I. CITY CLERK

II. CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE MAYOR & DIRECTORS TO COUNCIL

PRESENTATIONS:
1. Parks and Recreation Department; and
2. Lincoln City Libraries.

MAYOR
1. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor announces changes to ambulance service. (Council Members received on 03/02/09)
2. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor presents January Award of Excellence to Sergeant Gregory Sorensen, A Detective in the Criminal Investigations Division of the Lincoln Police Department.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Trees to be removed along next segment of Antelope Valley roadway.

DIRECTORS

FINANCE

FINANCE/TREASURER

PARKS AND RECREATION
1. Response to Ms. Kissler (Miscellaneous #9) regarding using Lincoln Cares funding to keep the South Branch Library open.

III. COUNCIL RFI'S & CITIZENS CORRESPONDENCE TO INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

DOUG EMERY
1. Letter from Shirley Engle giving reasons to keep the South Branch Library open. Listed groups and schools who utilize the library.
2. Letter from Sharon Harms in support of keeping the Bethany Library open. Listed various reasons why the library is important for Lincoln and the area.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS TO COUNCIL
1. Email from Wendy Hines, Professor, UNL Department of Mathematics, in support of keeping the South Branch Library open.
2. Email from Elly Radcliffe-Hines, age 13, do not close the South Branch Library.
3. Email from Ron and Susan Samson. Excellent library system, urge you to continue the important services of the South Branch Library.
4. Email from Wendy Hine, Professor, UNL, Department of Mathematics, with web address for an article regarding decisions on city budgets and especially libraries.
5. Email from Chris Porter. As a community we can come together and keep the South Branch Library open.
6. Email from Janie Dobler, retired teacher. Do not take the neighborhood library, South Branch Library, away from an area and school that needs it so much.
7. Email from Bess Bachenberg stressing why the libraries should be kept open and how she and various groups use the libraries.
8. Letter from Glenn Kreuscher. Please do not close the South Branch Library as it is so favorable to the handicapped with close parking and limited amount of required mobility.
9. Email from Jean Kissler. Keep the South Branch Library open as it is within walking distance to a large number of low income children in the area.
10. Letter from LIBA in support of an amendment to the Ambulance Service Ordinance which would redefine standby ambulance service as non-emergency service.
11. Email from Laura Tegtmeier, teacher at Prescott School requesting the South Branch Library remain open listing programs available to school children and adults.
12. Correspondence from Barbara Hyde through InterLinc. Do not close the two libraries as people who may not be able to afford to buy a book or travel to a larger library use them.
13. Email from Shirley Hill encouraging the City to keep the Bethany and South Branch Libraries open.
14. Correspondence from Kristy Crouch asking what is the plan for children getting to School Middle School next year as they will need to cross Highway 34.
15. Letter from Rosina Parlin urging that Bethany and the South Branch Libraries remain open. (Each Council Member received an individual letter on 03/03/09)
16. Email from Joyce Morgan. Strenuously object to supporting the zoning change to put a childcare center of South 29th and Porter Ridge Road.
17. Correspondence from Larry and Denise Maack in opposition to the annexation of area 12.
18. Lincoln Chamber of Commerce is Re-Accredited with Five-Star Accreditation Rating.

V. ADJOURNMENT
Mayor Chris Buetler was joined by City Councilman Ken Svoboda, Lincoln Fire & Rescue (LFR) Chief Niles Ford and Lincoln Police Department (LPD) Chief Tom Casady at a news conference today to announce two important changes to the City's emergency response system.

The Mayor announced that the City will place a sixth LFR ambulance into the field to keep response times low, reduce paramedic stress and maintain a high standard of care.

“We have to maintain a quality medical response system for our families,” said Mayor Beutler. “We never want to be in the position of explaining to a family member that a death was preventable because we didn't act to keep the system strong. As your Mayor, it is my number one priority to ensure your family receives a quick, timely and quality medical response when they need it.”

Indicators show that five ambulances are running a high number of calls. The average LFR ambulance team goes to over 3,400 calls per year with the busiest ambulance covering over 4,000 calls. By comparison, the busiest ambulance in four of Lincoln's five peer cities does not even cover the same number of calls as LFR's least busy ambulance. The Mayor said that LFR's paramedics are becoming overwhelmed by a City that has grown geographically by 40 percent and by 26 percent in population since 1990.

“Response times reflect this problem,” said Mayor Beutler. “We are increasingly unable to meet the national eight minute standard recommended as best for patient care, particularly for those patients on the southern fringes of our community. This is unacceptable. We cannot jeopardize patient care with slowing response times and paramedics who are worn out. The risk is too high not to act swiftly and decisively.”

LFR Chief Niles Ford said that by using on-duty personnel and an ambulance LFR already owns, the addition of the sixth ambulance will be cost neutral.

“It is our mission to provide the highest standards of public safety response, mitigation, and emergency transport possible,” said LFR Chief Niles Ford. “Furthermore, in these trying economic times it is essential that department directors use the resources we have been trusted with in the most effective and efficient manner possible. To that end, I believe the addition of this ambulance is consistent with those doctrines.”
Chief Tom Casady said a recent investigation revealed that paramedics are over stressed. “During our investigation last year into drug abuse by two paramedics, I became aware of the workload and scheduling stress borne by Lincoln's ambulance crews,” said LPD Chief Tom Casady. “We learned that there were often few opportunities in the 24-hour shift for rest, and that paramedics often caught their limited sleep fully clothed and with their shoes on, in anticipation of the next call out. No one wants an exhausted paramedic, or an exhausted police officer, showing up at their emergency. Increasing the availability of ambulance crews and spreading the workload out across more ambulances is an obvious way of reducing the workload stress.”

Mayor Beutler also announced his support for Councilman Ken Svoboda's effort to change stand-by ambulance service. Stand-by ambulances are placed at the scene of local high school sporting events, horse races, University of Nebraska football games, charity fun runs, and other events with physically demanding activities or large crowds.

“Stand-bys place a significant strain on our emergency response,” said Mayor Beutler. “LFR ambulances that stand-by are taken out of the emergency system meaning that a back-up ambulance that is further away must sometimes respond. Stand-bys create logistical and staffing challenges as well.”

Currently, City code only allows LFR to perform stand-by services. Chief Ford said qualified private sector ambulances can handle many stand-by situations. Councilman Ken Svoboda said a revision of the City code will increase flexibility through private sector/public sector cooperation.

