DIRECTORS’ MEETING  
MONDAY, JULY 13, 2009  
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 113  
11:00 A.M.

I. CITY CLERK

II. CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE MAYOR & DIRECTORS TO COUNCIL

MAYOR

*1. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will join other City Organizations at a news conference, Thursday, June 25, at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers to discuss Uncle Sam jam 2009 and other Independence Day weekend activities. (Forwarded to Council Members)

*2. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor welcomes visitors to Lincoln for Independence Day weekend. Uncle Sam Jam 2009 schedule of events, Lincoln’s Symphony Orchestra presentation and traffic and parking locations included in release.

*3. Drinking water samples tested for Total Coliform and E. Coli bacteria by the Colilert® method of analysis.

*4. NEWS RELEASE. Open house set for section of Antelope Valley roadway, Monday, June 29, 2009, 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm at 2143 “O” Street.

*5. NEWS ADVISORY. Lincoln Fire and Rescue. Members of the media invited to cover Friday’s culminating exercise of a national Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) training course.


**7. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will discuss proposed budget cuts for 2009-2010 at a news conference on Tuesday, June 30th, 1 pm in the Mayor’s conference room at the County-City Building, 555 So. 10th. (Forwarded to Council Members on 06/29/09)

**8. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor’s budget proposed $5.6 million in cuts.

**9. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will have a news conference on July 2nd, 10 a.m, at 555 S. 10th in the Chambers with details of the budget and a briefing, same day, at 1 p.m. at 555 S. 10th in the Mayor’s Conference Room on the entire budget.

**10. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor proposed lower City retirement match for new employees.


12. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler’s public schedule for July 3, 2009 - July 10, 2009. (Forwarded to Council Members on 07/06/09)

13. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler’s news conference on July 3, 2009 at South Branch Library and an itinerary of the City’s official Independence Day celebration.

14. Mayor Beutler’s letter to City employees on change in the City’s retirement match for new employees.

15. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor’s budget keeps branch libraries and neighborhood pools open.

16. Drinking water tests for Total Coliform and E. Coli bacteria by the Colilert® method of analysis.
DIRECTORS

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

FINANCE/TREASURER
**2. Memo from Steve Hubka, Budget Officer, with June sales tax reports reflecting April sales:
   a) Actual compared to projected sales tax collections;
   b) Gross sales tax collections, with refunds added back in, 2003-2004 through 2008-2009; and

HEALTH
**1. NEWS RELEASE. Clean up your fireworks.
**2. NEWS RELEASE. Air quality health advisory for sensitive individuals, fireworks and air pollution.
   a) Air pollution particle graph for Lincoln, July 3-5, 2008.

CITY LIBRARIES
*1. NEWS RELEASE. Library Board of Trustees vacancy announced.

PLANNING
*1. Urban Design Committee meeting agenda for July 1, 2009.

PLANNING COMMISSION

PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION
**2. Special Permit No. 500B. Add adult evening component to private school, 2615 Austin Drive. Resolution No. PC-01172.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES
1. Response to Christopher Lawhead’s letter with respect to fluoride added to Lincoln’s drinking water.
   a) Correspondence from City Clerk Ross to Jerry Obrist and Scott Holmes regarding open microphone session testimony at the regular Council meeting.
   b) Testimony read by Christopher Lawhead at Council meeting on fluoride in Lincoln’s water.
III. COUNCIL RFI'S & CITIZENS CORRESPONDENCE TO INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP
*1. Correspondence from Mark Kurtenbach regarding safety and traffic flow on Old Cheney Road between 70th Street and 84th Street.
2. Response to Etta Tucker on banning fireworks in the City of Lincoln.
3. Councilman Camp’s response to Jim Peck, Thorn Court Lot Holders, on impact fees for meter pits which provide irrigation water for green spaces.

JONATHAN COOK
*1. Request to Greg MacLean, Public Works & Utilities Director - RE: Road at 1st & Fletcher (RFI#136 - 06/18/09) SEE RESPONSE FROM DENNIS BARTELS, ENGINEERING SERVICES.
*2. Letter from Dave Scheffler asking for the vote in August to be preserving the Lincoln libraries.

