DIRECTORS’ MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 4, 2009
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 113
11:00 A.M.

I. CITY CLERK

II. CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE MAYOR & DIRECTORS TO COUNCIL

PRESENTATIONS:
1. Public Works and Utilities Department

MAYOR
*1. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler’s news conference on upcoming City budget decisions and an online citizens survey to be held Tuesday, April 21, 2009, 1:15 pm at 555 S. 10th Street. (Sent to Council Members on 04/20/09)
*2. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor announces new online survey.
*3. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) officials and Hampton Enterprises representatives break ground for VA Regional Office at a news conference on Thursday, April 23, 2009, 10:00 am, southwest of 40th and Old Cheney.
*4. NEWS RELEASE. Ground broken for $14 million Regional VA Office in Williamsburg Village.
*5. Ombudsman Lin Quenzer’s response to John Petty (IV Correspondence, #1, Directors Meeting, April 20, 2009) on ticket for expired tags.
*6. NEWS RELEASE. Section of North 27th Street to close for work on bridge.

DIRECTORS

FINANCE/BUDGET
1. April sales tax reports reflecting February activity:
   a) Actual Compared to Projected Sales Tax Collections;
   b) Gross Sales Tax Collections (with refunds added back in) 2003-2004 through 2008-2009;
   c) Sales Tax Refunds 2003-2004 through 2008-2009; and

FINANCE/TREASURER
*1. Investment report for quarter ending November 30, 2008.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT
*1. NEWS RELEASE. Board of Health award winners announced.
*2. NEWS RELEASE. Are your children’s immunizations current?
*3. NEWS RELEASE. Air quality watch. People with heart and lung disease encouraged to stay inside.

LIBRARIES
1. NEWS RELEASE. Abraham Lincoln traveling learning station exhibit coming to Lincoln City Libraries on May 1st.

PLANNING
3. Public input meeting for Lincoln MPO certification review.

PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION
1. Special Permit No. 08017A. Soil excavation, North 56th Street/Highway 77 and Bluff Road. Resolution No. PC-01164.

PUBLIC WORKS/WATERSHED
1. Memo from Nicole F. Tooze, Special Projects Administrator, on FEMA floodplain mapping and update.
   1a. Letter from Ben Higgins, Senior Engineer, on the “Preliminary Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map for Lancaster County, Nebraska and Incorporated Areas”.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT
*1. Web link for the spring issue of The Urban Page.
2. Lincoln Mall Capitol Environ Amendment to the Lincoln Center Redevelopment Plan.

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

ROBIN ESCHLIMAN
*1. Request to Fred Hoke, Building & Safety Director - RE: Assist the neighborhoods with problems such as graffiti, snow removal, etc. (RFI#20 - 04/09/09)
*2. Request to Dave Landis, Urban Development Director - RE: TIF (RFI#21 - 04/22/09) - SEE RESPONSE FROM DAVID LANDIS ON USE OF TIF.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS TO COUNCIL
*1. Email from Jane Okalebo. Keep all our libraries open, operating and running.
*2. InterLinc correspondence from Tom Maul asking questions on City contracts.
*3. Letter from Becky Vandenberg on the need for another truck stop at N.W. 48th and West O Street. (Delivered to Council Members on Monday, April 20, 2009 before formal meeting)
*4. Email from Jerry Wolf on the Court of Industrial Relations.
*6. Email from August Ponstingl. Fluoride information and website address for video on fluoride and water fluoridation.
7. Letter from Bob Reeves regarding assessed values on property and raising the tax rate thereby not cutting City services.
8. Faxed correspondence on electronic vote counting.
9. Email from Garry Martin in support for re-allocation of funds from Lincoln Mall to improve the condition of Centennial Mall.
10. Save the South Branch Library flyer sent by Isabel Velázquez.
11. Email from Jim regarding 22nd Street, “P” to “Q” Street on the east side.

V. ADJOURNMENT

* Held Over from 04/27/09.
CONGRESS

Members return from Spring Break. Both the House and Senate were back in session this week after a two-week recess in their home districts. While activity on the House and Senate floors was relatively quiet, negotiations on a number of high-profile matters remains ongoing.

House and Senate negotiators are working to finalize a FY 2010 budget resolution, the blueprint by which annual spending and tax bills will be considered this year. The main point of contention remains the inclusion of “reconciliation” instructions, which would prohibit Senate filibusters on key White House priorities in areas such as education, health care, and climate change. House Democratic leadership is pressing hard for such instructions, while the idea concerns some Senate Democrats, who may join with Republicans to reject the idea. Congressional leaders have pledged to complete the budget resolution next week to match-up with the President’s first 100 days in office.

Intense negotiations are also occurring in the House Energy and Commerce Committee, where a subcommittee of that panel is preparing to consider climate change legislation next week. This represents the first formal consideration of the matter under the Obama Administration. Key to the bill is the idea of “cap and trade,” where greenhouse emissions would be capped for industries, but a market-based emissions trading system would be also implemented. A number of House members from coal-producing states are asking that some electric utilities be provided free emissions allowances until technology to capture greenhouse gases is widely available.

House and Senate leaders are also looking to finalize broad-based mortgage legislation that would expand the borrowing authority of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and provide fixes to the $300 billion Hope for Homeownership housing program created last summer to assist troubled homeowners in improving “toxic” loans. Still unresolved is language allowing federal bankruptcy judges to modify the terms of a home mortgage in some cases to prevent foreclosure — a procedure known as “cramdown.”

Meanwhile, the House approved a number of non-controversial bills this week, including a measure (HR 1139) to reauthorize the COPS Program at the Department of Justice through FY 2014 at $1.8 billion annually. This action is a good indication that the House intends to increase funding for this program when FY 2010 appropriations are considered. The legislation does not make any changes to the program. In addition, a bill (HR 1580) that would authorize funding for federal research designed to prevent improper disposal of electronic waste was passed by the House.

Finally, President Obama came closer to completing his Cabinet this week, as Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius was approved on the committee level for the post of Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services. She is expected to be confirmed by the full Senate next week. In addition, President Obama nominated Mercedes Marquez to be Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development at HUD. If confirmed, Marquez — who is currently director of the Los Angeles Housing Department — would be responsible for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and other HUD initiatives of importance to local governments. Marquez was also a senior advisor on civil rights and fair housing matters to HUD Secretary Andrew Cuomo during the Clinton Administration.
CLIMATE CHANGE
EPA takes first step towards regulating greenhouse gas emissions under the Clean Air Act. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) formally published in the Federal Register today a proposed finding that greenhouse gas emissions contribute to air pollution and may endanger public health or welfare. The proposed finding is the first of a multistep process of EPA regulating greenhouse gas emissions under the Clean Air Act.

The proposed finding arises from a 2007 Supreme Court ruling (Massachusetts v. EPA) in which the Court held that EPA must determine whether or not greenhouse gas emissions from new motor vehicles cause or contribute to air pollution that may reasonably be anticipated to endanger public health or welfare.

President Obama has said that while the Administration is legally compelled to move forward with regulation of greenhouse gas emissions under the Clean Air Act, they prefer that Congress address the issue legislatively. Both the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee and the House Energy and Commerce Committee have begun drafting and holding hearings on legislation that aims to limit greenhouse gas emissions via a cap-and-trade system. Many Washington observers believe that the move by EPA is intended to put pressure on Congress to make difficult choices on climate change this year.

Additional information may be found on the EPA website at:
http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/endangerment.html

STIMULUS GUIDANCE

At a Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs hearing on April 23, 2009 a GAO representative discussed recommendations that have been made to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regarding ARRA implementing guidance. GAO recommended that OMB issue updated guidance that would clarify state and local use of stimulus dollars for administrative costs, make changes to the single audit process, and create a standard procedure to calculate jobs created and retained. OMB issued its most current implementing guidance on April 3, 2009:

Vice President Joe Biden, who oversees ARRA, sent a letter to Committee Chairman Joe Lieberman (I-CT) and Ranking Member Susan Collins (R-ME) prior to the hearing that outlined the changes OMB plans to make. The letter said that the forthcoming OMB guidance is expected to respond to the GAO recommendations, and will also include details on data reporting requirements and the roles and responsibilities of ARRA fund recipients and sub-recipients with respect to data collection, quality control, and compliance. Updated ARRA implementing guidance from OMB is expected in early May.