“This ordinance change is yet another great step forward in the ever increasing cooperation between Lincoln Fire and Rescue and the private sector,” said Svoboda. “Cooperation is a win-win for the citizens of Lincoln.”

In the vast majority of stand-by situations, no medical emergency occurs. LFR estimates that only a handful of actual emergencies have occurred in 447 stand-bys requiring over 4,167 hours of stand-by service. The proposed ordinance change will allow emergency resources to be focused on emergencies.

Svoboda said that LFR will continue to provide stand-by service as requested.

In 2008, LFR turned a profit for the second consecutive year, performing well enough to make a considerable dent in the Ambulance Fund's start up loan from the City's General Fund.

“We need to understand there are no free lunches,” said Mayor Beutler. “Stand-by services are a source of profit for Lincoln Fire and Rescue. Allowing others to provide these services will likely reduce Lincoln Fire and Rescue's profit. We have worked very hard to ensure that the ambulance fund is in the black. But we feel the benefits outweigh the loss of revenues at this point. Quick and quality response must take precedence over future profit.”
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 2, 2009
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

MAYOR PRESENTS JANUARY AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Mayor Chris Beutler today presented the Mayor's Award of Excellence for January to Sergeant Gregory Sorensen, a Detective in the Criminal Investigations Division of the Lincoln Police Department (LPD). The monthly award recognizes City employees who consistently provide exemplary service and work that demonstrates personal commitment to the City. The award was presented at the beginning of today's City Council meeting.

Sorensen, who has worked for the City for more than 35 years, was nominated in the category of productivity by Investigator Ben Miller on behalf of the second shift Criminal Investigation Unit: Investigators Jon Armstrong, Mayde McGuire, Chris Milisits, Aaron Moore and Erik Runge.

Sorensen has served LPD as a Swat Team member, Detective, Sergeant, Investigator and Case Manager. The nominators say he has a great work ethic and that his energy and dedication rub off on his co-workers. Sorensen uses his ability to talk to anyone to develop relationships with confidential informants. The nominators say he helps co-workers and other agencies with their cases and is quick to commend others for their efforts. They cited three examples of his outstanding work:

- In early 2008, Sorensen used a confidential informant to infiltrate a group responsible for committing a series of apartment burglaries. When it looked like a suspect was fleecing the state, he contacted the Iowa State Patrol, and the suspect was arrested within minutes of the call. His efforts led to the clearance of more than 100 burglaries and the recovery of thousands of dollars of stolen items.

- During a 2008 homicide investigation, Sorensen interviewed a man suspected of killing his wife. After checking his alibi and realizing the man had lied, Sorensen drove through blizzard-like conditions to Saline County and walked through snow to find the wife’s body based on the information he was given. He was able to get a confession from the husband and clear the murder.

- In a child pornography investigation, several computers, hundreds of DVDs and other electronic evidence was collected and had to be examined. Sorensen spent days reviewing the troubling evidence so prosecutors could have an accurate count of the material in the suspect’s possession. Because of his efforts, the suspect was convicted in Federal Court.

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Nominators say Sorensen is one of LPD's best interrogators, but he realizes the City is best served by passing on what he has learned and allowing others to get the much needed experience. He is recognized as one of the best teachers in the department and is frequently asked for advice by officers of all ranks.

The other categories in which employees can be nominated are customer relations, loss prevention, safety and valor. Consideration also may be given to nominations that demonstrate self-initiated accomplishments or those completed outside of the nominee's job description.

All City employees are eligible for the Mayor's Award of Excellence except for elected and appointed officials. Individuals or teams can be nominated by supervisors, peers, subordinates and the general public. Nomination forms are available on the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: personnel) or from department heads, employee bulletin boards or the Personnel Department, which oversees the awards program.

All nominations are reviewed by the Mayor's Award of Excellence Committee, which includes a representative with each union and a non-union representative appointed by the Mayor. Award winners receive a $100 U.S. savings bond, a day off with pay and a plaque. Monthly winners are eligible to receive the annual award, which comes with a $500 U.S. savings bond, two days off with pay and a plaque.
City Public Works officials today announced that trees along the next segment of the Antelope Valley Roadway Project corridor are scheduled to be removed over the next few weeks. Trees will be removed along 19th Street from "P" to "R" streets, along "S" Street east of 19th Street, and east of the Beadle Center's south parking lot. Approximately 100 trees of various sizes along the future Antelope Valley roadway will be removed and used as mulch. The trees are being removed now to prevent disruption of birds during nesting season. Once the roadway project is complete, new trees and landscaping will be planted along the corridor. Construction of the roadway segment from "P" Street to Vine Street is scheduled to begin during the summer of 2009 and is tentatively scheduled for completion in the summer of 2010.

The Antelope Valley Project – a joint venture of the City of Lincoln, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District – is a flood control, traffic improvement and community revitalization project in the core of the city.

More information is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: antelope). The Web site will have the most current information regarding the construction schedule and traffic accommodations. Additional information is also available by calling Kris Humphrey, City Public Works and Utilities, at 441-7592.
Obama Unveils FY 2010 Budget Blueprint

FY 2010 Budget

Obama releases $3.6 trillion budget proposal. On Thursday, President Obama presented Congress with a preliminary outline of an FY 2010 budget proposal that represents significant changes in direction from his predecessor and continues the staggering pace of major initiatives being announced by the White House each week.

The Obama budget plan would increase spending for a number of domestic priorities, most notably health care, and the result would be a sharp spike in the already increasing deficit. However, the President also proposes revenue increases, such as allowing many of the Bush tax cuts of 2001 and 2003 to expire in 2010, that he hopes will halve the deficit by 2013, the last year of his term.

While details of the budget plan will not be finalized until mid to late April, the blueprint unveiled this week did include recommendations in the following areas:

Department of Transportation

High-speed rail has emerged as the President’s signature transportation issue with the proposal of a $5 billion, five-year state grant program for high-speed rail grants to states. This would be in addition to the $8 billion in the stimulus proposal. The President’s budget also includes a proposal -- separate from the overall DOT budget -- to create a national infrastructure bank to be capitalized with $5 billion in FY 2010, with a total federal investment of $25.2 billion by 2019.

The President’s budget also includes a proposal to remove the contract authority spending levels for highway and transit funding, and make these programs subject to the annual appropriations process. This method, established in 1998, ensures that revenues deposited in the Highway Trust Fund cannot be diverted to other domestic purposes. The proposal was met with strong opposition on Capitol Hill.