DOUG EMERY
*1. Letter from Dave Scheffler asking for the vote in August to be preserving the Lincoln libraries.
2. Letter from Douglas Griffin regarding Pit Bull dogs running loose.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS TO COUNCIL
*1. Don and Diane Crouch email stating that money needs to go to infrastructure first, repair the roads.
*4. Letter, with attachments, from Lois Hartzell, Vistar Homes, Inc. asking the City of Lincoln to reduce the amount of impact fees to help relieve the burden of costs on home buyers in this difficult economy. (Each Council Member received individual letter)
**5. Email from Sara Boldt. Consider the responsible people who take good care of their pets, including pit bulls.
**6. Letter from Mark Faatz. Consider all aspects when thinking of closing the South Branch Library. (Council members received on 06/29/09)
**7. Lincoln Airport Authority Resolution No. 518 stating no tax levy should be made for airport purposes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009.
8. InterLinc correspondence from DiAnna Schimek. The County’s should delay a vote regarding Lancaster Manor until more information is available. (Forwarded to County Commissioners on 07/06/09)
9. Letter and article from Rosisa Parline sent to Council Members Hornung, Carroll, Spatz, and Snyder, on keeping the Pioneer Park Nature Center free for everyone.
10. Letter from an anonymous writer listing complaints against certain City Water supervisors.
11. Email from Mary Roseberry-Brown regarding the Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Capital Improvement program.
V. ADJOURNMENT

* Carried Over from June 29, 2009.

** Carried Over from July 6, 2009.
DATE: July 2, 2009
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule
Week of July 3 through 10, 2009
Schedule subject to change

Friday, July 3 - CITY OFFICES CLOSED - INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY
- News conference on City budget - 10 a.m., South Branch Library, 27th and South streets
- Live interview about Uncle Sam Jam on KOLN-KGIN TV - 6 p.m., Oak Lake Park
- Uncle Sam Jam 2009 featuring Lincoln's Symphony Orchestra - 9:15 p.m. concert,
  10 p.m. Zambelli fireworks display, Oak Lake Park (activities begin at 4 p.m.)

Saturday, July 4
- Larry the Cable Guy comedy show - 7:30 p.m., Memorial Stadium

Monday, July 6
- Budget presentation to City Council - 10 a.m., Council Chambers, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.

Tuesday, July 7
- “Blog Talk Live” with Dennis Kornbluh, KZUM Radio - 6 p.m., Terminal Building, 941 “O” St.

Wednesday, July 8
- Fiserve/ITI ribbon-cutting, remarks - noon, 14th and Old Cheney

Thursday, July 9
- KFOR Morning Show - 7:45 a.m.
Mayor Chris Beutler will discuss the status of libraries and pools in the City budget for 2009-2010 at a news conference at 10 a.m., Friday, July 3 at the South Branch Library, 2675 South St. (The library will be closed the rest of the day for the Independence Day holiday).

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“Uncle Sam Jam 2009,” the City's official Independence Day celebration, will take place Friday, July 3 at Oak Lake Park in the area of Charleston Street and Sun Valley Blvd.

Activities begin at 4 p.m. The celebration culminates with a live performance by Lincoln's Symphony Orchestra beginning at 9:22 p.m. The performance concludes with musical selections synchronized to the Zambelli Internationale fireworks display at 10 p.m. The Symphony concert is free to the public.

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

For more information on the celebration, visit the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: uncle sam jam).
July 6, 2009

Dear City Employees:

As you may be aware, I recently announced a change in the City’s retirement match for NEW employees. I wanted to take a moment and let you know directly why I have taken this action.

First, I want to make clear that the change does not impact YOUR retirement. We have made a commitment to you and we will keep that commitment. As I have said many times, our employees go above and beyond the call of duty. You have been challenged to do more with less every single year and risen to the challenge.

But I do not believe we can continue to meet the needs of this City with deeper and deeper cuts to service. With my most recent budget announcement, we will have eliminated 143 jobs in three years. We have been fortunate that we only laid-off a handful of people in the process. This has been accomplished by using management tools that minimize lay-offs, such as the hiring freeze and past retirement incentive programs. Unfortunately, those techniques are not a permanent solution. Deeper cuts this year, and in the future, will most certainly require significant lay-offs, putting our employee families at risk.