At the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs hearing Lieberman and Collins voiced their support for using a portion of ARRA money to fund state and local administration and oversight. Carolyn Coleman, Director of Federal Relations at the National League of Cities, testified at the hearing on behalf of cities. She stated that OMB must continue to clarify and enhance ARRA reporting requirements for cities. Coleman also encouraged OMB to better explain the types of projects that are eligible for ARRA funding and to release detailed guidance about calculating jobs created and retained.

STIMULUS WATCH
Weekly update on stimulus activities. Information made available since April 3, 2009 regarding the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) of 2009.

Department of Education
$108.8 million in funding for targeted students and communities is now available to states, including $69.2 million in 52 Homeless Children and Youth Grants and $39.6 million in 180 Impact Aid Construction Grants. Press release:

Department of Energy
$3.3 billion in smart grid technology development grants and an additional $615 million for smart grid storage, monitoring and technology viability:
April 16 press release:

DOE also established the DOE Recovery Act Clearinghouse:

Department of Health and Human Services
$2 billion in ARRA funding for child care and disease prevention through the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF). This money is directly allocated to states. The allocations and more information on the CCDF can be found at:

HHS also released $1 billion for the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) program. The money is directly allocated to states and then distributed to community groups. State allocations:

Department of Homeland Security
$100 million in ARRA funds for the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP). These funds are directly allocated to counties. Grant allocations:
http://www.fema.gov/ynews/releases/pr_123930278726.shtm
Press release:

Department of Housing and Urban Development
HUD’s April 8 webcast regarding the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HRPRP) is archived at:
Department of Justice

BJA posted additional Recovery Act FAQs on the BJA Recovery Act webpage: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recovery/Resources/Resources.htm

The COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP) application closed on April 14th. A total of 7,263 applications were received for 39,314 officer positions. The applications represent a total of $8.342 billion in funding requests for the $1 billion in available funding.

Department of Labor

Updated guidance on Workforce Investment Act (WIA) programs funded in ARRA: http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/TEGL/TEGL14-08_Ch1acc.pdf

Department of Transportation


Environmental Protection Agency

The Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization (OBLR) is currently accepting requests from high performing Brownfields revolving loan funds grantees for ARRA funding. Requests must be submitted to EPA Regional Contacts by May 1, 2009. For more information regarding this opportunity and regional contacts, see: http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E9-8240.pdf

ARRA state allocations from the Leaking Underground Storage Tanks (LUST) Trust Fund. More information regarding the $200 million in LUST funds can be found at: http://www.epa.gov/swerust1/eparecovery/index.htm State allocations are listed at: http://www.epa.gov/swerust1/eparecovery/statealloc.htm

On its recovery website, EPA also added useful links to support resources: http://www.epa.gov/recovery/resources.htm

Contact information for federal agencies implementing EPA programs funded in ARRA: http://www.epa.gov/recovery/contacts.html

National Endowment for the Arts


GRANTS & NOTICES

Department of Homeland Security

DHS posted the FY 2009 Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) Program Guidance. The AFG awards will provide approximately $510 million to fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations. This is NOT the funding in the stimulus bill for firehouse construction. Applications for this funding opportunity are due May 20, 2009. The program guidance can be found at: http://www.firegrantsupport.com/docs/2009AFGguidance.pdf.

National Endowment for the Humanities

NEH is currently accepting applications for Preservation and Access Research and Development Grants. This funding is used to find better ways to preserve materials of critical importance to the nation's cultural heritage and to develop advanced modes of searching, discovering and using these materials. Applications are due July 30, 2009. For more information, see: http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?oppId=46494&flag2006=false&mode=VIEW.

NEH is also accepting applications for Humanities Collections and Resources funding. Twenty awards will be granted for projects that provide an essential foundation for scholarship, education, and public programming in the humanities. Applications are due by July 15, 2009. The full grant guidance can be found at: http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/HCRR.html.

Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention

OJJDP is seeking applications for funding under its FY 2009 Child Abuse Training for Judicial and Court Personnel. Through this program, OJJDP seeks to provide judicial, legal, and social service professionals with the training and technical assistance needed to meet the numerous challenges facing juvenile and family courts. Applications are due May 19, 2009 through OJP’s Grants Management System (GMS): http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2009/CATJCP.pdf.

OJJDP is currently accepting applications for the FY 2009 Field Initiated Demonstration Program. The purpose of this program is to foster innovations and advancements in juvenile justice-related practice at the local, state, and tribal government levels. Discretionary grants of up to $300,000 for projects over a period of two years will be awarded. Applications are due May 26, 2009 through OJP’s Grants Management System (GMS): http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2009/FIDO.pdf.

OJJDP is also accepting applications for FY 2009 Court Appointed Special Advocates Program – Membership Services and Accreditation. The purpose of this program is to ensure that abused and neglected children receive high-quality representation in dependency court hearings. Applications are due May 5, 2009 through OJP’s GMS: http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2009/CASAMandA.pdf.
Actual Compared to Projected Sales Tax Collections

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| TOTAL    | $56,964,834      | $36,435,558    | ($1,423,270)  | ($355,223) | -0.97%   | ($1,423,270)    | ($355,223) | -0.97%   |

Actual collections through April are 3.76 % below projections for the year.
CITY OF LINCOLN  
GROSS SALES TAX COLLECTIONS  
(WITH REFUNDS ADDED BACK IN)  

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Year to date vs. previous year

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## CITY OF LINCOLN

### SALES TAX REFUNDS


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<td>($2,342,280)</td>
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Year to date vs. previous year
## CITY OF LINCOLN
### NET SALES TAX COLLECTIONS

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<td>OCTOBER</td>
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<td>$4,541,471</td>
<td>$4,464,503</td>
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<td>3.29%</td>
<td>$36,435,559</td>
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Year to date vs. previous year
OFFICE OF TREASURER, CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

APRIL 27, 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 March 31, 2009

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<th>Description</th>
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<td>Balance Forward</td>
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<td>Plus Total Debits March 1-31, 2009</td>
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<td>Less Total Credits March 1-31, 2009</td>
<td>($28,729,839.67)</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Cash Balance on March 31, 2009</strong></td>
<td><strong>$164,247,782.09</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</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<td>U. S. Bank Nebraska, N.A.</td>
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<td>Wells Fargo Bank</td>
<td>($641,783.55)</td>
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<td>Wells Fargo Bank Credit Card Account</td>
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<td>Cornhusker Bank</td>
<td>$94,914.43</td>
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<td>Pinnacle Bank</td>
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<td>Union Bank &amp; Trust Company</td>
<td>$471,045.21</td>
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<td>West Gate Bank</td>
<td>$13,212.66</td>
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<td>Idle Funds - Short-Term Pool</td>
<td>$39,406,360.24</td>
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<td>Idle Funds - Medium-Term Pool</td>
<td>$122,454,575.89</td>
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<td>Cash, Checks and Warrants</td>
<td>$627,661.35</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total Cash on Hand March 31, 2009</strong></td>
<td><strong>$164,247,782.09</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 $22,715,686.15 representing authorized investments of the City's funds.