Department of Housing and Urban Development

The White House outline promises “full funding” of $4.5 billion for the CDBG program in FY 2010 but also suggests changes to the current formula that would increasingly target resources to the neediest communities. It also includes $1 billion to launch an affordable housing trust fund and would create a new “energy innovation fund” to make housing more efficient.

Department of Health and Human Services

The budget proposes to fund the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) at $3.2 billion in FY 2010 and would implement an automatic “trigger” that would increase funding for the program when energy costs increase.

Department of Interior

The White House budget would fund the Land and Water Conservation program at $420 million in FY 2010 and recommends annual increases that would fund the program at its authorized level of $900 million in FY 2014.

Department of Justice

The plan pledges funding to hire an additional 50,000 police officers, and recommends an expansion of the prisoner re-entry programs authorized by the Second Chance Act.

Department of Homeland Security

Deporting illegal immigrants who commit crimes is a new department priority, as is cyber-security, and all-hazards protection with state and local government agencies. The budget proposes funding of $260 million within the existing Homeland Security Grant
program for improving information sharing and analysis by adding thousands more State and local level intelligence analysts.

AmeriCorps
The Obama budget has a goal of creating 250,000 additional slots for volunteers through this program. It would also substantially increase funding for the Senior Service Corps.

Reaction on Capitol Hill to the President’s budget blueprint ran along party lines, with Democrats for the most part praising it as a bold change from current policies, while Republicans decried the suggestions that the Bush tax cuts should be allowed to expire.

The proposal marks the first step in the long budget process. Once details of the Obama budget are presented to Congress in April, Congress will be in the process of approving a budget resolution, which sets broad spending caps for federal spending. Then, Appropriations Committee in the House and Senate will consider the 12 annual spending bills that fund individual programs. Fiscal Year 2010 is scheduled to begin on October 1, 2009, but it has been many years since spending has been in place that early.

FY 2009 BUDGET

House clears FY 2009 Omnibus; Senate debate could run into next week. By a vote of 245-178, the House cleared the FY 2009 Omnibus Appropriations bill (HR 1105). The massive bill would finalize current fiscal year funding for most federal agencies. Apart from the Department of Defense, the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Veterans Affairs, the federal government is operating on a continuing resolution that expires on March 6 and funds most programs at FY 2008 levels. In the absence of a final FY 2009 budget, federal program managers have not been able to finalize allocations for formula grant programs or to announce grantees (or even solicit applications) for competitive grant programs.

Overall, the bill would appropriate $31 billion more for programs under its purview than last year and $19 billion more than President Bush requested. Last year, the congressional leadership decided to pass a continuing resolution and postpone finalizing FY 2009 spending in the hopes that the occupant of the Oval Office would be more amenable to their spending proposals than President Bush.

The Senate will debate the Omnibus Appropriations bill next week. Republicans will likely offer a slew of amendments to the measure to trim funding that the Democratic leadership will resist. If any of those amendments succeed, the bill will need to go back to the House for another vote before it can be sent to President Obama for his signature.

An agency-by-agency summary of funding for select programs of interest to local governments follows (with FY 2008 funding levels in parentheses). Please note that all funding levels below are in addition to any funding that was provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (economic stimulus bill, or ARRA).

**Department of Commerce**

Economic Development Administration – $240 million ($215 million)
Public Telecommunications Facilities Planning & Construction - $20 million ($0)
Census Bureau - $3.1 billion ($1.2 billion)

**Department of Justice**

Byrne Formula Grants - $546 million ($166 million)
Drug Courts - $40 million ($15 million)
Weed & Seed - $25 million ($32 million)
Juvenile Justice - $374 million ($384 million)
Interoperable Communications - $185 million ($0)
Violence Against Women - $415 million ($400 million)

**Department of Housing & Urban Development**

CDBG Formula - $3.64 billion ($3.59 billion)
HOME - $1.825 billion ($1.704 billion)
Public Housing Capital - $2.45 billion ($2.44 billion)
Public Housing Operating - $4.45 billion ($4.2 billion)
HOPE VI - $120 million ($100 million)

**Environmental Protection Agency**

Brownfields - $97 million ($94 million)
Clean Water SRLF - $689 million ($689 million)
Drinking Water SRLF - $829 million ($829 million)

**Department of the Interior & Related Agencies**

Historic Preservation Fund - $69 million ($70 million)
North American Wetland Conservation Fund - $43 million ($42 million)
LWCF State Grants - $19 million ($25 million)
Urban & Community Forestry - $30 million ($28 million)
National Endowment for the Arts - $155 million ($145 million)
National Endowment for the Humanities - $310 million ($289 million)

**Department of Health and Human Services**

Head Start - $7.1 billion ($6.8 billion)
Ryan White AIDS - $2.24 billion ($2.17 billion)
Community Health Centers - $2.19 billion ($2.06 billion)
Child Care Block Grant - $2.12 billion ($2.06 billion)
Social Services Block Grant - $1.7 billion ($1.7 billion)
Community Services Block Grant - $746 million ($693 million)
Administration on Aging - $1.49 billion ($1.41 billion)
Low Income Home Energy Assistant Program - $1.98 billion ($4.5 billion)

**Department of Labor**

Adult Job Training - $861 million ($861 million)
Youth Job Training - $924 million ($924 million)
Dislocated Workers - $1.18 billion ($1.18 billion)
Youthbuild $70 million ($59 million)
Job Corps $1.68 billion ($1.61 billion)
Department of Transportation
Federal-aid highways - $40.7 billion ($40.2 billion)
Transit formula grants - $8.26 billion ($7.76 billion)
New Starts/Small Starts - $1.8 billion ($1.57 billion)
Amtrak - $1.5 billion ($1.3 billion)
Intercity Passenger Rail - $90 million ($30 million)
Airport Improvement Program - $3.6 billion ($3.5 billion)

STIMULUS WATCH
Weekly update on stimulus activities
Now that the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) has become law, we hope to use this space each week to briefly list any activity in the federal agencies or federal programs that are responsible for distributing these funds.