It is imperative that we convince the public that additional revenues are necessary to keep our City functioning. Unfortunately, the issue of the two-to-one retirement seems to be an impediment to that type of consensus. Citizens do not understand how we can cut services they depend upon while maintaining a retirement match they themselves cannot attain. I am concerned that without resolution, we will be unable to bring new revenues to City Hall, requiring the additional future cuts that could mean lay-offs.

I understand the challenges associated with having two different retirement plans in place. We did not undertake this action without a sober assessment of the pros and cons. I am not under the illusion that this is a perfect solution.

But of the choices available to us, I am convinced this is the only one that will help create the community consensus we need to put the City’s financing issues back on track and save jobs while keeping your retirement benefits in place.

If you have questions or comments, please email or call the office. I am grateful for your hard work during these challenging times.

Sincerely,

Chris Beutler
Mayor of Lincoln
Mayor Chris Beutler today announced that his budget proposal for 2009-2010 will include funding to keep branch libraries and neighborhood pools open. He was joined for the announcement at South Branch Library by Sheridan Elementary student Grace Doll and her friends who protested the closing of the library earlier this year.

“As we celebrate Independence Day, it's important to point out that what these girls did is part of a great American tradition that dates back to our nation's earliest days – when we don't agree with our government, we protest,” Mayor Beutler said. “In this age of video games, Grace and her friends reminded this community that reading still matters in their lives. They reminded Lincoln that libraries are the heart and soul of our neighborhoods and communities.”

The South and Bethany branch libraries as well as the Ballard, Belmont, Irvingdale and Arnold Heights pools were considered for funding cuts. The Mayor's proposed budget includes $392,730 to keep the two libraries open and $178,753 to keep the pools open.

“No one wanted the libraries or pools to close,” Beutler said. “But we are simply not generating enough revenue growth to keep pace with the increased costs of providing services.”

Beutler thanked City Council members who worked with him to find the revenue needed to maintain the services. “They share my belief that a great city is more than roads and sewers, more than police and fire,” he said. “While those services are extremely important, they do not create community bonds or lift the spirit the way a neighborhood library or pool can.”

The Mayor will present his budget to the City Council at 10 a.m. Monday, July 6. The presentation will be carried live on 5 CITY-TV, government access cable channel 5. The City Council votes on tentative changes to the Mayor's budget in July. The public hearing on the budget is scheduled for August 10.
July 7, 2009

The Honorable Mayor and City Council

All of the drinking water samples were tested for Total Coliform and E. coli bacteria by the Colilert® method of analysis.

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Respectfully,

Sandra Irons
Nebraska Public Health Environmental Laboratory
Lab Manager

enc.
In response to Christopher Lawhead's letter on 6/30/09 we have provided the following information with respect to Fluoride added to Lincoln's drinking water:

USEPA MCL (Fluoride) is 4.0 mg/L. -- Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCL) are set at health effects levels. The value identified as the MCL is the maximum level that a parameter is allowed to reach without causing negative Health Effects on an individual consuming water. Secondary MCLs are established for other impacts, such as aesthetics, staining, etc.

USEPA Secondary MCL is 2.0 mg/L
If the Secondary MCL is exceeded, the PWS must notify customers of possible fluorosis (cosmetic discoloration of permanent teeth) issues.

LWS uses Hydrofluorosilic Acid (H$_2$FSi$_6$)

    Average Acidity 22.5%
    Average Available Fluoride 79%

All Hydrofluorosilic Acid provided to LWS must meet the following standards for use in municipal water systems:

    ANSI/NSF Standard 60: Treatment Water Chemicals - Health Effects
    ANSI/NSF Standard 61: Drinking Water System Components - Health Effects
    AWWA Standard B703-06

Naturally occurring fluoride concentrations in the LWS water supply range from 0.2 - 0.4 mg/L.

Fluoride concentrations within the LWS distribution system have averaged 0.8 mg/L to 1.2 mg/L during the last three (3) years.

Lincoln has been adding fluoride to the naturally occurring fluoride since January 7th, 1970.