**ATTEST:**

[Signatures]

Melinda J. Jones, City Treasurer
CITY OF LINCOLN - PLEDGED COLLATERAL STATEMENT  
AS OF MARCH 31, 2009

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<th>DESCRIPTION</th>
<th>CUSIP</th>
<th>MATURITY DATE</th>
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ULTIMATE SAFE KIDS DAY & THE SAFE KIDS BLAST

Events Work to Safe Lives, Prevent Injury

Ultimate Safe Kids Day on Sunday, May 3 takes place from 1 to 3 p.m. at SouthPointe Pavilions, 27th Street at Pine Lake Road. The Safe Kids Blast on Tuesday, May 19 is scheduled from 3 to 6 p.m. at The Salvation Army, 27th at Potter Street. Bicycle helmets donated by Scheels All Sports will be available for $12 with proceeds to support Safe Kids. Both events are coordinated by Safe Kids Lincoln-Lancaster County to prevent the incidence of unintentional childhood injury, the leading cause of death to children nationally and in Lancaster County.

In 2007, Tracie Toscano experienced first hand the importance of safe practices. Tracie had carefully read the instructions for her 19 month-old daughter’s car seat to ensure that she was correctly fitted and strapped in. When a deer crashed into her car on the highway causing it to roll repeatedly, her daughter emerged with the car roof mere inches above her head, dirt imbedded in her nose and eyes and shattered glass in her hair--but otherwise uninjured. “We don’t just hand out fliers at these events, we show families how to be safe and what can happen if you don’t use safe practices,” notes Safe Kids co-chair, Brian Baker. Both events offer hands-on demonstrations and activities in seven key areas: child passenger safety, child pedestrian safety, bicycle safety, sports safety, fire and burn prevention, water safety and home safety.

Joshua Collingsworth passed away due to complications from a drowning accident in June 2008. “Everybody thinks they know, but you’ve got to remind yourself over and over,” notes Joshua’s father, Blake Collingsworth. “It’s amazing with kids how fast it can happen.” In July 2008, the number one cause of death for 1- to 4-year old children in Nebraska was due to drowning. Joshua’s family has since established a memorial foundation, published a water safety children’s book titled “Josh the Baby Otter” and partnered with the YMCA to create Float 4 Life infant and toddler water training courses.

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Between 2003 and 2005, 16,851 Lancaster County children 14 years old and younger received treatment in local hospitals. These injuries accounted for 23,124 days of hospitalization and total hospital charges of $11,362,951.

Brian Baker notes, “We know that a bike helmet can keep a skateboard fall from causing a fatal brain injury. A four-sided fence can prevent a toddler from drowning in a pool. A booster seat can keep a child alive during a car crash.” Blake Collingsworth agrees. “Start early…and every time you finish, give them a big hug and a kiss.”
News Release

CONTACT: Barbara Hansen
Lincoln City Libraries
402-441-8512

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Abraham Lincoln traveling learning station exhibit coming to Lincoln City Libraries on May 1st

“Abraham Lincoln: Self-Made in America” features reproduction artifacts from the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum

A world-class traveling exhibit featuring reproduction artifacts from the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield, Illinois is coming to the Bennett Martin Public Library, 14th & N Street, Lincoln, NE, from May 1 to May 29, 2009. The public may view the exhibit free of charge during the library’s regular hours:

Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sunday 12 to 6 p.m.

“Abraham Lincoln: Self-Made in America” was created to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the birth of America’s greatest president by the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. The “We, the People” program of the National Endowment for the Humanities, a federal agency, provided major financial support for the exhibition and accompanying programs. The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation and the History Channel provided additional financial and in-kind support.

The exhibit covers Lincoln’s childhood, his self-education, his careers as a surveyor and lawyer, his family life, the Lincoln-Douglas Debates, the 1860 Presidential election, the Civil War, the 13th Amendment, the Emancipation Proclamation, his assassination, and other important periods and events in his life. The reproduction artifacts on display, all modeled from originals in the Presidential Library and Museum, include: Lincoln’s favorite books; his son Tad’s toy cannon; the nameplate from his Springfield home; his stovepipe hat, which he used like a briefcase to hold important papers; a Presidential campaign banner; an axe that Lincoln used to chop wood; the bloody gloves found in Lincoln’s pocket the night of his assassination; and many other unique and interesting items.
The traveling learning station exhibit is being displayed in 40 public libraries and historical societies over the next two years. It was one of just two “We, the People” programs for the Lincoln Bicentennial funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. The exhibit will travel the nation from September 2008 through September 2010.

Abraham Lincoln, the son of a subsistence farmer, came of age during a dramatic transformation in America’s economic life. Like many of his contemporaries, he embraced a new emphasis on personal initiative, risk-taking, and ambition. He was only 22 when he left his family home to find his own way. After enduring a series of personal failures in business, he became a prosperous attorney, devoted husband and father, successful politician, and, finally, the 16th President of the United States. While Lincoln benefited from close association with a number of powerful friends, his own talents and ambitions combined with hard work and a dedication to self-improvement to produce a unique American specimen - the self-made man.

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PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION
NOTIFICATION

TO : Mayor Chris Beutler
Lincoln City Council

FROM : Jean Preister, Planning

DATE : April 23, 2009

RE : Special Permit No. 08017A
(Soil excavation - No. 56th Street/Hwy 77 and Bluff Road)
Resolution No. PC-01164

The Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission took the following action at their regular meeting on Wednesday, April 22, 2009:

Motion made by Gaylor Baird, seconded by Larson, to approve Special Permit No. 08017A, with conditions, as amended, requested by Russell F. Anderson, for authority to allow soil extraction on Agricultural zoned property located one-quarter mile north of the intersection of N. 56th/Hwy 77 and Bluff Road.

Motion for conditional approval, as amended, carried 8-0: Gaylor Baird, Taylor, Larson, Cornelius, Partington, Esseks, Sunderman and Carroll voting 'yes'; Francis absent.

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

The Letter of Acceptance on the special permit will be mailed to the permittee by the City Clerk at the end of the 14-day appeal period.

Attachment

cc: Building & Safety
Rick Peo, City Attorney
Public Works
Adam Root, Gana Trucking & Excavation, 2200 W. Panama Road, Martell, NE 68404
Russell Anderson, 1917 County Road B, Ceresco, NE 68017

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RESOLUTION NO. PC-01164

SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 08017A

WHEREAS, Russell F. Anderson has submitted an application designated as Special Permit No. 08017A for authority to allow soil extraction on Agricultural zoned property located one quarter mile north of the intersection of N. 56th/Hwy. 77 and Bluff Road, and legally described as:

Lot 30 I.T. in the Southwest Quarter of Section 16, Township 11 North, Range 7 East of the 6th P.M., Lancaster County, Nebraska;

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

WHEREAS, the community as a whole, the surrounding neighborhood, and the real property adjacent to the area included within the site plan for this soil excavation 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 Russell F. Anderson, hereinafter referred to as "Permittee," for a soil excavation operation be and the same is hereby granted under the provisions of Section 27.63.360 of the Lincoln Municipal Code upon condition that the operation of said
mining/extraction of soil be in substantial compliance with said application, the site plan, and the
following additional express terms, conditions, and requirements:

1. This permit approves a soil, sand and gravel excavation operation for a
period of two years from the date of approval of this special permit.