Since he signed the ARRA law, President Obama and his surrogates have kept a steady drumbeat regarding the accountability and transparency of the process. He warned both Mayors and Governors in high profile events in the last two weeks of the significant responsibilities that they have to spend the funds in a swift and efficient manner. In a related event, the President assigned Vice President Joe Biden to oversee the massive effort of distributing the $787 billion in emergency aid, and asked Earl Devaney to lead stimulus oversight responsibilities as Chairman of the Recovery Act Transparency and Accountability Board. Devaney is a former Secret Service agent, who as Inspector General of the Interior Department uncovered a number of problems at the agency, including lobbyist Jack Abramoff’s illegal dealings.

Some stimulus-related information that might be of interest:

The Office of Violence Against Women has posted information about the application process and eligibility requirements at: http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/recovery.htm

The Department of Energy will make their first agency reports available on Tuesday, March 3, and has posted ARRA guidance information at: http://www.energy.gov/recovery/index.htm

The Federal Transit Administration has provided preliminary apportionment tables at: http://www.fta.dot.gov/index_9118.html

To sign up for FTA ARRA email alerts please go to: http://www.fta.dot.gov/index_9118.html

To sign up for Federal Railroad Administration ARRA email alerts please go to: https://service.govdelivery.com/service/subscribe.html?code=USDOTFRA_11


The Department of Housing and Urban Development has provided and overview of ARRA programs and preliminary allocations for programs such as CDBG at: http://www.hud.gov/recovery/


In addition, we continue find new information as we make our way through the massive stimulus legislation, and periodic updates will be made to the charts below that outline programs of interest to local governments:

The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services expects application materials to be available mid-March, and ARRA guidance can be found at: http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=2108

Spending Provisions:

Tax Provisions:

HOUSING
House delays vote on mortgage legislation. House leaders decided to postpone debate and a vote on legislation (HR 1106) that would overhaul the Hope for Homeowners Program that was signed into law last summer. The program was designed to help homeowners get out from under troublesome loans but has so far been largely unsuccessful, as banks have been unwilling to write-down loans.

The changes in the legislation would include placing Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, as opposed to the Treasury Secretary, in charge of the program. It would also permit payments to existing mortgage servicers of up $1,000 for each successful refinance, reduce the upfront loan participation fee to 2 percent from 3 percent, and reduce the loan annual fee from up to 1.5 percent to up to 1 percent.

The bill also would make permanent the increase on FDIC-insured deposits to $250,000 from $100,000 and increase FDIC borrowing authority to $100 billion from $30 billion.

However, what caused the delay in consideration were controversial provisions that would allow bankruptcy judges to write down the principal and interest rate of loans for people whose mortgages are higher than the value of their homes. The language also would allow judges to extend the life of such loans for terms of up to 40 years.

The financial services industry is adamantly opposed to the idea, known as a “cramdown” and late this week a group of moderate Democrats let leadership know that they were opposed to the provisions and would likely join all Republicans in voting against the measure.
House leaders hope to take up the bill next week, and seemed confident that the concerns of the moderate Democrats could be addressed.

**APPOINTMENTS**

Executive Order establishes new urban affairs office. President Obama established the White House Office of Urban Affairs through an Executive Order late last week. Adolfo Carrion was named White House Director of Urban Affairs for this new office and will oversee relations between the Administration and state and local governments. Carrion has served two terms as Bronx Borough President and one term as the President of the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO). Prior to serving these posts, Carrion represented the 14th District on the New York City Council.

According to the Executive Order, the principal functions of the Office of Urban Affairs include providing leadership and coordination of the urban policy agenda, working with executive departments and agencies to ensure the good nature of their actions on urban areas, ensuring federal government dollars targeted to urban areas are effectively spent on the highest-impact programs, and engaging in outreach to state and local officials.

President Obama also appointed Derek Douglas as Special Assistant to the President for Urban Affairs. Douglas, who reports to Carrion, has served as New York Governor David A. Paterson’s Washington Counsel for the past several years. Prior to that, he was the Associate Director of Economic Policy at the Center for American Progress.

Carrion and Douglas will join Director of Intergovernmental Affairs Cecilia Muñoz and Deputy Directors of Intergovernmental Affairs David Agnew and Shaun McGrath as key intergovernmental contacts in this administration.

**GRANTS AND NOTICES**

**Department of Health and Human Services**

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) of the Department of Health and Human Services is currently accepting applications for the FY 2009 Treatment for Homeless grants. The purpose of this program is to expand and strengthen treatment services for persons who are homeless with substance use and mental disorders. Services in Supportive Housing Grants will receive $4.5 million for up to 13 awards, while the remaining $6.8 million will be available in General Grants for up to 20 awards. Applications are due by April 30, 2009. The request for applications is at this link: http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/2009/ti_09_006.aspx

**Department of Energy**

The Department of Energy (DOE) National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) is seeking applications for the Clean Cities FY 2009 Transportation Sector Petroleum Reduction Technologies Program. The DOE anticipates awarding $300 million on 20 grants for projects that aid in decreasing the nation’s dependence on petroleum. A 50 percent match is required for most awards. The deadline to apply is May 29, 2009. For more information, visit: https://e-center.doe.gov/iips/faopor.nsf/UNID/F1BEFA84084808598625756800695728/$file/Clean_Cities_FY09 FOA Modification_003.pdf

**Department of Transportation**

The Department of Transportation issued a notice announcing that the administration will withdraw a proposed rule change governing project justification criteria for rating projects under the New Starts and Small Starts programs at the Federal Transit Administration. According to the notice, the overwhelming majority of commenters on the August 3, 2007 proposed rule wrote in opposition. The full notice is available at this link: http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E9-3207.pdf
Dear Council Members:

The Accounting Division of the Finance Department has finalized the City’s audited Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the year ended August 31, 2008.

Three copies of this report has been provided to your office for those who want to review the report in its paper format. We have also posted the report to our web site. The URL for those who prefer to read it electronically is: [http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/finance/account/cafr2008.htm](http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/finance/account/cafr2008.htm)

We are very proud of this report and encourage you to review it. We are planning to meet with you at a pre council on April 6, 2009, to answer any questions that you may have. Our auditors will also be present at this meeting. We hope to also be able to present, at the same pre council, the results of the fund balance review that the Audit Advisory Board is conducting.

If you have any questions prior to the pre council, please feel free to contact either Peggy Tharnish, our City Controller, or myself.

**Don Herz**
Finance Director

Phone: 441-7412
Cell: 440-6070
OFFICE OF TREASURER, CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

MARCH 4, 2009

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 January 31, 2009

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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.