With respect to the health side: "The safety of fluoride is well documented and has been reviewed comprehensively by several scientific and public health organizations (Institute of Medicine (IOM) 1997, National Research Council (NRC) 1993, Newbrun 1996, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (USDHHS) 1991, World Health Organization (WHO) 1984). When used appropriately, fluoride has been demonstrated to be both safe and effective in preventing and controlling dental caries. The IOM (1997) classified fluoride as a micronutrient, citing it, along with calcium, phosphorus, magnesium, and vitamin D, as an important constituent in maintaining health." (From U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. *Oral Health in America: A Report of the Surgeon General*. Rockville, MD: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, National Institutes of Health, 2000.) Additional information from the US Centers for Disease Control, link given below, provides additional details on the health aspects of fluoride.
Jerry and Scott:
Attached is the testimony read by Christopher Lawhead at yesterday's open microphone session of the regular Council meeting. The Council meeting open mic session can be viewed and heard on City 5 TV Video on Demand if the attached is not totally legible. Jon Camp has asked that both of you receive a copy and respond to him and the Council.

Joan E. Ross, CMC
City Clerk
(402) 441-7438
(402) 441-8325 (Fax)
I received the Annual drinking water quality rep. 2008, & on the reverse side is an invitation to part in the decision making process at the City Counc. I had to except, for I am a part of the in research society. & the implications in this re, raising the amount of fluoride water supply, should resist.

I must first point out that the Maximum Cont level for fluoride is Not A, as printed in this but is in reality 1 part per million. & that 1 parts per million has been tested 2x per Infants, that is facts.

In the key, fluoride is added in to bring the Natural level of about 0.4 parts per to the optimum of 1.0 part per million. So by this, the optimum level is the Maximum Con level.

and then there is the lie, printed here in one sentence that fluoride is added to help prevent tooth decay, is then emphasized in the likely Sources Column. Lets start there.

Likely Sources: Erosion of Natural deposits ment carbor as about 0.4 parts per million. Now this, Natural Calcium fluoride, then is goes on to an additive which promotes strong teeth.
This additive which is cheaper than the ph grade, is purchased from fertilizer & aluminium factories. It comes from smoke stack scrub that produce phosphate fertilizer. It is Hexafluorosilicic Acid & is Not Even Sin to Calcium Flouride it is a highly toxic when it is not Calcium Fluoride it is a waste by-

Artificially fluoridated water is not ben to our health. & naturally occuring fluoride is essential for Any living thing. & that should. Common knowledge. Fluoride is a Part II po under the UK’s Poison Act of 1972. It is the main ingredient in Any Rat poison.

The Malicious lie purported to the American people that fluoride is added to our water to prevent tooth decay should be blown wide open. By the fact that on any fluoride toothpaste con is the print. If accidentally swallowed contact your Poison Control Center right Away. & that in Nov. of 2006 the American dental A advised that Infants should not be fluoridated water. & that too much could be. Yet on our grocery store shelves we have Nurs water with a brand name aimed at formula Infants. Loaded with Flouride. So if you s why? Why purport such a Mass orches lie to the American people? One has to only look at the documented History of the Wor
the very first occurrence of fluoridated drinking water on Earth was in Germany’s Nazi prison camps, the Gestapo had no concern about fluorides affecting teeth, their reason for mass-medication the water supply with fluoride was to sterilize the humans, & force the people in their concentration camps into calm submission. 

the Soviets quickly followed suit & openly admitted to using fluoride in the water supply in the concentration camps to make prisoners, ignorant, docile, & subservient. Their quote, on that note, is important to point out that basic ingredient in PROZAC is fluoride about 90%, about 90% of Prozac is fluoride. Studies have shown that fluoridated water does reduce IQ in children, these researchers more recently dismissed after 97% of Western Europe has rejected fluoridated water due to the known health risk.

In Germany, Belgium, & Luxembourg, fluoridation of water was rejected, because, it was classified as Compulsive Medication against the subjects will & therefore violated human rights. It is obvious that fluoridated water is tool of control.
I maintain that, the only true salvation from any oppression or Inslavement is Self Empowerment. True Knowledge, Enlightened Consousness, encompassing all aspects of Existence.

I hope you see what is really going on here, \begin{itemize}
\item please do your own research, do not not simply believe me.
\item try to prove me wrong, these are all facts - are available for anyone to discover.
\end{itemize}

You are the people who can make a difference, act on your Intuition!, do not fall for false or Unstable Announcements/ or forms of Group think. Wake Up. For your children, grand children, and the Entire future of this great Republic founded by the people, for the people.

\begin{itemize}
\item the people United will never be destructed.
\end{itemize}
Etta:

I will share your email with my City Council colleagues and the Mayor.

