod Pieper - RE: Please don’t raise the property tax.
3. E-Mail - RE: NO Tax Increase.
4. E-Mail from David Fikar - RE: Full Support to the Mayor’s proposal of slightly increasing the amount of our property tax.
5. E-Mail from Jill Greff - RE: The City Budget.
7. E-Mail from Pat Eiche - RE: Do not agree to raising taxes.
Date: July 3, 2008
Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule
Week of July 4 through July 11, 2008
Schedule subject to change

Friday, July 4  CITY OFFICES CLOSED - INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY
• Uncle Sam Jam 2008 at Oak Lake Park featuring Lincoln’s Symphony Orchestra, Oak Lake Park, 1st and Charleston streets

Monday, July 7
• Mayor’s budget presentation to City Council - 12:30 p.m., Council Chambers, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.
• Norm Otto’s 90th birthday open house - 4 p.m., State Capitol, “Main Street” (first floor)
• Heartland Honor Flight dinner, remarks - 6 p.m., Memorial Stadium, West Stadium Club (3rd floor)

Tuesday, July 8
• KFOR Lincoln Live - 12:30 p.m., Three Eagles Communications, 3800 Cornhusker Hwy.

Wednesday, July 9
• Doane College (Lincoln campus) State and local politics class, remarks - 7 p.m., New Century building, 303 N. 52nd St. (one block north of Barnes and Noble on “O” Street)

Thursday, July 10
• KFOR Morning Show - 7:45 a.m.
• News conference - 10 a.m., topic and location to be announced
• Neighborhood Roundtable - 5:30 p.m., Mayor’s Conference Room, County-City Building, second floor
Hi, Jon-
Just some thoughts on Mayor Beutler's proposed budget: Like most property owners, I am not inclined to accept a tax increase, especially when it will hit AFTER the State's property tax discount falls away. Taxpayer's are likely to conclude that they have been bamboozled by a larger tax increase than predicted.

I'm more concerned about the Mayor's desire to spend money on new programs like the fire and rescue study, the home owner stimulus package and grafitti removal. The first is probably an homage to the LFD and the middle one to the Realtor Assn. of Lincoln. The last initiative should be funded out of other revenues, since it is a minor amount.

Finally, I believe we taxpayers are in for a rough ride, not yet reflected in government budgets, at all levels. Costs will increase dramatically due to inflation and revenues will decline given the slowing economy. Can you say "stagflation?"

The mayor and CC should be shifting into draconian group think now, to stay ahead of the curve. Please: No new programs and no tax increases. Cut services, expenses and go back to black (ink, that is :)
Dave

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Please forward to other council members

Thanks

Doug Emery

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Subj: City Budget

Dear Council Members,

I am a graduate student at UNL and I wish to urge you to pass any property tax increase to fund the city's budget. I have lived in Lincoln for seven years now and I have seen the city continue to deteriorate while our neighbors to the northeast have been thriving. Your college age individuals drive to Omaha to when not at work or in school, and some cases to work. I teach, do research, and take classes, so I do not have the time or money to worry about such things, but I am getting more and more concerned. I leave town to see my former classmates who have graduated and moved onto better jobs, and they all think that Lincoln is a joke of a town with a poor infrastructure and lack of business/entertainment/opportunity. I am not proud to live here. My girlfriend lives in Omaha and hates coming here. She says that it is a depressing town. I teach, do research, and take classes, so I do not have the time or money to worry about such things, but I am getting more and more concerned. I leave town to see my former classmates who have graduated and moved onto better jobs, and they all think that Lincoln is a joke of a town with a poor infrastructure and lack of business/entertainment/opportunity. I am not proud to live here. My girlfriend lives in Omaha and hates coming here. She says that it is a depressing town.

Keep the contractor's busy with refurbishing grants, if necessary, not this measly $1000 aid to buy a new house. This is just aiding the millionaire developer's like Hartland homes. The roads need the most work in this town. I truly believe that the way the city is planned out prevents businesses from coming here. Everyone who leaves would rather be stuck in traffic in a large city with a good infrastructure than drive in Lincoln on the two lane roads with people driving 5-10 mph's below the speed limit. There needs to be faster ways to get places, especially to the UNL and downtown areas. The arena is a good idea, as is the fair move if its done like Aksarben was done. The paper said that property tax rates have only gone down in the last 15 years. That is not good when you are making cuts every year. The city is suffering and I do not want to be here any longer. I would never buy a house here. The values will decline until something is changed. The one shining area is the Lincoln Public School district, and guess what, it is highly funded. Get the rest of the city caught up so that I can be proud to call Lincoln my home.

Thank You,

James Becker
jebecker36@gmail.com
Well well! Wouldn't you know it? It is only 1 penny or only $15 on a $150,000 house. It is only my money. I've worked for it and I know better how to spend it. We sure don't need more repeat studies. Graffiti...how about having the criminals spend the time and money to get rid of it. They put it there, catch 'em and have 'em clean it up. If they aren't caught take people out of jail, supervise them and put them to work cleaning it up.