- U. S. Bank Nebraska, N.A. ($890,327.82)
- Wells Fargo Bank ($161,343.73)
- Wells Fargo Bank Credit Card Account ($11,839.10)
- Cornhusker Bank $4,898.82
- Pinnacle Bank $20,271.25
- Union Bank & Trust Company $182,223.32
- West Gate Bank $79,089.21
- Idle Funds - Short-Term Pool $46,601,672.65
- Idle Funds - Medium-Term Pool $122,159,973.84
- Cash, Checks and Warrants $357,886.59
- **Total Cash on Hand January 31, 2009** $168,342,505.03

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 $23,657,169.54 representing authorized investments of the City's funds.

**ATTEST:**

[Signature]

Molinda J. Jones, City Treasurer
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Dear Ms. Kissler: Tammy Grammer from the City Council office forwarded me a copy of your email message of March 2 regarding the South Branch Library. In your message you inquired if Lincoln Cares funding could be used to keep the branch library open. As you may know, the Lincoln Cares community donation program was established in 1993. The intent of the program is to assist special projects and programs that are beyond what can be funded with general tax revenues. Each year an advisory committee reviews a listing of possible projects and programs and identifies a list of projects to be funded with Lincoln Cares donations for the upcoming year. The 2009 Lincoln Cares projects were announced last week. You may have received a brochure in your February LES billing. The brochure and listing of projects can also be seen on the City website at www.lincoln.ne.gov keyword:cares.

I am sharing your message and my response with Pat Leach, Libraries Director. Lincoln City Libraries has the opportunity to submit potential Lincoln Cares projects for review by the committee during the annual process. Funding for operation of the South Branch Library could be submitted as a potential program. I'm not certain how the committee would view this proposal. In the past they've focused on projects ad programs that benefit from "one-time" funds. Operation of the South Branch Library would require ongoing funding each year.

Thank you for sharing your concern about the potential closing of South Branch Library. I'm certain that there will be ongoing discussions over the next several months regarding priorities for the City operating budget for fiscal year 2009-10. I can tell you that this has been a particulary challenging budget proposal to prepare due to stagnant and declining tax revenues resulting from the lagging economy. You may be aware that Mayor Beutler recently released a document that identifies and prioritizes programs and facilities offered by all City Departments. The document titled "Taking Charge: City Program Prioritization" is available for review on-line at www.lincoln.ne.gov at the Mayor's Office page. The Mayor is encouraging citizens to review and comment on the priorities of programs and facilities identified within the document.

Please let me know if you have questions or if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,
Lynn Johnson, Director
Parks and Recreation Department
2740 'A' Street
Lincoln, NE 68502
402/441-8265
February 27, 2009

TO: LINCOLN CITY LIBRARY BOARD
FROM: SHIRLEY ENGLE

RE: SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY

I live a few blocks from the library and have been a volunteer there for ten years. I see how all age groups use the library.

Since the Nebraska Governor and our new President are promoting educational opportunities, it seems strange that the Library Board would take an opposite view.

South Branch is located in a prime spot. Sheridan School, Prescott School, Irving School, Westminster Pre-School, Blessed Sacrament School and St. Teresa School families living in the area use the library.

It may surprise you that many of us do not have Internet hook up with our home computers and rely on use at the Library. It is not affordable for us. (I am “strapped” paying property taxes.)

Many age groups use South. I have seen people on crutches, walkers and wheelchairs use the library as parking is available and close. I see young families coming for Family Night Movies, Story Times, Reading with Dogs and checking out piles of books, videos and DVDs. Day Care providers use all available resources. Many moms come with babies and toddlers in strollers as they can walk to the library. In this time of economic struggle, where are families to go?

School children come in after school to study and use computers. When schools are not in session, the children come to the library. Is this not a positive action?

There are people who have “one on one” sessions helping immigrants with language, finances, taxes and other life skills.

My question to you is: Did you ever spend several hours in an afternoon or evening at South Branch Library to see what actually is going on?

CC: Mayor Chris Beutler
    Jon Camp, City Council Member
    Ken Svoboda, City Council Member
    Doug Emery, City Council Member

Shirley Engle
8751 Banfield (68502)
435-0452
To: Doug Emery

I had never had to write to the City about anything but now it is necessary. I am a 68 year old widow and I have a 9 year old grandson. We use the Lincoln Library all the time. Thanks to the library being so close my grandson is ahead of the class on reading which otherwise he would not be because we go to the library at least every 3 weeks. He does love to read. I don't like to go any further (driving) than I have to. The library is great, great personnel.

Now on closing this library will be bad news for him and I because we didn't go unless his mother can take us & she is working so her meetings she has to attend. Closing also means the older people that don't have a way to get there will be
shut out I can't get this knowledge. I never fail to go there when there isn't people there struggling reading.

Please try to help us all to keep this library going.

Thank you
Sharon Harris
Noah Sanchez
How are we doing?

○ How would you rate our service on a scale from 1 to 10?  
  Poor 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (Excellent)

○ Did we have what you wanted?  X Yes  _ No
If no, what didn’t we have?

Give us your suggestions, ideas and comments.

Anything to keep the branch open for all the people who use it will be greatly appreciated.

Library: (Please circle)
  Anderson  Arnold Heights  Belmont  Bennett Martin  Bethany  Gere  South  Bookmobile

Date: 2/26/09

○ Optional Information ○

Name ____________________________
Address __________________________
Phone ____________________________
Dear Council Members,

I recently learned of your plans to close the South Branch Library. I know this is a small branch, but it is a very important part of our neighborhood. For the hundreds of kids who live here, many of them poor, it is the only library within walking distance. Many families in this neighborhood are unable to drive their children to other branches. Both parents work, families can't afford gas, or parents lack the realization of how important it is to give children regular access to reading material. Children who come from families unwilling or unable to drive to another branch are exactly the same ones that need a public library the most. How else can such children hope to end up better off as adults? You are taking away one of the very things they need to improve their situation and grow intellectually. I cannot believe that the council would do this to these children.

Please vote for the children of the Near South and give them access to the immeasurably important world of books. Do not take this access away.