We will need to hear the "voices of the people", like yourself, to consider a ban. I will need to review the Omaha ordinance as well for its specifics.

Thank you for expressing your concerns.

Jon

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From: WebForm [none@lincoln.ne.gov]
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2009 1:56 PM
To: Jon Camp
Subject: InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for Jon Camp

Name: Etta Tucker
Address: 4531 Oakridge Circle
City: Lincoln, NE 68516

Phone: 402-484-0260
Fax:
Email: ettakay@gmail.com

Comment or Question:
Mr. Camp,

I am writing to ask your help regarding a public vote to ban fireworks in the city of Lincoln (similar to Omaha's ban). Where do I start, what can I do, etc. There is a lot of support for this among adult voters. Please let me know what I can do to get this on the ballot. Sincerely, Etta Tucker.
Jim:

Thank you for your email concerning the impacts fees for your area in the utility conversion.

Let me follow up with two steps:

1. Share your request with my City Council colleagues (our staff person, Tammy Grammer will relay this message), and
2. Visit with Ms. Dugan to quantify the impact fees.

Thank you,

Jon

From: Jim & Jean Peck [jpeck1@neb.rr.com]  
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2009 6:06 PM  
To: Jon Camp  
Subject: Emailing: Thorns circle island, P6050023, P6050024, P6050027, P6050028

To: Jon Camp  
Lincoln City Council

From: Jim Peck for the Thorn Court Lot Holders  
4108 thorn Court  
Lincoln, NE 68520

Mr. Camp,

The city is in the process of converting Thorn Court to city water. In Thorn Court there are two areas of common ground, the entry, which is part of out lot A, Firethorn 20th Addition (parcel # 16-02-412-017-000) and the Thorns Circle Island, out lot A, Firethorn 22nd Addition (parcel # 16-02-413-002-000). Both of these areas are owned by the Firethorn Utilities Service Corporation. Each of the green space areas has a meter pit which is used for irrigation only.

At this time I am inquiring about the possibility of the city waiving the impact fees for these 2 meter pits when they are converted from Firethorn water to city water. The green spaces are essentially parks in an annexed part of the city and are maintained at no cost to the city. I am attaching a PDF of the Thorns Circle island and photos showing the entry to Thorn Court and the Thorns Circle Island.

For our tax payments Thorn Court Lot Holders now enjoy city sewage disposal, have police and fire protection, and soon will be on city water. Since Thorn Court street is private, the city has no responsibility for its maintenance and the city is not obligated to provide street lighting, two items which I believe are significant savings for the city. The 2007 property valuations for Thorn Court totaled approximately 22.4 million dollars. This certainly provides significant tax dollars for the city.

I have submitted this information to Michaela Dugan, the Impact Fee administrator for the city, who suggested I provide the above information to the council in hopes that the city might feel that the entry and circle island green spaces, which are maintained by the residents of Thorn Court, are of enough benefit to the city that the city would waive the impact fees for the two meter pits that provide irrigation water for these green spaces.

I would appreciate guidance to properly appeal these impact fees.
Thank you for your consideration,

Jim Peck for the Thorn Court Lot Holders
4108 Thorn Court
Lincoln, NE 68520
jpeck1@neb.rr.com

The message is ready to be sent with the following file or link attachments:
Thorns circle island
P6050023
P6050024
P6050027
P6050028

Note: To protect against computer viruses, e-mail programs may prevent sending or receiving certain types of file attachments. Check your e-mail security settings to determine how attachments are handled.
Dear Councilman Doug Emery

Recent news of dangerous dogs.

I have seen what happens when Pit Bull dogs are running loose, two pit bulls attacked my daughters small dog and tore it apart.

This past year while waiting to pick up my grandson at Robin Mickle school quite often two young men would walk two Pit Bulls when school was letting out at 3pm. The students had to get off the side walk so these guys could walk their dogs. One thing that would help protect the public is that any large dog on public grounds be required to wear a muzzle.

Thank You
Douglas D.Griffin
6231 Walker Ave.
Lincoln Ne.
68507
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for General Council

Name: DiAnna Schimek
Address: 6437 Lone Tree Drive
City: Lincoln, NE 68512
Phone: 402-423-0262
Fax:
Email: dschimek@earthlink.net

Comment or Question:
Dear Council members:
I have just written the County Commissioners encouraging their vote to delay a decision on Lancaster Manor until more information is available. I hope that you will also consider a delay. From the outside looking in, it appears this decision may have been rushed and may not be in the best long-term interest of Lancaster County residents. Thank you for your consideration.

