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6. Correspondence from Randy Bartelt, Lancaster County Jail Chaplain, regarding Change of Zone No. 09010, text amendment to allow churches to held temporary or seasonal sales of goods at retail.

V. ADJOURNMENT
NEWS ADVISORY

CITY OF LINCOLN NEBRASKA

Date: May 29, 2009
Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule

Week of May 30 - June 5, 2009
Schedule subject to change

Saturday, May 30
• Biketacular, start parade and give away prizes - noon, area south of Capitol and McPhee Elementary, 15th and "G" streets (event is 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

Monday, June 1
• City-County Common Meeting - 8:30 a.m., Room 113, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.
• Ribbon-cutting for Lighthouse Victory Garden - 11 a.m., 2601 "N" St.

Wednesday, June 3
• Mayor's Arts Awards, remarks - 5:30 reception, 7:15 p.m. ceremony, Lied Center stage, 12th and "R" streets

Thursday, June 4
• KFOR - 7:45 a.m.
• Nebraska Professional Firefighters Association convention, remarks - 10:30 a.m., Embassy Suites, 1040 "P" St.
• Lincoln-Lancaster County Environmental Leadership Awards lunch, remarks - noon, Champions Club, 707 Stadium Drive
• Lincoln Airport Authority news conference, remarks - 3 p.m., Delta counter, Lincoln Airport terminal
• Lincoln Solid Waste Management Association's 59th annual Spring Fling - 5:30 p.m., Isles Reception Hall, 6232 Havelock Ave.
DATE: June 2, 2009
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Chris Beutler and the University of Nebraska Public Policy Center will release preliminary results from the Taking Charge online budget survey and the May 16 community discussion at a news conference at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 3 in the City Council Chambers, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.
June 3, 2009

Dale E. Michels, M.D.
Lincoln Family Medical Group, P.C.
7441 O Street
Lincoln, NE 68510

Dear Dr. Michels:

Thank you for your letter regarding the emergency medical services RFP process. I appreciate your strong commitment to ensuring quality medical responses in emergency situations.

I recognize that your personal involvement with the EMS, Inc Board has given you strong feelings in support of the current system. Unfortunately, I believe you have a misunderstanding in regards to my position on the matter. In my letter to Dr. Anderson, I clearly stated that I support medical oversight. Your letter states that I would likely replace independent medical oversight with a “dependent medical contractor.” I specifically committed to a board comprised of medical professionals to provide guidance. I am certainly open to an appointment process that ensures one entity does not dominate the board. Since this is very similar to the current EMS, Inc Board and could possibly include some of the same members, I do not understand your contention that the system would be threatened.

Your assessment of Dr. Mlinek is an illustration of why the EMS, Inc Board cannot sit in judgment of the RFP process. It would be difficult for the Board to judge Dr. Mlinek in a fair and unbiased fashion. Dr. Mlinek is a well-respected emergency medical physician. To that end, it is in the best interests of the community to hear his proposal for emergency medical oversight as well as the opinions of other qualified medical practitioners that may apply.

As I stated in the Anderson letter, this is not about dissatisfaction with the EMS, Inc. If EMS, Inc is indeed the best model for the provision of emergency medical oversight, then it should be evident in the RFP process.

Again, thank you for your continued interest and involvement in our City’s emergency medical services.

Sincerely,

Chris Beutler
Mayor of Lincoln

Cc: Lincoln City Council
    Lancaster County Commissioners
    Derrick Anderson, MD- President LCMS
    Russ Bayer- President EMS, Inc
    Joan Anderson
Chris Beutler today said the preliminary results of the “Taking Charge” survey reflect a balanced view of City spending and show that residents want a carefully managed budget that justifies expenditures. The City worked with the University of Nebraska Public Policy Center on the project, which included an online survey completed by more than 1,800 residents and a community discussion attended by more than 100 people. The project focused on City services in danger of being eliminated or reduced in the 2009-2010 budget.

“Lincolnites are realistic about the future, and they recognize that we can't have it all,” Beutler said. “In some cases, they felt Lincoln's future demanded that we commit funds to keep programs. In some cases, they were willing to forgo programs they felt weren't as important to their vision of Lincoln.”