Forget the stimulus package for new home buyers. If people can afford to buy they will buy. If they can't afford to buy they shouldn't buy. If they only need $1,000 to get into the new home they are cutting it too short anyway.

Just do the right thing for Lincoln and vote NO to a tax increase.

Leroy Brennfoerder
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for General Council

Name: Leslie and Rod Pieper
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City: Lincoln, NE, 68506
Phone: 402-432-4188
Fax: 
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Comment or Question:
Please don't raise the property tax. We are a hard working- very hard working family who has purchased a nice home. We can afford our fixed mortgage now.

With gas prices and commodity prices up we are struggling. Additional burden to the working/middle class will just mean more foreclosures. I already had two clients tell me they were planning on putting their house up for sale if the levy passes. Please don't tax us on top of everything.

I have never written to your council and now I am. Please consider the already financially burdened families who are struggling to meet expenses.

Thank you for your consideration.
My husband and I do NOT support a tax increase of any kind. City services should be trimmed and other means used to stay within a budget citizens can afford. Many in Lincoln are struggling to buy groceries and hang onto their homes. - Ilo Tefft
Dear Council Members,

As a homeowner in Lincoln I want to give my FULL support to the Mayor's proposal of slightly increasing the amount of our property tax. In fact I would rather he increase it even more than lose any more quality of life in our once great, now good, city. Just like with our individual home at 4801 Duxhall Drive, I realize that we have to put money into our "home" of Lincoln if we want to keep things up nice. I hope you will be leaders and not followers in doing what is right for Lincoln.

With Respect,

David Fikar
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for General Council

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Phone: 488-4080
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Comment or Question:
Dear City Council Members,
Thank you for serving our city. I would like to express my concerns over the following cuts in the proposed city budget and would ask that you consider the following items carefully.

1. Cutting services on StarTran. Oil prices are skyrocketing and many people will be needing the bus service. I ask that you would look toward the future when you consider any cuts to StarTran.

2. Reducing hours at Bennet Martin Library. This is our main library and many items are only to be found there. Most of us cannot get to this library except in the evenings. Also, I would like to point out that during tax season this library is extremely busy when tax help is offered.

3. I am against Mayor Beutler's proposal to spend $610,000 on a home ownership stimulus package. A $1,000 check will probably not be the deciding factor that will induce a person to buy a house.

4. Similarly, I am against an increase in property taxes that discourage people from buying their own homes. Property owners in this city are saddled with a heavy burden that pay for services that all enjoy. If we need increased taxes, how about thinking of taxes that are fair and are more forward thinking? How about a 5 cent tax on every plastic shopping bag used in the city? Or how about a tax on the pounds of trash you contribute to the landfill? Or a tax on plastic soda bottles and aluminum cans? Taxes like these help increase needed revenue, increase the years of our landfill, reduce trash and are fair.

Again, I thank you for taking the time to consider my ideas.

Sincerely,
Jill Greff
Mayor Beutler,

I cannot agree with an increase in city tax until city employees salaries, benefits & retirement benefits are brought back to reality. I am a retired public employee and I am very aware of what these are for city employees. The current benefits of city employees have surpassed most other public employees and many groups in the private sector. I know that the Court of Industrial Relations would support modification of these if it is done through labor negotiations because they would compare them to the similar groups who have a fair and reasonable package of benefits.

Your proposal to give $1000 assistance to 610 new home buyers is not a wise decision because there are over 2000 citizens in the city that have their pre-owned homes for sale in a slow market and they get no assistance & these people are tax payers, some who have lost their jobs. This concept is also in conflict with your budget philosophy statement that you don't want money spent from the city that is a one time investment that you cannot continue.

Along with health & safety our streets & infrastructure really need a boost. We are starting to look like a decaying old city.

My Thoughts & Much Appreciation For the Work You and the Council Do!

Curt Crandall
DO NOT AGREE TO RAISING TAXES.

Pat Eiche
1501 West Manor Drive
Lincoln, NE 68506
Honored Council Members:

I have lived in Lincoln for nearly 21 years. I have come to love this community for many reasons. The services provided by the city are among the many things that I enjoy about this town. I am the director of a non profit program that helps low income families throughout pregnancy and birth and early childhood. The plans to cut Star Tran hours are going to directly impact many of these families abilities to work.

I believe it is time for you as a council to do the right thing and vote in favor of a 1 cent property tax increase. I understand this may not sit well with many of your constituents however, cutting services in the areas outlined in the Mayor's budget will even effect many of them. The time has come for all of us to take responsibility for this city; if that means raising the property tax 1 cent to help keep things going so be it. I am in favor of city programs undergoing audits in the mean time.

Many program including mine are needing to find ways to spend money more efficiently and less frequently. Don't be leaders who are afraid to make decisions because of the threat of not being relected. Do what is right for the citizens of Lincoln.

Thank you

Julie Anderson