Sincerely,
Wendy Hines,
professor,
Department of Mathematics
University of Nebraska
Dear City Council Members,

My name is Elly and I'm 13. I live about two and a half blocks from the South Branch Library, which I hear is going to be closed down. I really really oppose this and I think it's a bad idea. South Branch is the only library within walking distance of the neighborhood around 27th and South. Some of the families in these neighborhoods do not have enough money for the extra gas it takes to drive to further away libraries. I know this for a fact, because it is true for some of my friends. A lot of my friends who live near me ride their bikes to the South Branch when they want a book. It would be much harder for them to ride to Bennett Martin. Some of my friends would no longer be able to go to a library if South Branch is closed. I know how important it is for kids and teens to read and I worry that if it became so much more difficult for kids in my neighborhood to have access to books, many of them would stop reading, except for books they have to read in school. Also, kids like me who love to read would be really upset that they couldn't get books.

I really don't agree with closing South Branch and I implore you not to do this and not to take away this invaluable resource from my friends and me.

Sincerely,
Elly Radcliffe-Hines
Dear Mayor Beutler and City Council Members:

I understand that our city budget calls for cuts. However, we have an excellent library system and I strongly believe that we should continue the important services of South Branch Library.

As a former Prescott teacher, I know how many students used the library as a safe place for checking out books, research, and study. Today I am amazed by the number of people and programs at South Branch, including the Prescott Hispanic Preschool monthly "read-in".

On a personal note, my husband and I have our requested books from other Lincoln Libraries sent to South Branch for our pick-up--saving gas, and travel. Multiply this by dozens other folks doing the same thing and its another environmental plus for Lincoln.

Ron and I are users and financial supporters of the Lincoln Public Libraries. We feel that South Branch fills a niche for a broad clientele, and we urge you to keep this library open.

Sincerely,

Ron and Susan Samson
3144 South 30th
Lincoln 68502
tel: 423-2556
Dear Mr. Mayor and City Council members,

I thought this article might be interesting to you as you make decisions about the city budget especially with regards to libraries.


Sincerely,
Wendy Hines,
Professor,
Department of Mathematics
University of Nebraska–Lincoln
This is my childhood library. The people that work there have worked there since I was young. They are kind and helpful. I know where every book section is, I know where I can find long beloved books and recommend them to others. When my printer isn't working at home, I thank god that I can go to south branch and print what I needed to be printed out. I like how it is a nice quiet place to study. That despite all the traffic going by, south branch is a nice place to read. All different kinds of people are found at south branch and I like that about that library. Please save south branch library! Together as a community we can come together and have no need to close down this library.

Please listen to the voices of the people...

Best Regards,

Chris Porter
Dear City Council Members,

I just want to put my two cents worth in about South Branch Library. I taught at Prescott Elementary for 17 years and retired from teaching three years ago. I know how MUCH those Prescott children used the South Branch Library. I was gifted facilitator at Prescott and most of my students that were bright and talented lived part time at that library. What was especially nice is that many of the parents worked (and there were many single parent homes) and those children could WALK to and from the library. The library was small enough that children found their way around the facility quickly and the staff was great about helping them find what they needed to keep those active minds satisfied.

I know that it takes funds to keep all of these branches open and I know that South Branch is small but I also know the maintenance on this branch is not that bad with a new roof, the building paid for and very little in staff costs. I hope that the city council thinks long and hard about this....I really hate to see the neighborhood library taken away from an area and school that needs it so much.

Thanks for your consideration,
Janie Dobler

P.S. My Prescott Teachers' Book Club uses South Branch all of the time too!!
I have enjoyed the library resources for many years, starting in York, Nebraska and then moving to Lincoln. I now live in Waverly and inasmuch as we have no library, I have used both Anderson and Bethany libraries. At one time, I worked 3 days a week at the Bethany Christian Church and that is when I became acquainted with the Bethany Library. I was there almost as much as I was at work. Now I am completely retired and still use the libraries. However, I do spend my Friday mornings at Bethany! It is a group of retired people who love to read and discuss what they have read and/or listen to a librarian tell us what she/he have read. None of us leave the building without checking out one or two books and most of us more than that. I have never been to one of the meetings when there hasn't been a parent or grandparent bring in small children to check out books! I have never been in the South Library but would assume their story is much the same.

I do know there are budget cuts to be made but why pick out two libraries to take the fall. Couldn't each library be closed one or even two days a week?

Bess Bachenberg
Waverly, Nebraska
Council member
Robin Eschliman
555 South 10th St.
Lincoln, Ne. 68508

Dear Council Member:

I’m handicapped.

The only library I can still visit is the south street library. Its close parking and limited amount of required mobility make it possible for my handicap.

Please don’t close this facility that is so favorable to the handicapped. If that should happen my library days are over and my way of life will be very difficult.

I visit this library frequently and always find it having heavy use. The computers are generally all occupied. The age span of users covers 80 years. It is a facility loved by many.

Sincerely,
Glenn Kreuscher
3727 South 20th
Lincoln, Ne. 68502
Phone 423-6040
As a former teacher at Prescott Elementary School for nearly 25 years, I predict that if the south library is closed, most of the kids who attend Prescott will never see the inside of another public library. Their parents will not make the effort to drive (if they have a car and gas) to a library outside of the neighborhood. The South Branch Library is within walking distance for a large number of low income children who reside in the area. PLEASE FIND THE FUNDS TO KEEP IT OPEN.

The summer reading program there is awesome and librarian always came to school to talk about what was to be offered or we walked our kids to the library to apply for library cards before school was dismissed for the summer.

Is it possible to use some of the "Lincoln Cares" funding to keep it open?

Jean Kissler
March 2, 2009

Mayor Chris Beutler  
555 S. 10th St. Second Floor Rm. 208  
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Mayor Beutler,

We understand that the City is considering an amendment to the Ambulance Service Ordinance which would redefine standby ambulance service as non-emergency service. LIBA supports the change. Allowing private companies to provide standby service will make it available to a broader range of events. It will also help Lincoln Fire and Rescue schedule personnel, reduce overtime, and maximize the availability of units for emergency calls.

As you know, LIBA has been an advocate of making Lincoln Fire and Rescue Ambulance Service a self supporting enterprise. We recognize that progress is being made. We also recognize that the proposal to allow private companies to provide standby service could result in a slight reduction of gross revenue to Lincoln Fire and Rescue. Nevertheless, we believe that allowing private companies to provide standby service will provide a net benefit to both LFR and the citizens of Lincoln.

Stand-by service occasionally removes our ambulances from central locations, which can increase response times. Our endorsement is a show of support for our new Fire Chief, Niles Ford, who has made improving response times a priority.