Online survey respondents indicated support in the following areas:

- Keeping neighborhood pools open - 83 percent, 43 percent through increasing property taxes and 40 percent by cutting evening hours at all pools
- Keeping neighborhood libraries open - 81 percent, 42 percent through increasing property taxes
- Maintaining after-school programs to prevent youth crime - 71 percent willing to increase property taxes by 18 cents per month for the average household, and nearly 20 percent willing to spend more
- Continuing health screening for homeless individuals - 70 percent willing to increase property taxes one cent per month
- Continuing West Nile prevention efforts - 66 percent willing to increase property taxes two cents per month
- Continuing to pay insurance costs for volunteers who serve older adults - 62 percent willing to increase property taxes by 14 cents per month
- Maintaining asbestos inspection of buildings - 60 percent willing to increase property taxes by one cent per month.

- more -
The majority of survey respondents did not support increasing taxes for stormwater and floodplain review; the drafting and review of annexation agreements; and the youth tobacco use prevention program. Respondents also preferred charging property owners the cost of indoor air quality investigation and increasing user fees for Parks and Recreation programs.

“In short, citizens prioritized the dollars they were willing to spend, just as they do each and every day as part of their household budgets,” Beutler said. “Two-thirds of the respondents indicated they would support some level of property tax increase. I do not regard this finding as a City-wide mandate to raise taxes. Surveys have limitations that must be recognized. But it would be unfair to ignore the opinions of more than 1,800 people who demonstrated an interest in saving key City services.”

Mayor Beutler said many of the survey respondents indicating support for an increase in property taxes to save services wanted it limited to less than $1 per month, a less than one-cent levy increase in the City tax rate.

Residents also were asked to rate their level of confidence in City government. Most residents expressed trust and confidence in City government, and the residents who participated in the discussions displayed marked increases in their trust and confidence after spending the day considering which programs and services should be retained versus eliminated.

“It is clear than when government honestly and forthrightly allows citizens to examine the same facts we as elected officials examine, their faith in our decision-making increases, even in those circumstances where they don't agree with the results,” Beutler said.

Information on the Taking Charge initiative is available on the City Web site, lincoln.ne.gov. The large group sessions from the public budget discussion on May 16 are airing on 5 CITY-TV and are available through video-on-demand through the City Web site. The Public Policy Center's complete report is available by calling 472-5678, or visiting http://ppc.nebraska.edu.
MAYOR DIRECTS CITY EMPLOYEES TO USE LINCOLN AIRPORT ON BUSINESS TRIPS

Chris Beutler announced today that he is signing an executive order directing City employees to fly from the Lincoln Airport on business trips unless the fare differential is $100 or more by using an alternate airport. The Mayor made the announcement in conjunction with the beginning of Delta service from the local airport to hubs in Atlanta and Salt Lake City.

“The more we use the Lincoln airport, the more choices we will get,” Beutler said. “I believe Lincoln City government should set an example in this area. I would encourage our private sector businesses to consider adopting a similar policy as well.”

Because of tight budgets, City employees are allowed to take business trips only if they are judged essential or if expenses are covered by non-City funds. The Mayor said flying from Lincoln often is the best value when you consider the travel time, mileage and parking issues associated with using another airport.

“Flying from our own airport whenever possible is an investment in our community,” Beutler said. “Having strong air service to and from a community is important to attracting and retaining businesses and for tourism.”

The executive order also allows City employees to fly from alternate airports if flying from Lincoln creates scheduling issues that result in additional lodging expenses or significant lost time.

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City Council Members:

Here’s a concern from Mrs. Heier with response from one of our staff members. If you need additional information, please let me know. Fred Hoke

Fred,

Please see email below. Would this email go to your department for a response? If so, could you please check into her situation and respond back to Ms. Heier. Please send copy of the response to Councilpacket@lincoln.ne.gov. If you have any questions, please let me know. Thanks.

Tammy Grammer
City Council Secretary
441-6867

-----Original Message-----
From: WebForm [mailto:none@lincoln.ne.gov]
Sent: Sunday, May 31, 2009 3:16 PM
To: General Council
Subject: InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

Name: Cynthia L Heier
Address: 927 South 23 Street
City: Lincoln, NE 68510

Phone: 402-435-0770
Fax:
Email: cinsae@windstream.net

Comment or Question:
I have just been made aware the property owner who of 925 South 23 is planning to put a driveway between my property and his. The worker said he plans to make it so the drive way turns into and across the back yard of 925 South 23.