DiAnna
4 July 2009

Dear Adam Horning,

City Hall has been introducing more and more fees on the users of government (city) services rather than paying for them from the general tax revenue. Is this occurring to escape the responsibility of setting tax rates to match expenses?

City services should be understood as benefiting the entire community. We all benefit from police, fire, EMS services, not just those who call for help.

The same holds true for city parks and educating them to the wonders of nature. The whole community benefits from interaction with nature, not just those who visit the Pioneer Park...
Nature Center at a particular time.

The city is proposing to collect an admission fee to the Nature Center. The effect of admission fees will be a reduction in participation. We have already seen this happen in team sports, and the recreation centers when fees were increased last year with the shift to non-profits. Let us not allow the same to occur to the Nature Center. Keep it free!

The Harris's who bequeathed the land to the city in 1929 did so with the intention of keeping it free. They specify in the deed that fees shall not be charged except for the exception of certain activities. Enclosed is the article. Thanks! 423-1260
Please remember that the children are our future. Everyone's children. Richard Louv speaks to the decreased attention spans, the lack of creativity when children lack a tie with nature. A special place with no scheduled, directed play. The Pioneer Park Nature center yields that need. Keep it free for everyone.

Sincerely,

Frances Thelin

You may contact me at 423-1260 or rose@datata-st.com for further discussion.

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JUL 09 2009

CITY COUNCIL OFFICE

Rosina P. Paolini
1850 Dakota St.
Lincoln, NE 68502
Deed To Pioneers Park, Gift Of Mr. and Mrs. John Harris, Is Approved By City Council

Pioneers Park, given to the city of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Harris of New York, now belongs to Lincoln, as deeded from them having been approved by the council Monday evening and ordered recorded. The deed will be as specific as the deed from the Burlington to Mr. Harris has been filed.

According to provisions of the deed, the city is given authority to make such changes of admission in the park as may be deemed necessary. This is done to bring the city into the spirit of the deed and the regulations intended.

There has been no talk of a charge for tennis or any of the other games. The policy now will follow for Pioneers Park, it being the amusement of the people, according to the council, who said, "While we have seen the clipper being used for the purpose, the park has not been interfered with, and all the questions come down to the general acceptance, signed by every member of the council, says:

"Whereas, John F. Harris, formerly of this city, his today tendered the City of Lincoln a deed conveying Pioneers Park, I, therefore, be it resolved that the deed of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska, is hereby accepted and that the proceeds of his property, this deed conveying Pioneers Park, as the President the Board of City Commissioners, and the City Council, and that the deed be conveyed in the manner of the deed.

There is a well defined plan among the city officials that this should be continued after the manner that now prevails at the park, with possibly a monument or a letter in the manner of handling affairs. With the aid of the city officials, the park, with possibly a monument or a letter in the manner of handling affairs, is well defined for the city officials. The plan is to recreate the spirit of the deed and the regulations intended.

City Briefs

JANUARY 15, 1929

Opening "The Park Grounds—Recent alternatives—results of the pleasure ground general cleanup of Pioneers Park Tuesday, following an inspection by the City Commissioners, Bar and Associate Kittinger. The wire fence near the east end and near the Albert Willard home used.

People's Forum

(Forum communications to the Lincoln Star should be submitted in the department and are not expressed in the department. They may not express the views of the editor.)

Seeks No Advantages.

LINCOLN, Neb, Jan. 24. To the Editor of the Lincoln Star:

In the evening issue of Jan. 18, you gave a prominent place to the formative stage of the "City Manager Plan" and I am glad for a further comparison, with the present plan, said to be preferred.

That article read: "In other words the advantages of the charter, and the form of government without the change, would be...".

The use of public lands for real estate transactions is not limited to the city manager plan, nor is the power to sell real estate in the city, the use of which is limited to special taxes or assessments. The sale of real estate of the city, the use or ownership, shall be under the authority of the city council, and not exceeding in any case the sum of $10,000, unless authorized to do so by a clear majority of the council."