2. Before beginning the excavation operations the Permittee shall have:
   a. Received review and the issuance of any required Federal NPDES
      and/or 404 Permits.

   b. Cause to be prepared and submitted to the Planning Department a
      hydrology report showing no impact on the abutting private well to
      the south.

   c. Received required driveway permits for access onto Highway 77
      from the Nebraska Department of Roads.

   d. Installed a minimum 75% screen up to four feet in height along
      Hwy 77 to visually block the view of automobile occupants of the
      excavation site. The screen can be accomplished by an opaque
      fence, grass covered berm or landscaping material.

   e. Caused to be prepared and submitted to the Planning Department
      a revised and reproducible site plan and five copies thereof
      showing the revisions listed below.

      i. Add a note indicating that topsoil shall be stripped and kept
         on site for redistribution at the conclusion of the extraction
         process. Compacted subsoil shall be broken up prior to
         reapplying topsoil. Reapplied topsoil shall meet or exceed
         the depth of that removed.

      ii. Add a note to indicate the entrance, equipment storage and
          type of equipment to be used, as required in the special
          permit.

      iii. Add a note that soils and topography shall conform to the
          grading plan and seeded in the first growing season after
          extraction ceases.

   f. Post a $9,843 performance bond or escrow agreement in a form
      acceptable to the City Attorney.

   g. The construction plans shall generally comply with the approved
      plans.
h. The applicant shall meet all conditions of 27.63.160 except as specifically amended by this resolution.
i. Post and maintain a sign at the entrance to the site. The sign shall be:
   i. Clearly visible from the adjacent road;
   ii. At least 32 square feet in area;
   iii. Lettering shall be at least two inches in height, black on a white background;
   iv. The sign shall list:
      (1) The approved Special Permit Number;
      (2) The name, contact phone, and email address for the land owner;
      (3) The name, contact phone, and email address for the operator/contractor;
      (4) The Building and Safety Department contact number.

3. The construction entrance shall be closed when not in operation.

4. Operating hours shall be limited to daylight hours Monday through Saturday.

5. Upon completion of all terms, conditions and requirements of the special permit that are to be completed before beginning operations, the Permittee shall request the Director of Building and Safety to issue a certificate of operation. Permittee shall not begin operations until it has received said certificate of operation.

6. Operations shall commence within one year from the date the special permit is approved or the special permit will automatically terminate and be considered null and void. All existing certificates of operation shall automatically terminate on the same date.

7. Within nine months after the completion of excavation on any portion of the site, all cuts shall be returned to a slope of less than three to one, the topography and soils shall be restored and stabilized, and the land shall be graded, seeded, and sodded so as to prevent erosion and siltation, and to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the public.
8. Permittee shall prepare and submit an annual report to the Director of Building and Safety addressing the status and extent of operations and each condition of the special permit. Failure to submit the annual report shall constitute just cause for the City Council to revoke the special permit. Permittee shall be subject to an annual site inspection by the Director of Building and Safety. The cost of such inspection shall be paid for by the applicant. Cost shall be based upon the Department of Building and Safety's hourly rate in effect on the date of the application:

9. All privately-owned improvements shall be permanently maintained by the Permittee.

10. The terms, conditions, and requirements of this resolution shall run with the land and be binding upon the Permittee, his successors and assigns.

11. 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.

12. 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, filling fees therefor to be paid in advance by the applicant.

The foregoing Resolution was approved by the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission on this 22 day of April, 2009.

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Chair

Approved as to Form & Legality:

[Signature]
Chief Assistant City Attorney
Special Permit #08017A
N 56th St (Hwy 77) & Bluff Rd

Zoning:

One Square Mile
Sec. 16 T11N R07E

2007 aerial

[Map showing zoning districts and area of application]
On May 5 and 6, 2009, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) will be visiting the Lincoln Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to discuss the metropolitan area transportation planning process and the effectiveness of that process. The Nebraska Department of Roads and StarTran officials also are involved in these discussions.

The FHWA and the FTA conduct the MPO certification review every four years. The review evaluates the effectiveness of the MPO’s transportation planning process and verifies that the MPO is complying with federal regulations.

In addition to the participating public agencies, the FHWA and FTA need to hear from the community. A public input meeting is scheduled for this purpose on the evening of May 5, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. in the County-City Building, Room 113, 555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

The Lincoln MPO strongly encourages you to attend and to share with the FHWA and the FTA representatives any thoughts you might have regarding to the MPO’s transportation planning process.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, please feel free to share any comments with the MPO by contacting the MPO in person at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Department, via phone, mailed letter, or email. Please submit all comments prior to the May 5, 2009 public input meeting.

If you have questions regarding the May 5, 2009 public input meeting, please do not hesitate to contact the Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Department.

Contact Information:

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Phone: (402) 441-7491
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Website: lincoln.ne.gov keyword: mpo

Office hours:
Monday - Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
City Council members,

Back in November, we briefed you on the updated FEMA floodplain mapping for the Lincoln area. At the time, we indicated we would be notifying property owners within or near both the existing and proposed FEMA floodplain boundary when FEMA’s official public notice of the 90-day appeal period occurred. FEMA has finally issued the public notice. The attached letter provides information about that notice, a website and contact person for questions, and lets property owners know about an open house scheduled for May 21st to provide more information. The letter also indicates that any appeals based on technical information should be submitted to the Watershed Management Division by July 2nd in order for the City to review and forward to FEMA within the 90-day appeal period.

As a reminder, the FEMA floodplain update is generally based upon information already adopted locally by the City of Lincoln. We anticipate it would be the fall or winter of this year before the updated FEMA maps would be before the City Council for adoption by reference in the Zoning and Subdivision codes as required by FEMA.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email or give me a call at 441-6173.

Nicole Fleck-Tooze
April 28, 2009

RE: Preliminary Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map for Lancaster County, Nebraska and Incorporated Areas

Dear Property Owner:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has developed a preliminary Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map (DFIRM) for Lancaster County, showing flood hazard information for the county. The information provided by FEMA makes it appropriate to modify base flood elevations and corresponding flood boundaries for certain locations. This letter is to make you aware that FEMA has initiated a 90-day appeal period starting April 16, 2009, and ending July 15, 2009, for the new or modified base flood elevations.

The County, City of Lincoln, and other incorporated cities and towns in Lancaster County received a letter dated April 3, 2009, regarding the 90-day appeal period which details the appeal process (see www.lincoln.ne.gov, keyword ‘watershed’ to see a copy of the letter to the City of Lincoln). The letter includes a list of the base flood elevations published in the Federal Register. During the appeal period, community officials and/or other interested parties may submit technical information that would serve to refute the new or modified base flood elevations.

Per FEMA’s instructions to the County and incorporated cities and towns, any private citizen who desires to appeal these findings should send scientific or technical data (for example, a hydraulic study from a reputable source) that is intended to negate or contradict FEMA’s findings to the City of Lincoln. The information should be sent to Public Works, Watershed Management Division, 901 N. 6th Street, Lincoln NE 68508. The information must be received by July 2, 2009, in order for the City to review it and forward as appropriate to FEMA within the 90-day appeal period. Note that appeals not based on scientific or technical data will not be forwarded.

This letter is being sent to all property owners within the City’s 3-mile jurisdiction that are within the floodplain boundaries as shown on either the existing or preliminary Flood Insurance Rate map. It is also being sent to property owners outside the City’s jurisdiction whose property is located within the boundaries of the Stevens Creek or Cardwell Branch floodplain as shown on the existing or preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map.

A public open house will be held on Thursday, May 21, 2009, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the Lincoln Firefighters Hall, 241 Victory Lane, to obtain mapping information and to ask individual questions. Devin Biesecker with the Public Works, Watershed Management Division can also be contacted at 441-4955 or dbiesecker@lincoln.ne.gov for technical questions and floodplain information.

Sincerely,

Ben Higgins
Public Works, City of Lincoln
To: Lincoln City Council Members
From: David Landis, Director
Date: April 20, 2009
Subject: Lincoln Mall Capitol Environs Amendment to the Lincoln Center Redevelopment Plan

Attached for your review is an amendment to the Lincoln Center Redevelopment Plan to reflect the Lincoln Mall Capitol Environs Project (see Exhibit A).

The amendment proposes to amend the existing Lincoln Mall Redevelopment Project Area to include more of the Capitol Environs, renaming the project the Lincoln Mall Capitol Environs Redevelopment Project of the Lincoln Center Redevelopment Plan (LCRP). The TIF expected to be generated by the original project area has increased from $900,000 to $3.1 million. Therefore, the Urban Development Department is bringing forward this amendment to construct and maintain public improvements enhancing the aesthetic quality, historic value, spiritual dignity, and physical dominance of the State Capitol and its environs by expanding the project area to include more of the Capitol Environs District. The existing LCRP text is shown in black, removed text is shown with a line through it, and new text is underlined. All exhibits have been updated.