I live at 927 South 23 and at the end of the month a privacy is to be installed. I don't believe there is enough clearance for the driveway, the ability to turn into the back yard given the property lines and the entrance/exit from the basement that also exits between the yards. I am not only worried about damage to my fence, but also about leakage to my basement in drainage from the driveway.
I would appreciate it if you would look into this and help me prevent the driveway between houses for the above reasons and for safety reasons.

Thank you very much.

Cynthia L. Heier

Here's a response from our Chief Plans Examiner, Dale Stertz:

Fred

In response to the concerns the property owner at 927 So 23rd has with possible work at 925 So 23rd regarding a new driveway between properties and the clearance for the driveway, the ability to turn into the back yard, exit from the basement, damage to a fence and drainage from the driveway to their basement. We have had a field inspector investigate the site, currently no work is taking place, he did note that there is a stairway to the basement on the south side of 925 So 23rd. Between the stairway and the property line there appears to not be sufficient room for a driveway.

There are no City design standards for private driveways. Therefore, we have no authority to regulate a driveway on private property other than a car can't be parked closure than 2' from a property line.

Any damage to a fence on private property is a civil matter between property owners.

Any water drainage issues on private property or damage caused by is a civil matter between property owners.

I trust this has answered any concerns.

Dale Stertz
Two Household Hazardous Waste Collections in mid-June

There are two Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collections yet this spring at which residents can safely dispose of unwanted lawn and garden chemicals, along with other household hazardous waste. Both events will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Friday, June 12, at Union College (52nd & Cooper), and Saturday, June 13, at Wal-Mart near 85th & Highway 2.

The June collections are an opportunity to get potentially dangerous products out of the home and garage so they won’t be around during outdoor summer activities and when children are more likely to be playing outdoors. Residents should take advantage of these collections now, since the next collection in Lincoln is in late August.

Union College has hosted an annual Friday collection for nearly 10 years. This is the first time that Wal-Mart has hosted a HHW collection in Lincoln, led by the store’s Personal Sustainability Project team, which will provide assistance and education at the collection entrances and exits.

Only Lincoln and Lancaster County households and individuals (no businesses) can bring household hazardous waste to the collections. For a list of items accepted at the Household Hazardous Waste Collections, residents can contact the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department at 441-8021, or check the health department website at [www.lincoln.ne.gov](http://www.lincoln.ne.gov) (keyword: “household”).

Items that can be recycled or disposed of locally will not be accepted at the HHW collections, including motor oil, gas grill cylinders, pharmaceutical waste, electronics, computers and batteries. Residents are reminded that latex paint will NOT be accepted at the HHW collections.

Additional 2009 Household Hazardous Waste Collections are scheduled in August, September, and October.

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Ordinance No. 19243
Effective: May 19, 2009
26.29 Acres
From: Tina D. Queen  
Sent: Thursday, June 04, 2009 10:43 AM  
To: Tammy J. Grammer; Adam A. Hornung; Bob Workman; Deb E. Schorr; debschorr@aol.com; Doug Emery; Eugene W. Carroll; Randy W. Hoskins; Ray Stevens; Roger A. Figard; Tina D. Queen  
Subject: FW: North Quiet Zone Timeline

Tammy - Please forward to City Council members not on the RTSD Board. Thanks!

-----Original Message-----
From: Alicea F. McCluskey  
Sent: Thursday, June 04, 2009 9:53 AM  
To: Mark A. Hunzeker (MHunzeker@baylorevnen.com)  
Cc: Tina D. Queen  
Subject: North Quiet Zone Timeline

This is an update on the North Lincoln Quiet Zone Project, which is currently underway. Median construction on 70th, 44th and 33rd Streets has been completed. Installation of the wayside horns was delayed due to increased insurance requirements by the railroad, but they are scheduled to be installed the week of July 13th. This schedule has been confirmed by BNSF railroad.

When the horn installation is complete, the city will notify BNSF and they will have 30 days to silence the horns. Our expected date for the horns to stop is August 17, 2009.

The money budgeted for the wayside horns is still reserved for this project.