Purchasing land for the city has been prohibited.
How long will the City officials allow the wrong doing of the “Managers” at water to keep doing their wrongs? It’s okay that some are allowed to talk on personal cell phones, make personal plans, have family members come in and out as if they too work there. What happened to a fair playing field? What happened to innocent UNTIL proven guilty? What is happening that people are afraid to stand up to the supervisors and managers because they know they will lose their job. Co-workers/employees see and hear what is happening but they are too afraid to stand up against the supervisors, Why? Because everyone knows you will NOT win against Jerry Obrist, Steve Owen, Lonnie Rech, Bill Fish, Nick McLevin, Mark Koeller, Greg McLean. These are the ones that let everyone know “THEY ARE THE BOSS” The women won’t dare cross them or question them, female supervisors are afraid of losing their job so they sit back with their mouth taped shut. It’s a tight rope act and its very clear that all walk the very rope unfortunately only the “few select” individuals are walking with ease because there is a safety net. All the others know to keep their mouth shut, do NOT disagree and they too will be safe. If you are to disagree because you have been wrongly accused, don’t you dare say a word. You will slowly see the rope beneath your feet break and than, they will sit back and watch. Soon the vultures start to fly over head and with every minuet incident they fly in closer just waiting for the rope to be cut or break. That is what happens when you do or say things that the Boss’ don’t like.

You are expected to be good employees, kind of like when your pet does something good you give them a pat on the head. Well the employee is allowed to keep their job. Ask the employees how often they are told Thanks! How often will Mr. Obrist actually LOOK YOU IN THE EYE and say thank you, you did a good job? Like President Obama says, “It’s time for change” Yes, we all agree that now IS the time for change and with positive changes water just might be an “okay” place to want to work. Ask employees when the last time they enjoyed walking through the door to work. Ask some of the newest retirees how happy they are to be OUT of that “hell hole”. It is but “just a way to pay bills” that people walk in the door. There is no talking in passing; this would be considered having fun. We must not have fun, we are there to work, we have a wheel to turn, a job to do, we are but mechanisms that get water to the people of Lincoln.

You can investigate, ask around, do what you have to which will be to throw this into the grinder. Yes, it will be anonymous. The day will come when we will be able to come forth and let everyone know who we are. Until the time of “safety” is here it will not happen. If you are not liked whether on the construction side, service side, or a woman you ARE of the minority group. All in this group know who they are and the Boss knows who they are as well and it is very well known.

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July 7, 2009

RE: Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Capitol Improvement Program

Dear Lincoln City Council Members:

1. I am writing in enthusiastic support of Comprehensive Plan Amendment #9003: Community Vision, promoting sustainability. According to this amendment, sustainable communities “conserve and efficiently utilize our economic, social, and environmental resources so that the welfare of future generations is not sacrificed.”

The key word I can think of regarding this amendment is responsibility. Worldwide, we have reached the point where we must make decisions considering future impact. Economically, we need to make decisions asking if a particular action will foster a healthy, locally-owned economy providing for all needs or just fill the pockets of a few while draining others. Socially, we need to make decisions asking if a particular action will foster the health, education, and spirit of future citizens. Environmentally, we need to ask if our natural resources are being conserved for future generations including clean air, water, energy, healthy ecosystems, and accessible natural green spaces and wildlife habitat.

Personally, I am extremely proud of Lincoln officials for introducing this amendment and will be counting on each of you to vote for its passage.

2. I am writing in support of the following Capital Improvement Program budget proposals.
Public Works and Utilities and Parks and Recreation CIP projects:
0095-Wetlands/Open Space Acquisitions, Easements, Restoraton-070906000095
0054-Floodplain/Floodprone Area Engineering/Projects-070700000054
0061-Comprehensive Watershed Master Plans-070714000061
0062-Implementation of Watershed Master Plan Projects-070714000062

All of the above projects represent wise, responsible choices to protect and sustain our future.
Floodplain/wetland protection provides for the most economically effective and efficient means of flood storage, creek stabilization, sedimentation reduction, and pollution removal. Their protection is called for in the current Comprehensive Plan. If their protection is not currently provided for, many times the current allocation will be required to remedy mistakes (for example, the Beals Slough remediation project0. Even then, mistakes cannot be fully remediated.