Section 18-2113, of the Community Development Law requires the City to review the project and find that the proposed land uses and building requirements in the Project Area are designed with the general purpose of accomplishing, in conformance with the general plan, a coordinated, adjusted, and harmonious development of the City and its environs, which will, in accordance with present and future needs, promote health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity, and general welfare, as well as efficiency and economy in the process of development. On April 8, 2009, the Project Area and project components, including the amended area, were found by the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission to be in conformance with the Comprehensive Plan, the City’s guiding plan for the protection of public health and safety and sound planning. The project area amendment was also reviewed and approved by the Capitol Environs Commission on April 1, 2009. The Urban Development Department also finds that the project is in conformance with the existing Lincoln Center Redevelopment Plan, which outlines the redevelopment goals and activities planned for the prevention and elimination of blight, and Downtown Master Plan.

Section 18-2114 of the Community Development Law requires that proposed amendments to the plan be accompanied with a statement that addresses the following areas: 1) proposed method and costs of acquisition, 2) proposed methods and costs of redevelopment of the project area; 3) estimated proceeds or revenue from disposal to developers; 4) methods proposed for financing projects; and 5) feasible method proposed for relocating families to be displaced by the project.
1. No property is planned to be acquired with this project.

2 & 3. The total estimated public cost for the project is $3.1 million. The total public cost will be funded through tax increment financing generated by the private development within the project area.

4. The City may issue and sell Community Improvement Financing bonds or notes to fund the public improvements related to these projects, or complete the project as funding becomes available.

5. There will be no relocation of families as a result of the project or project amendment.

In addition, Section 18-2116 of the Community Development Law requires the City Council to make the following findings before authorizing the use of Community Development Financing:

- the redevelopment project and plan would not be economically feasible without the use of tax increment financing;
- the redevelopment project would not occur in the community redevelopment area without the use of tax increment financing; and
- the cost and benefits of the redevelopment project, including cost and benefits to other affected political subdivisions, the economy of the community, and the demand for public and private services have been found to be in the long-term best interest of the community impacted by the redevelopment project.

Per Section 18-2116, the costs and benefits of the redevelopment project, including costs and benefits to other affected political subdivisions, the economy of the community, and the demand for public and private services were analyzed with the resolution adopted on September 9, 2002 and found to be in the long-term best interest of the City. This amendment to the previously adopted amendment does not modify the cost benefit analysis, other than expanding the size of the project stated herein. The Urban Development Department believes that the public improvements included in this plan amendment would not be economically feasible and would not occur “but for” the Tax Increment Financing generated by private redevelopment within the project area.

The revitalization of Downtown Lincoln is in the best interest of the City. The Urban Development Department recommends your approval of the updated Lincoln Mall Capitol Environ Amendment to the Lincoln Center Redevelopment Plan.

Following the approval of the Plan Amendment, the following steps will occur in the implementation of the project:

- Select architects/engineers pursuant to city standard practice to design public improvements.
- Approve the public improvement design.
- Competitively select primary contractor to construct public improvements.
- Construct public facilities and improvements.

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L. LINCOLN MALL CAPITOL ENVIRONS REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

1. Revitalization Project Description

The Lincoln Mall Capitol Environ Redevelopment Project incorporates portions of or all of eight city blocks adjacent to the Lincoln Mall from 10th to 14th Streets and the public rights-of-way of the Capitol Environ District located within the Lincoln Center Redevelopment Plan Area boundaries. Specifically, it includes all of Block 119, then south ½ of Blocks 120 & 121; the southwest quarter of Block 122 and the north ½ of Blocks 125, 126, 127 and 128, and the public rights-of-way of Centennial Mall from the south side of K Street to the mid-point of M Street, J Street from the west side of 16th to east side of 17th Streets, Goodhue Boulevard from the north side of H to the south side of G Streets, and 14th, 16th, K and H Streets adjacent to the State Capitol Building and grounds as shown in Exhibit IV-123, all in the original plat of the City of Lincoln. (See Exhibit IV-123).

The existing land uses in the Lincoln Mall Capitol Environ Redevelopment Project area consist of office, surface parking, residential, public and service retail. Exhibit IV-124 identifies existing land use within the project area.

The goals of this redevelopment project are to provide amenities on Lincoln Mall and in the street right of way serving Block 119 and the Capitol Environ District. The amenities would include, but not be limited to, sidewalks, utilities, curbs, plantings and landscaping, street furniture public art, other hardscaping and transit improvements.

The goals of this redevelopment project are to provide amenities on Lincoln Mall and in the street and public rights of way serving Block 119 and the Capitol Environ District and to support the distinctive architectural character of the Capitol Environ district. The amenities included in the project area are sidewalks, utilities, curbs, plantings, street furniture, public transit improvements, lighting, public art, other hardscaping and improved safety features.

These improvements correspond to several of the downtown redevelopment goals identified in Section III. The redevelopment project addresses these goals in the following ways:

- Encourages private development in the project area that supports and enhances the architectural character of both the Capitol Environ district and Capitol view corridor.
- Strengthens linkages between two key functional areas: State Capitol and the County-City Building.
- Provides an attractive, pedestrian-friendly environment that will encourage businesses to locate and remain in Downtown.
- Increases the level of security and safety by improving lighting, installing police call boxes and increasing night time surveillance in the project area.
- Enhances the area’s pedestrian-friendly, street level orientation through improved sidewalks, street furnishings and other streetscape amenities.
- Integrates streetscape and landscape improvements in the project area with existing cultural landmarks (State Capitol, Lincoln statues).
- Improves vehicular circulation through new public transit shelters in the project area.

2. Statutory Elements

   a. Property Acquisition, Relocation, Demolition and Disposal

   No property acquisition, relocation, demolition or dispersal is anticipated as part of this redevelopment project.

   b. Population Density

   A total of 137 dwelling units exist in the redevelopment project area. These consist of 72 units in the Skypark Manor at 13a and Lincoln Mall and 65 units in the Century House at 12a and Lincoln Mall. All of these units will remain after implementation of the redevelopment agreement.

   c. Land Coverage and Building Density

   The land coverage and building density will not be impacted by the redevelopment project. All existing buildings in the project area will remain upon completion of the project. The proposed uses are all shown on Exhibit IV-125 and are not scheduled to change as a result of this project.

   d. Traffic Flow, Street Layout and Street Grades

   The existing street system within the project area will remain unchanged as a result of implementation of this project. Pedestrian amenities will be constructed on the right of way throughout the project area including in the median of Lincoln Mall from 10a to 14a Streets and in Centennial Mall and the surrounding rights of way in the Capitol Environs. New public transit shelters are planned to enhance traffic flow and user convenience in the project area.

   e. Parking

   The project area contains surface parking on portions of Blocks 119, 120, 121 and covered parking for residents of Skypark Manor. Other nearby parking facilities that serve the area include the Carriage Park Garage (710 spaces), and the Cornhusker Square garage (405 spaces), as well as private and state parking garages.

   f. Zoning, Building Codes and Ordinances

   The project area is zoned O-1, with the exception of the northeast quarter of Block 119, which is zoned B-4a and P (See Exhibit IV-126). The entire area is located within the Capitol Environs Overlay Zoning District. Zoning will remain unchanged as a result of this project (See Exhibit IV-127). The Uniform building code for the abatement of dangerous buildings, the Uniform
Building Code and their specific City amendments will properly protect the health, safety and welfare of the people. At this time, there are no contemplated changes in the City zoning laws or building codes to implement this project.

g. **Public Infrastructure**

New curbs, sidewalks, lighting, police call boxes, public transit shelters, plant material, street furniture and other streetscape improvements are anticipated throughout the project area, a four-block span of Lincoln Mall and around Block 449 as a result of the implementation of this project.