Tina, please forward this to the City Council and RTSD Board.

Alicea Mc Cluskey  
Engineering Services  
402.441.8610
interoffice

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Lincoln City Council
From: Greg MacLean - director, Public Works & Utilities Dept.
Date: May 28, 2009
Subject: StarTran Advisory Board Actions
cc: Mayor Chris Beutler, Larry Worth - StarTran

In conformance with 2.38.100 of the Lincoln Municipal Code (LMC), this memo is to advise of action taken by the StarTran Advisory Board following the May 28, 2009 public hearing regarding StarTran routes and schedules, as follows:

- Discontinue afternoon service on the #14, W Van Dorn route - The #14, W Van Dorn route operates 2 trips - one morning trip (5:30 a.m.) And one afternoon trip (6:30 p.m.). This route serves the Community Corrections Center of Lincoln (CCCL), primarily. Due to lack of ridership and the proximity of the West “A” route to the facility, the staff from CCCL requested the afternoon (6:30 p.m.) trip be deleted. This is contracted service in which CCCL supplements the cost minus what is collected in fares.

No one testified at the public hearing and no correspondence was received regarding the subject minor service revision. The StarTran Advisory Board voted unanimously in favor of the service change.

The subject service will be effective on June 4, 2009. Per 2.38.100 of the LMC, the change will be “permanent” 45 days after Advisory Board action, on July 13, 2009.
Dear members of the City Council:

I’m writing to ask you to increase the City’s support for the Lincoln Arts Council (LAC). Not only does the LAC enhance our quality of life in Lincoln, but it contributes to the strength of our economy. A strong arts community helps our city recruit new business. Arts and cultural tourism generate $36 million annually and the Arts Council is the hub of that activity in Lincoln.

Furthermore, the Arts Council coordinates and connects artists with educational programs for children and helps foster creativity and an understanding of creative problem solving amongst our youth.

Investing tax dollars in the Lincoln Arts Council pays off for Lincoln!

Sincerely,

Pam Baker
1235 Surfside Ct.
Lincoln, NE 68528
Please keep their funding if possible.

Mary Nelson
Lincoln, NE
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    General Council

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Thank you very much.

Cynthia L. Heier
Media Release

To: Media
CC: Mayor's Office, Lincoln City Council
From: Lori Vrtiska Seibel, President/CEO, 436-5516
Date: 05/29/09
Re: Funding Awards

Community Health Endowment Announces Funding Awards

Following an extensive review of 70 applications, the Board of Trustees of the Community Health Endowment (CHE) is pleased to announce the funding of 21 projects, representing $378,923 in funding for FY08-09. With this announcement, CHE will have provided more than $1.1 million in grant awards this fiscal year.

William Lester, Chair of the CHE Board of Trustees, says of this year's funding awards, "Even in the midst of a turbulent economic environment, CHE is pleased and proud to continue a high level of financial support in the community. There is little doubt that the need for community services has increased, and we are grateful to the non-profit community for continually seeking to meet the needs of our most vulnerable populations."

Collect and analyze consumer data related to the Behavioral Health Jail Diversion Project so that ongoing sustainability can be achieved.
(Community Mental Health Center: $5,000)

Update training materials regarding the victimization of persons with disabilities.
(ARC of Lincoln/Lancaster County: $1,100)

Provide fitness and nutrition classes to residents of North Lincoln.
(Abiding Grace Community Church: $9,760)

Expand the ED Connections program to reach mentally ill and substance abusing patients who routinely use the Emergency Department.
(Lincoln ED Connections: $25,000 in year one; $15,000 in year two; and $10,000 in year three)
Provide capital funding for the purchase of a 12-lead EKG system to be used in eight Lincoln ambulances.
(Saint Elizabeth Foundation: $19,652)

Increase access to basic health-related supplies among low-income, high need clients.
(Center for People In Need: $5,000 in year one; $5,000 in year two; and $5,000 in year three)

Provide matching funds to purchase dental digital radiology equipment.
(People's Health Center: $34,767; Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department: $25,702)

Support the purchase of fresh fruit and milk vouchers for the Backpack Program.
(Food Bank of Lincoln: $10,000 in year one; $10,000 in year two; and $10,000 in year three)