Best Regards,

Coby Mach  
President & CEO  
Lincoln Independent Business Association
Dear Council members,

I am writing to ask you to keep the South Branch Library open. I grew up on 24th and Park Avenue. Our family always went to South Branch because we could walk. I currently teach at Prescott School and there are times our students walk to the South Branch for field trips or special events. Prescott's bi-lingual preschool cooperated with Open Harvest and the library to do a once a month outreach. There are still many Prescott, Sheridan and Irving students who use the library for research and personal reading. I still go to South branch myself and have my reserves sent there even though I could drive to other branches. Not long ago I saw that a new roof had been put on. The building is paid for. All you need is to find the money for utilities and salaries. There are only 2-3 employees who work full time at the location. Maybe you could adjust the hours. Please don't close it completely! Thank you for your attention to my concerns.

Sincerely,

Laura Tegtmeier
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for General Council

Name: Barbara Hyde
Address: 6731 So. 57
City: Lincoln, NE 68516
Phone: 402-3628-8056
Fax:
Email: Sally6016@aol.com

Comment or Question:
Please keep the two libraries open. They are neighborhood, free places for everyone to go and spend time who might not be able to afford to buy a book or get to one of the larger libraries. Thank You
I very much want to encourage keeping the two branches, the Bethany and the South Branch Libraries, open. The South Branch has been an excellent resource for Prescott School. Teachers there have taken students to the library to help foster using the public library system. Of course the school has an excellent library, however students need to become autonomous learners outside of school and after graduation.

Students to the north of south street may not always have family who will support or be able to take children to the library because of transportation issues. Particularly, during this time in our economy the library is an example of a cost free place for children to find a good place to study and use as a resource. Both of these libraries also support neighborhood communication and cohesiveness.

This is definitely a time to support neighborhoods. Thanks for your consideration. Shirley Hill
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for General Council

Name: Kristy Crouch
Address: 5640 NW 11th Cir
City: Lincoln, NE 68521
Phone: 4024774270
Fax: 
Email: kcrouch@awsmed.com

Comment or Question:
Would someone be able to tell me what the plan is for getting kids to School Middle School next school year? Many kids will need to cross Highway 34 where traffic is at 60 MPH. There is no sidewalk up Fletcher and no crosswalk at Hwy. 34. The school board assumes all parents will be driving their children. This is just not a reasonable expectation.
As a community, we must work to ensure that our children have the best possible start in life, providing opportunities for future success.

Our children need a strong and vibrant education system that prepares them for the challenges of tomorrow.

We must also support our local libraries, which are crucial for educational and cultural enrichment.

Our community is stronger when we work together to support our neighbors and our local institutions.

Let's come together to build a brighter future for our children.

For our children, we must invest in their education and future.
Francois

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Dear Council Members:

This email is to inform you that I strenuously object to you supporting the zoning change requested by Rick Krueger for putting a childcare center on South 29th and Porter Ridge.

Most of the individuals who live on Porter Ridge are retired and due to the amount of people who now cut through Porter Ridge to go to Super Saver, we are no longer living in a quiet and peaceful neighborhood, or a safe one to walk in due to the extra traffic.

As originally intended 14 years ago, a duplex or office building in the area would be acceptable. But a daycare would not only affect property values, it is not what was outlined at the time of purchase, and is unacceptable.

Do not support this zoning change or this daycare facility in this area.

Joyce Morgan
March 5, 2009

Attention: Planning Commission and City Council Members:

My husband and I reside at 535 Pennsylvania Ave. and are in the Area 12 which is being considered for annexation. We would like to advise you that we are opposing the annexation of area 12. There are many in our area, that rely on the agricultural area and we have chosen this area to live because of the rural environment. We have attended 2 meetings called at the library near our home and have been disappointed in what the Planning Commission has to offer us if we were to be annexed. At this time we see no improvement for our area or none for quite a long time. We would like you to reconsider the annexation of area 12 because the economy does not stimulate intended growth. We have seen just how the surroundings have not yet been developed. Therefore we do not understand the need for more development. All in our area have their own septic systems, wells and consider that the County is providing the services needed.

It is my understanding that the meeting has been held and no one in our area was contacted so I am writing this to respectfully to request that you eliminate area 12 from your annexation agenda.

Thank you

Larry and Denise Maack
535 Pennsylvania Ave.
Lincoln NE 68521
Lincoln Chamber of Commerce is Re-Accredited with Five-Star Accreditation Rating

To the membership of the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce,

We have received great news. The Lincoln Chamber of Commerce has been re-accredited with the Five-Star Accreditation Rating. That's the highest rating given as part of the United States Chamber of Commerce accreditation process.

It is the second time we have received the highest rating from the national organization. The first was in 2004.

What does this mean?

First, it is a tremendous honor to receive this award as only 18 community Chambers of Commerce are accredited with the five-star rating - significantly less than 1% of the 6,936 Chambers across the nation.

Second, it is yet another example of the recognition given to the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce by our peers across the nation. You should have a great deal of pride in the fact that you are members of a program recognized by others in the industry as one of the top performing business organizations across the U.S.

The Lincoln Chamber was cited in communications from the U.S. Chamber for "making significant progress" in meeting short-term goals of promoting economic development and pro-business legislation while also making "great strides in reaching its long-term goals" which includes developing future community leaders through the Young Professionals Group and creating a strong voice for business with a dedicated group of volunteers.

The staff of the Lincoln Chamber has taken a great deal of pride in this recognition and worked diligently to make sure we retained our five-star rating. I particularly want to
recognize Stephanie Dostal on our staff who coordinated our proposal and thank JoAnn Martin who made the accreditation process a priority during her year as your board chair and assisted in the application process.

Finally, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your dedication to our mission of improving the lives of Lincoln area residents through providing increased economic opportunities in the community. The hours and resources you put toward that mission will provide significant dividends to our community.

Sincerely,
Wendy 2007 signature
Wendy Birdsall
President
Lincoln Chamber of Commerce

Visit our website at www.lcoc.com
ADDENDUM
TO
DIRECTORS’ AGENDA
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2009

I. CITY CLERK  - None

II. CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE MAYOR & DIRECTORS TO COUNCIL -

MAYOR -

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Artists’ Rain Barrels Now On Display Throughout The
City.
2. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule Week of March 7
through March 13, 2009 - Schedule subject to change.