3. **Proposed Costs and Financing**

The estimated cost of the Lincoln Mall Redevelopment Project is **$3.1 million 900,000**. These funds will be used for the following public improvements, which could include the following:

- Public transit shelters
- Sidewalk construction
- Street curbs
- **Other hardscaping**
- Street lighting
- Public call boxes
- Landscaping improvements
- Irrigation
- Street furniture and other amenities
- Public Art

*Funds may also be used to carry out plans for a program of voluntary or compulsory repair and rehabilitation of buildings or other improvements in accordance with the redevelopment plan.* The source of public funds for these improvements will be community improvement financing generated from the private development within the project area. Community investment financing is estimated to be **$3.1 million 900,000**.
Exhibit - IV - 124
Existing Land Use

LINCOLN CENTER Redevelopment Plan

Created by:
City of Lincoln, Urban Development Dept
Revised on 03/13/09
Exhibit - IV - 125
Proposed Land Use

LINCOLN CENTER Redevelopment Plan

Created by:
City of Lincoln. Urban Development Dept.
Revised on 03/12/09
Exhibit - IV - 127
Capitol Environs District

LINCOLN CENTER Redevelopment Plan
City Council members:

If the assessed values on property in the city of Lincoln go down, the responsible thing to do is to raise the property tax rate to make up the difference. This will not mean an increase in what most taxpayers actually pay, it will merely offset the loss of taxable value. Please don’t short-change the city by cutting services without also maintaining revenues.

Sincerely,

Bob Reeves

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CITY COUNCIL OFFICE
SHOULD THE GOV BE RE-ELECTED?

GOVERNOR DAVE HEINEMAN'S ADMINISTRATION HAS THE ELECTION PROCESS SEWED UP. THEY NOW HAVE IT FIXED THAT ALL 93 COUNTY ELECTION OFFICIALS MUST CONTRACT WITH A DESIGNATED COMPANY (CHUCK HAGEL'S) TO PROGRAM THE ELECTRONIC VOTE COUNTING DEVICES WITH A SECRET PROPRIETARY CODE. IT HAS BEEN DEMONSTRATED IN OTHER STATES THAT ELECTRONIC VOTE COUNTERS CAN BE HACKED TO FLIP VOTE COUNTS REMOTELY WITH A LAPTOP COMPUTER.

42 NEBRASKA COUNTIES HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO STOP MANUAL COUNTING OF VOTES AT THE PRECINCTS THAT WAS DONE BY BIPARTISAN COUNTING BOARDS AND TO INSTEAD TAKE THEIR BALLOTS TO THE COURTHOUSES TO BE COUNTED ELECTRONICALLY. NOW NO ONE CAN SEE THE BALLOTS, NOT EVEN IN A RECOUNT. FOR A RECOUNT THE BALLOTS MUST BE AGAIN ELECTRONICALLY COUNTED, FOR WHICH THE COUNTER CAN BE SECRETLY PROGRAMMED WITH A CONVERGING END-RESULT FORMULA.

FIVE TIMES SINCE 2004 BILLS HAVE BEEN FILED AT THE LEGISLATURE TO AMEND RECOUNT STATUTES TO ALLOW A LOSING CANDIDATE TO REQUEST AND PAY FOR A MANUAL RECOUNT AS IS DONE IN OTHER STATES. ON ALL OF THESE BILLS SECRETARY OF STATE JOHN GALE OR HIS OFFICE HAVE OPPOSED THE AMENDMENTS AND THE LEGISLATURE CAVED IN.

SO SHOULD NEBRASKA ALLOW FORMER LT GOVERNOR APPOINTEE DAVE HEINEMAN, WHO WON OVER CONGRESSMAN TOM OSBORNE BY USING THE ABOVE ELECTION PROCESS, TO CLAIM A WIN FOR RE-ELECTION IN 2010?

[Research]

- nytimes.com/makingvotescount
- TheLanderReport.com/toCongress1.htm
- TheLanderReport.com/WorzevichBrothers.htm
- TheLanderReport.com/votingsystemcompanies.htm
- blackboxvoting.org/electionmachinecompanies.htm
- hackedelections.com
- BanVotingMachines.org
- vote scam.com
- truemajority.org
- UncountedTheMovie.com
- commondreams.org/news/03/0131-01.htm

ABC-123 Vote Fraud 101
The voting systems companies listed below seem to be in a constant state of changed names and/or ownership. Editor welcomes leads. Send to lynnelandes@earthlink.net

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Update: http://www.theportlandalliance.org/2006/04/election2006.html "What is known about the company's ownership, dug up by Harris, points to a twisty trail of criminality, conflict of interest and non-disclosure...In 1987 the Omaha World-Herald purchased 47 percent stake in the company, and the McCarthy Group bought 35 percent. The Omaha World-Herald's owner, is owned by the Peter Kiewit Foundation. Harris contends that Kiewit is just about the last company that should have anything to do with an election system vendor. Kiewit and its subsidiaries have been involved in as many as 17 cases of kick-backs on road contracts and state and federal highway projects. With convictions in Louisiana, South Dakota, Kansas and Nebraska, the companies have paid millions of dollars in fines. "Kiewit has connections with both ES&S parent companies and has a track record of hiding ownership when it wants to," says Harris. "It has a powerful profit motive for getting the people it wants into office and it has broken the law in the past to achieve its goals.

You got to be kidding new stupid on the people out there. Omg god please save us.

- 56% of U.S. vote count; Probably the largest voting machine company. ES&S claims that they tabulated 56% of the U.S. national vote for the past four presidential elections." source: http://www.essvote.com/  
- Company official description: Full Service. ES&S "...handle(s) more than 40,000 of the world's most important events and elections. In the U.S. 2002 general election, ES&S systems counted over 100 million ballots." source: http://www.essvote.com/  
- Established: 1999  
- History: In 1999, American Information Systems (AIS), purchased Business Records Corp (BRC) to become ES&S

- American Information Systems (AIS):  
  - AIS (1980) was formerly Data Mark (1979), both founded by brothers Bob and Todd Urosevich. Bob is currently president of Diebold (see below). Todd Urosevich is Vice President, Aftermarket Sales of ES&S.  
  - AIS was primarily funded with financing from Ahmanson brothers, William and Robert, of H.F. Ahmanson Co., holding company for the nation's largest savings and loan association and a group of Omaha-based insurance companies, at the time. http://www.essvote.com/index.php?section=executive&highlight=about&exec_id=4  
- Howard Ahmanson belongs to Council for National Policy (hard right wing organization) http://www.ifas.org/cnp/nap/home98.html. Howard Ahmanson also helps finance The Chalcedon Institute: "Established in 1965, Chalcedon (kal-SEE-dun) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) and Christian educational organization devoted to research, publishing, and promoting Christian reconstruction in all areas of life...Our emphasis on the Cultural or Dominion Mandate (Genesis 1:28) and the necessity of a return to Biblical Law has been a crucial factor in the challenge to Humanism by Christians in this country and elsewhere...A world that is increasingly pessimistic and disillusioned with the failure of secular Humanism is now feeling the impact of Christians who are exercising dominion and reclaiming lost spheres of authority for Christ the King." http://www.chalcedon.org / critical profile: the organization's purpose is to establish Old Testament Biblical law as the standard for society. Chalcedon promotes Christian Reconstructionism - which mandates Christ's dominion over all the world. http://www.ifas.org/fw/9501/chalcedon.html

- Senator Chuck Hagel (R-NE) was Chairman of the Board of AIS (resigned 1999) and was also president of McCarthy & Company (resigned 1998). Michael R. McCarthy is Hagel's current campaign treasurer. source: http://www.csd.com/com/senate_fen/senate_fen.html/Hagel may be an investor in the McCarthy Group, see http://www.talton.com/Hagel.html

Business Records Corp was/is part of Cronus (Substantial Hunter family influence) source: http://www.talton.com/election-machines.html  
- Black Box Voting (by) .org [research]  
- Rosewood Financial Partners [Caroline Hunt, the youngest daughter of legendary oilman H. L. Hunt] 6%; (more Hunt info below)  
- Alex Sheshunoff 53.22% http://www.ashesh.com/SheshunoffHome/nshomepage/openform.html http://www.sheshunoff.com/index.html - Alex Sheshunoff was nailed for insider trading on Business Records Corp. He owned more of Business Records Corp. than I thought. I thought he had given a case and desert order in litigation against him, and apparently paid a fine in a settlement for the case. The SEC nailed him for manipulating the stock price of BRC using a technique called marking the close. He has increased his holdings to over 8%. I got my info from an SEC insider trading lawsuit

20 Damning Facts About Voting In The USA

rense.com (http://www.rense.com/general73/voting.htm) [1]
By Angry Girl of Nightweed.com
9-27-06

Did you know...