Provide matching funds for kitchen construction and equipment.
(Matt Talbot Kitchen and Outreach: $75,000 in year one; and $75,000 in year two)

Provide operational support to Fresh Start Home, a transitional housing program for adult homeless women.
(Fresh Start Home: $15,000 in year one; $15,000 in year two; and $15,000 in year three)

Support the provision of lactation consultation/outreach at People's Health Center.
(MilkWorks: $6,000 in year one; $6,000 in year two; and $6,000 in year three)

Provide youth outreach efforts and decrease underage drinking by communicating alcohol and drug abuse prevention via the news media and social networking sites.
(Lincoln Council on Alcoholism and Drugs: $10,000)

Increase retention and recruitment of First Aid Team members and purchase an additional First Aid Team bag of supplies and equipment.
(American Red Cross: $10,000)

Provide matching funds for kitchen renovation at the original Friendship Home shelter.
(Friendship Home of Lincoln: $32,713)

Provide matching funds to expand the St. Monica's facility.
(St. Monica's: $25,000 year one, and $25,000 year two)

Promote collaboration and provide community education regarding grief and mourning in diverse cultures.
(Mourning Hope Grief Center: $8,000)

Purchase a 9-1-1 call simulator and provide targeted education to children, older adults, and New Americans.
(City of Lincoln Emergency Communications Center: $2,300)

Address relapse prevention among women and adolescent girls in substance abuse recovery by offering relationship programming and resources.
(St. Monica's: $6,450)

Provide matching funds to purchase a replacement truck for the delivery of food commodities to low-income and/or elderly persons.
(Indian Center, Inc.: $22,479)
Provide matching funds to replace the roof of the Clyde Malone Community Center.
(Clyde Malone Community Center: $30,000)

Increase accessibility to primary care for new patients at People's Health Center.
(People's Health Center: $118,000)

Address the childhood obesity epidemic through the power of policy development and reform.
(Teach a Kid to Fish: $60,000)

Develop, implement, and manage integration of behavioral health services in the primary care setting.
(Region V Systems: $54,905)

For additional information, contact Lori Vrilska Seibel, President/CEO, 402.436.5516.
Media Release

To: Media
CC: Mayor’s Office, Lincoln City Council
From: Lori Seibel, President/CEO, 436-5518
Community Health Endowment
Date: June 5, 2009
Re: Annual Meeting with the Community

Community Health Endowment Meeting to Feature Dan Buettner and Secrets of the “Blue Zones”

Dan Buettner will be the featured speaker at the Community Health Endowment’s Annual Meeting with the Community at the Plaza Conference Center, BryanLGH Medical Center East, 1500 S. 48th St., on June 10, 2009 at 3:00 pm. An internationally recognized author, explorer, and educator, Buettner will share stories of what he has learned from studying the world’s hotspots of longevity, or “Blue Zones.” On assignment for National Geographic magazine, Buettner has led expeditions to the world’s longest lived cultures and he will share stories and information about what they can teach us about longevity and quality of life.

Buettner’s work has garnered national attention with recent appearances on CNN’s Anderson Cooper 360, Good Morning America, World News Tonight, National Public Radio, and the Oprah Winfrey Show. He has also been featured in National Geographic, New York Times, Forbes, Wall Street Journal, and many other publications. To learn more about Dan’s work, visit www.bluezones.com.

The meeting will also feature the presentation of the Horizon and Closing the Gap Awards. The event is free and open to the public. Please register to attend at http://www.chelincoln.eventbrite.com or call CHE at 436-5516.
June 3rd, 2009

Mr. Doug Emery and the members of the City Council,

This email is in reference to Change of Zone No. 09010, text amendment to allow churches to hold temporary or seasonal sales of goods at retail.

On June 2, 2009 in the Lincoln Journal Star there appeared an article about firework stands on church property not charging sales tax creating an unfair edge over competing stands. My plan has always been to charge sales tax just like every other fireworks stand in Lincoln. I was not seeking to leverage any sales tax advantage against other fireworks stands by having my stand located on church property. In many cases churches have high visibility to attract customers to a stand, churches have ample land for tent placement without affecting parking and churches see minimal use midweek which means a fireworks stand is less likely to interfere with normal church programming. This is especially true this year with Fourth of July falling on Saturday.