DIRECTORS - None

III. COUNCIL RFI’S & CITIZENS CORRESPONDENCE TO INDIVIDUAL
COUNCIL MEMBERS -

JON CAMP -

1. E-Mail from Jon Camp to Mayor Beutler - RE: S.56th Street–between Old
Cheney and Pine Lake.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS TO COUNCIL -

1. E-Mail sent by mail from LeRoy & Donna Ernst - RE: Request to change zoning
by Rick Krueger of South Ridge Village (Change zoning from R3 to O3).
2. Correspondence from Abbie LaVoie. Do not close the South Street Library. Safe
place for neighborhood kids for activities and educational success.
The 25 artists selected to participate in the City's Artistic Rain Barrel program have completed painting their rain barrels that will be displayed at local businesses and libraries beginning today through April 10. The painted rain barrels will then be moved to the Pioneers Park Nature Center, 3201 Coddington, where they will be auctioned off at “Nature's Market” Saturday, April 18.

Photos of the decorated rain barrels can be seen on the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: rain barrels).

(A list of artists and the location of their painted barrels follows this release. The list will also be electronically attached to the e-mailed version of this release.)

The Artistic Rain Barrel program is designed to call attention to water quality and water conservation. Proceeds from the Nature's Market auction will provide low-income children with scholarships to Nature Camp and preschool at the Pioneers Park Nature Center.

Rain barrels are typically a 55-gallon barrel, modified to collect rainwater runoff from rooftop down spouts. The collected water can be used for lawn and gardens.

The Artistic Rain Barrel program is a joint venture of the City of Lincoln Public Works Watershed Management Division and the Friends of Pioneers Park Nature Center. More information is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: rain barrel).
# Artistic Rain Barrel Program

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<td>Campbell's Nursery &amp; Garden Center, 5625 Pine Lake Road</td>
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<td>Carla Otredosky</td>
<td>“Groundwater, Our Hidden Treasure”</td>
<td>Arbor Day Foundation, 211 N. 12th St.</td>
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Joe Rousseau, Mickle Middle School Native American Caucus
“Mni Wakan” MO Java Coffee, 2649 N. 48th St.

Carol Rustad
“Prairie Sunset” Earl May Garden Center, 5555 S. 48th St.

Michael Salerno
“Wakinyan and the Heyoka” Good Sip Coffee, 5831 S. 58th St.

Liz Shea-McCoy
“Nature’s Elegance” County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.

Harley Elementary Art Club
Community Learning Center/Haydon Art Center
“Summertime Fiesta” Campbell’s Nursery & Garden Center, 2342 S. 40th St.

Marco A. Valladares
“It’s a Colorful Life” South Branch Library, 2675 South St.

Ann Williams
“Life Source” The Cup, 643 S. 25th St.
Date: March 6, 2009
Contact: Dave Norris, Citizen Information Center, 441-7547

Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule
Week of March 7 through March 13, 2009
Schedule subject to change

Monday, March 9
- Mayor's Award of Excellence presentation - 1:30 p.m., Council Chambers, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.
- Neighborhood Roundtable meeting - 5:30 p.m., Mayor's Conference Room, County-City Building

Tuesday, March 10
- Multicultural Advisory Committee - 4 p.m., Mayor's Conference Room

Wednesday, March 11
- Face the Chamber - noon, Country Club of Lincoln, 3200 S. 24th St.

Thursday, March 12
- KFOR Morning Show - 7:45 a.m.
- International visitor from Italy - 4:30 p.m., Mayor's Conference Room
- Floral Fusion Preview Party - 6 p.m., Sheldon Museum of Art, 12th and "R" streets
Mayor Beutler:

I just finished a telephone conversation with Janice White, who expressed her concern about the neglect of South 56th Street from Old Cheney to Pine Lake.

Janice is not alone in her concerns for this major arterial that, in Janice’s words, is “the same as it was 50 years ago.”

During our recent meeting when you, Rick Hoppe, Ken Svoboda and I discussed the federal stimulus package and the projects you had publicized, I specifically asked for inclusion of South 56th Street. I was pleased that you acknowledged it might be a good project, especially since none of the other projects you put forward were in the Southeast District.

Therefore, please accept this email as a formal request to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure South 56th Street is included in the current projects.

Thank you,

Jon

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"Every man is the architect of his own fortune."

- Appius Claudius Caecus
Lincoln City Council Members,

As we near the time to vote on the zone change at the 29th and Porter Ridge Road site, I have many questions as to why the city council would vote to approve such a change:

1. Is there a real need for another child day care center in this area?
   As stated at the March 2nd meeting, the current day care centers in this area have plenty of room to serve many more children.

2. What is the will of the Lincoln citizens in this area?
   The petition that was submitted had only one signature per household. Therefore, it appears that the overwhelming majority oppose this zoning change.

3. Who stands to gain from another child day care center?
   Is it one developer who appears solely interested in financial gain, not in the overall welfare of the community.

4. What happens to the existing care centers that are struggling to survive the lack of children?
   Is this not a concern of the council?

5. Is the person selected to run this facility fully qualified to manage a day care center?
   From what I have heard, she may not have completed all of the requirements.

6. Is the location a safe place to locate a child day care center?

   I would not want to go on record as person voting in favor of this zoning change. In my opinion, if we are truly concerned about the safety of the citizens of Lincoln, we would not want this very dangerous location for a day care center. Again, in my opinion, one serious injury or death at this site would haunt me for the rest of my life. I think that it is not a matter of if we have a serious accident at this location, but when we have a serious accident.

I ask that you consider the many reasons that have been brought to your attention at the March 2nd meeting, the written concerns expressed by the people located in this area, and the dangers that have been brought to your attention. Please picture the possible adverse results of locating a day care center at 29th and Porter Ridge Road. Please vote "NO" on the requested zone change.

Respectfully yours,
LeRoy and Donna Ernst
2875 Porter Ridge Road
Phone # 402-423-9754

P.S. I would be happy to meet with you at the site to explain the concerns with this location. My phone numbers is listed above.
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

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Comment or Question:
I work near the South Street Library & often use it over my lunch hour. I am always amazed at the number of people I see walking & biking to & from the library as I pass it on my way home from work in the early evenings. I don't feel the size should be a factor in it's closing. More important is the fact that it offers those in the neighborhood who might not have transportation to bigger libraries access to a library at all. Please do not take away the safe place the neighborhood kids can go for activities that increase their chances for educational success.