Parks and Recreation:0440-Replacement of Wilderness Park Bridges-080904000440
The trail which these bridges would connect is designated a National Hiking Trail. Many people have based their decision whether or not to move to Lincoln because of the existence of this beautiful trail. Please contact me for details.

Again, for the future of Lincoln, I am counting on you to approve these projects.

Sincerely,
Mary Roseberry-Brown
President, Friends of Wilderness Park
ADDENDUM
TO
DIRECTORS’ AGENDA
MONDAY, JULY 13, 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 July 11 through July 17, 2009 - Schedule subject to change.

2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: New Recycling Site Opens At Event Center.

DIRECTORS - None

III. COUNCIL RFI’S & CITIZENS CORRESPONDENCE TO INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS - None

IV. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS TO COUNCIL -

1. E-Mail from Sara Friedman - RE: The July 14th Meeting on the Comprehensive Plan Amendments.
DATE: July 10, 2009
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule
Week of July 11 through 17, 2009
Schedule subject to change

Monday, July 13
- Mayor's Award of Excellence - 1:30 p.m., Council Chambers, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.
- Neighborhood Roundtable Meeting - 5:30 p.m., Mayor's Conference Room, County-City Building

Tuesday, July 14
- United Way of Lincoln and Lancaster County 2009 Campaign Breakfast - 8 a.m., Ameritas Life Insurance, 5900 “O” St.

Wednesday, July 15
- Matt Talbot Kitchen and Outreach groundbreaking for new facility, remarks and proclamation - 9 a.m., 2121 N. 27th St. (behind Carnegie Building)

Thursday, July 16
- KFOR Morning Show - 7:45 a.m.
- Parks Foundation and Parks Advisory Board joint annual meeting, remarks - 5:30 p.m., Lincoln Community Foundation Building, fifth-floor conference room, 215 Centennial Mall S.

Friday, July 17
The following two events mark one year until the start of the Special Olympics 2010 USA National Games:
- Breakfast of Champions, remarks - 8 a.m., Cornhusker Marriott, 333 S. 13th St.
- Countdown Celebration (also celebrates 25th anniversary of the Cornhusker State Games) - 5 p.m., red9, 322 S. 9th St.
NEW RECYCLING SITE OPENS AT EVENT CENTER

The City of Lincoln has opened a new multi-material recycling center at the entrance to the Lancaster Event Center, 4100 N. 84th St.

Individuals can drop off newspapers, cardboard, aluminum and tin cans, glass bottles, plastic containers and mixed paper for recycling at no cost. The items must be separated and placed into designated containers and compartments.

“The site is another opportunity for residents of Lincoln to do their part for the environment,” Recycling Coordinator Gene Hanlon said. “This location offers residents and workers in the surrounding area a convenient and easy way to recycle, and we appreciate the support of the Event Center in hosting the site.”

The new site is one of 22 multi-material drop-off recycling sites in Lincoln. The City also has four newspaper-only drop-off sites. For more information on recycling in Lincoln, visit lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: recycle) or call 441-8215.
You will be discussing:

*An amendment to the Comprehensive Plan that requires the concept of sustainability to receive attention. This means that since all actions taken by government are to be in compliance with the Comprehensive Plan, all actions and projects would be required to be in compliance with the concept of sustainability if this amendment is approved. **This is good because it not only plans for the future of Lincoln now, but allows for the needs in the future.**

* BUDGET ISSUES

There will be Public Works and Parks and Recreation Projects in the Capital Improvement Program
0054 Floodplain/Floodprone Area Engineering Projects-070700000054
0061 Comprehensive Watershed Master Plans-070714000061
0062 Implementation of Watershed Master Plan Projects-070714000062
0095 Wetlands/Open Space Acquisitions Easements, Restoration-070906000095

**These issues in the budget which have received heavy criticism from developers in the past. Many developers plan for the here and now and profit.**

**Public Works, Parks and Recreation plan for the present and future of new neighborhoods.**

**It is cost effective to do proper workman ship and preventative, protective measures now to prepare for what could be a disaster if the future needs are not anticipated.**

0440- Replacement of Wilderness Park Bridges-080904000440 by Parks and Recreation:
**The trail which these bridges would connect is designated a National Hiking Trail. Lincoln is now the city of trees; it is becoming the city of trails. Making safe bridges continues this trend.**

Thank you for serving our city.
Respectfully,

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