In light of yesterday's comments from the Journal Star, I wanted to clarify my intended purpose for requesting the text change. My motivation as a Chaplain in the Lancaster County Jail, a non-funded county position, is to raise some needed funds for my working budget with Good News Jail & Prison Ministry. As an employee of Good News, each Chaplain is expected to raise their own budget. Fireworks sales is a good way to raise funds, get people involved in a good cause, and highlight some of the inmates whose lives have been changed as a result of the efforts of myself and my team of volunteers. All this and sales tax revenue for the city of Lincoln!

Sincerely,

Rev. Randy Bartelt, Chaplain
Lancaster County Jail
ADDENDUM
TO
DIRECTORS’ AGENDA
MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2009

I. CITY CLERK - None

II. CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE MAYOR & DIRECTORS TO COUNCIL -

MAYOR -

1. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule Week of June 6 through June 12, 2009 - Schedule subject to change.

2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Open House Set For Street Projects Funded By Stimulus Bill.

3. NEWS RELEASE - RE: City Pools Open Tomorrow - City making progress on updating pool drains.

4. NEWS RELEASE - RE: City Council Seeks Input on Meeting Time.

DIRECTORS - None

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

CAMP -

1. E-Mail from Gene Hogan with Response from Jon Camp - RE: Pit Bulls.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS TO COUNCIL - None
DATE: June 5, 2009
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule
Week of June 6 through June 12, 2009
Schedule subject to change

Saturday, June 6
- Lincoln Literacy Council annual awards luncheon, presentation of the Mayor's Award for Literacy Achievement - 11:30 a.m., Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2110 Sheridan Blvd.

Monday, June 8
- 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

Wednesday, June 10
- Community Health Endowment annual meeting luncheon, remarks - 11:30 a.m., BryanLGH Medical Plaza Conference Center, 1500 S. 58th St.
- Rededication of Delores Lintel Park, remarks - 1:30 p.m., Lintel Park, 21st and Holdrege streets

Thursday, June 11
- KFOR Morning Show - 7:45 a.m.
- Lincoln Children's Museum, unveiling of renovated exhibit - 5:30 p.m., 1420 “P” St.

Friday, June 12
- Touching Heart Childcare kindergarten through sixth-grade government day - 9 a.m., Mayor's Conference Room
- Joshua Collingsworth Memorial Foundation Dinner, remarks and proclamation - 6:30 p.m., Yankee Hill Country Club main ballroom, 7600 San Mateo Lane
The public is invited to an open house Thursday, June 18 to discuss City arterial street rehabilitation projects being funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The open house is from 5 to 7 p.m. at the City's Engineering Services Office, 531 Westgate Boulevard, Suite 100.

The following projects will be discussed:

- Rehabilitation of the Superior Street bridge over Salt Creek
- Arterial Street Rehabilitation Package A – “A” St., 63rd to Imperial; Van Dorn St., Normal Blvd. to 70th St.
- Arterial Street Rehabilitation Package B – “Y” St., 18th to 27th streets; “P” St., 17th to 27th streets; N.W. 1st St., Highland Blvd. to W. Fletcher Ave.
- Arterial Street Rehabilitation Package C - Sheridan Blvd., South to Calvert streets
- Arterial Street Rehabilitation Package D - Holdrege St., 19th to 25th streets; Cornhusker Hwy, Russell Dr. to 70th St.; 70th St., Adams St. to Aylesworth Ave.; Vine St., 70th St. to Sierra Dr.; Adams St., I-180 to 14th St.
- Arterial Street Rehabilitation Package E - “O” St., 15th to 25th streets, 29th to 44th streets, and Wedgewood Dr. to 84th St.

These projects are currently in the design stage and are tentatively scheduled for construction in 2010 and 2011. The meeting will allow citizens the opportunity to review the proposed projects and environmental findings. Representatives from the City Public Works and Utilities Department will be available to explain the projects. The design teams will seek public input on the proposed projects and will meet with attendees one-on-one to answer questions.