1. 80% of all votes in America are counted by only two companies: Diebold and ES&S. http://www.onlinejournal.com/evoting/042804Landes/042804Landes.html[2]


2. There is no federal agency with regulatory authority or oversight of the U.S. voting machine industry. http://www.commondreams.org/views02/0916-04.htm[4]


4. The chairman and CEO of Diebold is a major Bush campaign organizer and donor who wrote in 2003 that he was “committed to helping Ohio deliver its electoral votes to the president next year.” http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2004/07/28/sunday/main632436.shtml[8]


6. Republican Senator Chuck Hagel, long-connected with the Bush family, was recently caught lying about his ownership of ES&S by the Senate Ethics Committee. http://www.blackboxvoting.com/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=26[12]


http://theindependent.com/stories/052700/new_hagel27.html[16]

8. ES&S is the largest voting machine manufacturer in the U.S. and counts almost 60% of all U.S. votes. http://www.essvote.com/HTML/about/about.html[17]

http://www.onlinejournal.com/evoting/042804Landes/042804Landes.html[18]
Tammy J. Grammer

From: archgarry2@windstream.net
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2009 11:41 PM
To: council@lincoln.ne.gov
Cc: Tammy J. Grammer; Robin S. Eschliman; Doug Emery; Jon Camp; Jonathan A. Cook; John Spatz; Ken R. Svoboda; Dan K. Marvin
Subject: Lincoln's Centennial Mall

I Garry Martin of 338 South 29th Street here in Lincoln have attached the following letter of support for re-allocation of funds from Lincoln Mall to improve the condition of Centennial Mall. See below.

Dear Honorable City Council Members and Mayor Beutler

It has been brought to my attention that refurbishment of a portion of Lincoln’s Centennial Mall is to come forward to you to support. I recommend that you approve this project at it is vital for the growth and well-being of the city of Lincoln.

It seems like this should be an obvious solution to vote on. Development funds have been provided by TIF money allocated and not used on the Lincoln Mall project. You are being asked to re-associate these funds to another portion of the mall which is directly related to the scope of work associated with the Lincoln Mall work. I believe you need to look at the mall projects contiguously, much like the grand insight of Bertram Goodhue in his original design concept.

Currently, the mall is in a desperate state of disrepair. The fountains have been shut down and covered up, some of the stairs are not safe to walk on and the base concrete is spalling. These are unsafe conditions that need to be rectified for public safety.

The Nebraska State Capitol is a major landmark in our city with lots of visitors coming annually to visit. These visitors travel or at least view down the Centennial mall and see the unsightly condition. This leaves each visitor with a lasting negative impression of the city. If we want these persons to return and even to live and do business in our city we need to take care of and show pride in the resources we have.

As a board member of the Preservation Association of Lincoln (PAL) I look forward to a dialogue on the visions of the Architect in this rehabilitation. Without knowing the exact design that will be brought forth to enhance this public space, I believe that this is an important issue to move forward on. I do hope that PAL at the time of schematic design, will become a part of the public input. I believe that PAL fulfills an important niche in Lincoln that needs to be represented in how the mall is improved and how it relates to the Nebraska State Capitol and into the downtown fabric of Lincoln.

I understand that this project brought before you already has strong support from Urban Development, the Planning Commission and the Capitol Environ Commission. With money in place to support the construction of mall renovation, a big hurdle has been removed. I urge you to vote for the refurbishment of Centennial Mall. This is something that needs to be done for safety, for aesthetics, for the relationship of Capitol re-development, for a better downtown and most importantly for the pride of our community.

Thanks for your support.

Garry Martin
Books give roots to our neighborhood.

April 26, 2009.

Please save the South Branch Library.

J.V.
The Lincoln Library Board voted to close the South Branch and Bethany Libraries in response to possible budget cuts by the city government. This is a poor solution. South Branch Library is

- one of the few libraries left in Lincoln that serves older neighborhoods.
- South Branch serves lower income families.
- South Branch is one of the most ECONOMICALLY viable libraries.

It is in times like this that a low cost operation should be favored, not censored.

What you can do to help.

- Contact the mayor, city council, and library director with a personal message.
- Join the Save South Branch Library on Facebook.

The most current information to Save South Branch is on its web page at www.savesouthbranch.com and on the Facebook group Save South Branch Library. Fourth graders went to the streets in support of South Branch. Now all of us need to take action to save South Branch Library. Please, invite your neighbors and friends to help keep a valuable and prudent public asset. The most effective thing you can do is write to our elected officials.

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Dan Marvin

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CITY COUNCIL OFFICE
I can not help but smell a skunk here. The city sells land for five grand, why so cheep? Dean Hillhouse now has his corner listed for sale or lease. SE corner of 22 and P looks like someone gave him some legal advice. What are you going to do with 22nd P to Q street on the east side...210 N 22 220 N 22, these people should not be left hanging. What is going on. I watch all the developments and this smells strange. Why so quiet about this block (200 block north 22)
Jim
-------Original Message-------

http://www.ireport.com/docs/DOC-252163
ADDENDUM
TO
DIRECTORS’ AGENDA
MONDAY, MAY 4, 2009

I. CITY CLERK - None

II. CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE MAYOR & DIRECTORS TO COUNCIL -

MAYOR -

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor: Fund Idea Too Narrow To Create Jobs.

2. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule Week of May 2 through May 8, 2009 - Schedule subject to change.

3. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Reserve Your City Practice Field Online.

DIRECTORS - None

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

JON CAMP -

1. Response E-Mail to Gail Steen - RE: The Library Board.

ROBIN ESCHLIMAN -

1. E-Mail to Kent & Gail Steen with response email - RE: The Library Board.

2. E-Mail from Patricia Taft - RE: Her application to the library board in January.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS TO COUNCIL -

1. E-Mail from Patricia Taft - RE: Item 37 amending section 4.20.010 of the LMC to shorten the terms of the Library Board for the City of Lincoln - strong favorable consideration.

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Mayor Chris Beutler today said a proposed “Roads to Jobs” fund lacks the flexibility needed for Lincoln's job creation efforts. City Council member Ken Svoboda has a resolution on Monday's City Council agenda to establish the fund with $8 million in the seldom used Special Assessment Revolving Fund.

“I agree that we need a fund to help businesses expand or locate in Lincoln, but roads are only one part of economic development picture,” said Mayor Beutler. “Our efforts must be tailored to the needs of the individual companies. Right now, our greatest obstacle in attracting new business is the lack of job creation incentives the City can use to help compete with other communities across the nation. If the money was placed in a more flexible fund, we could help solve this problem.”

The Mayor said he is willing to work with Svoboda and the Council to expand the proposal beyond just roads to better fit the City's economic development needs.