Those needing special accommodations are asked to call Erika Nunes in Engineering Services at 441-5675 at least 48 hours prior to the open house. If you cannot attend the open house and have questions or would like more information, see the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: recovery) or contact a project representative:

- For the Superior Street bridge project, contact Erika Nunes at the number above.
- For the arterial street rehabilitation projects, contact Kent Evans, Engineering Services, at 441-7583
Lincoln's 10 public pools will open for the 2009 season Saturday, June 6:

- Star City Shores will be open everyday from 12:30 to 8 p.m.
- Arnold, Ballard, Belmont, Eden, Highlands, Irving and University Place pools will be open from 1 to 8 p.m. weekdays and 1 to 6 p.m. weekends.
- Meadow Heights and Woods pools will be open from 1 to 6 p.m. every day. These pools will host swim lessons and swimming and diving practices in the evenings. New this year at Woods Pool is $5 Family Swim Night every Friday evening except June 19 and July 31 when Woods will host regional swim meets.

The regular summer swim season will run through Sunday, August 16. City Parks and Recreation Director Lynn Johnson said all 10 public outdoor pools are fully funded for this summer. Pool information is available on the Parks Web site, parks.lincoln.ne.gov.

Johnson said the City is making progress on modifying pool drains as a result of a federal law passed last fall. The law was prompted by accidents elsewhere in the nation in which swimmers were trapped, mostly by suction-type drains. Lincoln pools use gravity-type drains, making this type of accident highly unlikely.

“Safety is our top priority, but we have never had an issue with our existing drains,” Johnson said. “All drain covers are checked regularly as part of our maintenance process.” Johnson said Lincoln and most other communities have been unable to complete modifications because standards were not immediately available, the pool drain manufacturer has faced increasing demands, and some pools require modifications in addition to replacing the covers.

“We began working on the project as soon as pools closed last summer, months before the law was passed,” Johnson said. “Because our pools range in age from eight to 50 years, we had to gather extensive information on each pool and its drain construction.”

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The City contracted with Olsson Associates in December to determine the modifications necessary to bring every pool into compliance. Johnson said he hopes work at Highlands, University Place and Star City Shores can be completed this summer using SCUBA teams to install the new covers instead of draining the pools. Work at the remaining pools would begin after this season, and the project is expected to be completed by summer 2010.

The federal legislation did not provide for funding for the drain modifications. Johnson said the cost will range from about $1,500 for new drain covers themselves up to $10,000 for pools that may require more significant retrofitting. Johnson said the money would come from the City's Capital Improvement Program, and that might delay other Parks and Recreation construction projects.
The Lincoln City Council would like to hear the public’s opinions on a proposal to change the Council’s weekly meeting time from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. The last meeting of the month will continue to begin at 5:30 p.m. City Council Chair Doug Emery said the Council is considering the time change to make it more convenient for the public to attend meetings. The Council is scheduled to vote on the time change at its meeting on Monday, June 22.

The public can contact the Council office by calling 441-7515, e-mailing council@lincoln.ne.gov or sending comments to 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, NE 68508. The public also may contact Emery directly by calling 441-8734 or e-mailing demery@lincoln.ne.gov.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: June 5, 2009
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Doug Emery, City Council Chair, 540-3805 (cell)
Tammy J. Grammer

From: Tammy J. Grammer  
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2009 8:25 AM  
To: Adam A. Hornung; Doug Emery; Eugene W. Carroll; Jayne L. Snyder; John Spatz; Jon Camp; Jonathan A. Cook  
Subject: FW: Pit Bulls

Council,

Please see email below from Jon Camp. I will list this on the Directors Addendum for 06/08/09. Thanks.

Tammy Grammer  
City Council Secretary  
441-6867

From: Jon Camp  
Sent: Sunday, June 07, 2009 4:40 PM  
To: Gene Hogan  
Cc: Tammy J. Grammer  
Subject: RE: Pit Bulls

Gene:

My fellow colleague, John Spatz, is checking on the appropriate legislation to address dangerous animals, such as a pit bull.

You and other citizens have expressed concerns.

Thank you,

Jon

From: Gene Hogan [gthogan@gmail.com]  
Sent: Thursday, June 04, 2009 10:00 AM  
To: Jon Camp  
Subject: Pit Bulls

Hello Mr. Camp,

I hope you're well today.

After reading about the latest attack on a 10 year-old boy by a pit bull, I have to ask if there's a reason why we need this dangerous breed of dog in our city. Has the Council ever looked into this?

Thanks very much!

Gene Hogan  
419 S 48th Street