Beutler said a new job creation fund would complement the urban growth bill recently signed by Governor Heineman. The bill, sponsored by Lincoln Senator Amanda McGill, allows cities to create urban growth districts on their edges. The estimated sales tax revenues generated within a district can be pledged for debt service on an urban growth bond, and the bond proceeds would used to fund a broad range of infrastructure needs, including roads.

“A fund that simply focuses on roads is too narrow,” Beutler said. “We need to maximize the use of these one-time funds with a focus on the economic long-term future of our community. I would like to work with the Council to make this a fund that will really create jobs.”
Saturday, May 2
- Mayor's Run, remarks, start race - 7:30 a.m., State Capitol (south side)

Sunday, May 3
- 32nd Annual Lincoln National Guard Marathon and Half-Marathon, remarks, start race - 7 a.m., 14th and Vine streets “horseshoe” at UNL Coliseum

Monday, May 4
- International visitors from Canada - 9:45 a.m., Mayor's Conference Room, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.
- Children's Mental Health Awareness Day, proclamation - 10:15 a.m., Mayor's Conference Room
- Veterans Center grand opening, remarks - 3 p.m., 3119 “O” St., Suite A
- Nebraska Restaurant Association 2009 Taste of Nebraska annual banquet and awards presentation - 6 p.m., Cornhusker Marriott Hotel, 333 S. 13th St.

Wednesday, May 6
- LPS Foundation Gold Star Salute, remarks/medallion presentation to David McCammon - 5:30 p.m., Pershing Center, 226 Centennial Mall South

Thursday, May 7
- KFOR - 7:45 a.m.
- News conference - 10 a.m., topic and location to be announced
- Asian Community and Cultural Center annual event honoring past board presidents, remarks, proclamation, present plaques - noon, Holiday Inn Downtown, 141 N. 9th St
- Humane Society annual dinner, remarks, present awards - 6 p.m., Holiday Inn Downtown
RESERVE YOUR CITY PRACTICE FIELD ONLINE

Those wanting to reserve a practice field through the Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department can now do so online at lincoln.ne.gov. Teams are able to reserve fields up to two weeks advance. About 30 different fields will be available for reservation.

“This new reservation system will make scheduling practice much easier for hundreds of youth and adult baseball, softball, rugby, football and soccer teams as we gear up for the summer season,” said Steve Hiller, Assistant Director of the Parks and Recreation Department. “I want to thank the City’s Information Services Division for working with us to provide this convenience for the public.”

Game-quality fields can be reserved for $15, and practice-quality fields are $10. A valid credit or debit card will be needed to reserve fields. Those making reservations will be able to print a permit.

Other Parks and Recreation e-pay services available at lincoln.ne.gov are tee-time reservations at City golf courses and summer swimming passes for City pools.
Tammy J. Grammer

From: Jon Camp [joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com]
Sent: Friday, May 01, 2009 8:57 AM
To: steen@neb rr.com
Cc: Dan Marvin; Doug Emery; John Spatz; Jonathan Cook; Ken Svoboda; Robin Eschliman; Tammy J. Grammer
Subject: Library Board

Gail:

Thank you for your email.

In defense of Robin Eschliman’s consideration of reducing the library board’s term in office from 7 to 4 years, during my 10 years on the City Council I have witnessed several library board members resign during their terms. Several potential board applicants have indicated it might be a better policy to shorten the term to overcome their reluctance to serve because they were unsure they could fulfill a 7 year commitment in a voluntary capacity.

Regardless of the term of service, I agree with you that we need to appoint and confirm the most qualified individuals.

Please feel free to share your thoughts on a shorter term, which would still allow “reappointment”. Again, I emphasize that my purpose in shortening the term would be to expand the applicant pool for this important board. I would in no way be opposed to reappointment qualified individuals to subsequent terms.

Thank you for your thoughts.

Best regards,

Jon

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"If we all did the things we are capable of doing, we would literally astound ourselves."

- Thomas Alva Edison

From: Kent and Gail Steen [mailto:steen@neb rr.com]
Sent: Friday, May 01, 2009 8:12 AM
To: council@lincoln.ne.gov
Subject: library board ordinance
Below is an email I received from Councilmember Eschliman. I am writing in opposition to the change.

The board members were very gracious at the public hearing, and many commented that it was unusual to see such a large turn out, that when most of them applied they were either the only applicant or there was only one other applicant. This turn out was clearly an aberration.

I also think it ludicrous to make a change to successful boards simply to avoid "hurt feelings". If an applicant lacks the maturity to understand there may be someone more qualified than them for the position (which is exactly what happened to me), I do not support their tenure on the board. My feeling is that if there is someone more qualified than myself for the position, it will only make for a better library.

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Gail Steen

From: Robin Eschliman [mailto:robin@neb.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2009 9:57 PM
To: steen@neb.rr.com
Subject: Your application to the library board last January

I am introducing an ordinance to shorten the library board terms from 7 years to 4 years. Here are my reasons:

1. So that more people such as yourself have a chance to serve. We had over a dozen applicants for one position when you applied. It is the most popular board position and we usually have some hurt feelings.
2. More people usually means more fresh ideas
3. Giving more people a chance helps us cultivate ambassadors (and fundraisers!) for a library system that needs to be better funded.

I expect the following opposition:
1. The current members are not happy that their terms will not be renewed
2. It is a working committee and the library director thinks it takes 7 years to learn the job. I don't think that it takes 7 years.

Here is the link to the ordinance  [http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/council/agenda/2009/050409/a050409.htm](http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/council/agenda/2009/050409/a050409.htm) Scroll down to item 37; the link should be in place by Friday sometime. There is a public hearing MONDAY MAY 11 at 1:30 PM and I would love it if you could come down to testify in support of my ordinance. If you cannot come, I would appreciate if you would quickly write a letter to the Council. The third best would be to call and the fourth best would be to send an e-mail. Here is the contact info  [http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/council/members.htm](http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/council/members.htm)

Robin Eschliman
City Council
Tammy, please post Thursday night
----- Original Message ----- 
From: Taft
To: 'Robin Eschliman'
Sent: Friday, May 01, 2009 7:47 PM
Subject: RE: Your application to the library board in January

Thank you for your note and contacting those of us who were former applicants. I will be out of town for the public hearing, but will write a letter to the Council.

The last time was my third try and I likely won’t be submitting another application regardless of the outcome of this – three is two times too many. I felt I had some good leadership and library experience that would have been a benefit to the Board, but realize that they had certain credentials and preferences in mind, so I understand.

Having served on several state and local boards, I am a strong believer in institutional knowledge balanced with fresh minds, so your idea of shortening the board terms has merit as an option to help bring on fresh ideas. In addition, for a number of years, I held off applying because I was not certain that I could commit 7 years, and imagine that is the same for a number of people who might have applied over the years if the term were shorter. I would expect the former Director to think that 7 years are needed, but disappointed to read that the current Director has that same opinion. Like you, I disagree…..and in fact, in my opinion, I believe a new Board member for any organization needs to be pretty much up to speed in the first year (and of course, learning is an ongoing process) otherwise their contribution is marginal.

Just have to say that I believe the larger venue for cultivating ambassadors (and fundraisers!) are all of the volunteers beyond the Board members, so it’s really good that the library system has such a good volunteer program!

Again, thanks for contacting me.

Patricia (Pat) Taft
I am writing to you in regards to Item 37 noted on the May 4th City Council agenda i.e. amending section 4.20.010 of the Lincoln Municipal Code to shorten the terms of the Library Board for the City of Lincoln. I am encouraging you to give this strong favorable consideration.

Having served on several state and local boards, I am a strong believer in institutional knowledge balanced with fresh minds, so reducing to four years would give more people a chance to serve and bring on fresh approach to issues and initiatives. In addition, I believe that needing to commit to seven years might curtail applications coming in from the very individuals that might best serve this Board.

I believe the proposal, in staggering the initial terms, will help carry over that critical knowledge while the newer members come on and become oriented.

Patricia Taft
Lincoln