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More information on City parks and trails is available at parks.lincoln.ne.gov.
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Health care speech highlights first week of fall action. Congress returned from its month-long August recess to a full plate and the prospect of several months of hard work and contentious debate. President Obama’s exhortation to a joint session of Congress to complete work on legislation to overhaul the nation’s health care system drew the most public and media attention and this issue will indeed occupy much of Congress’ time and the public’s attention in the coming weeks. However, Congress will also have to focus on a number of other issues of importance to cities in the weeks and months before adjourning for the year.

First and foremost, with only 19 days left in the fiscal year, one of the more pressing tasks facing Congress is completion of the FY 2010 appropriations bills. Although no one expects that Congress will send President Obama all 12 appropriations measures before the end of the month, the congressional leadership expressed cautious optimism that Congress will complete work on some bills before then and others soon thereafter. The leadership’s goal is to avoid an omnibus appropriations bill that combines all 12 measures, which for almost 15 recent years has become the default method for completing Congress’ annual budget work.

The House has passed all 12 of the appropriations bills. The Senate, as is often the case, has not kept pace and has passed only four appropriations bills:

- Agriculture,
- Energy and Water Development,
- Homeland Security and
- Legislative Branch.

Late this week, the Senate began debate on the Transportation, Housing & Urban Development Appropriations bill and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) plans a final vote on that measure early next week. With health care overhaul at the committee level for the next few weeks, Reid hopes to reserve the bulk of floor time in the coming weeks for the remaining seven appropriations bills and for completed appropriations conference reports.

The top candidates for enactment before the new fiscal years begins are the Homeland Security, Legislative Branch and Energy and Water measure. House-Senate conference have already begun meeting to reconcile the House and Senate versions of the Homeland Security measure and participants say that no contentious issues that would delay a conference report have arisen. (The Legislative Branch measure is the easiest bill to finalize since House and Senate appropriators always defer to the other chamber about their respective funding. However, Congress does not want to complete work on its own budget first.)

In addition to health care and FY 2010 appropriations, Congress also faces pressure to complete work on President Obama’s other major legislative priority, legislation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Although the House has passed legislation to create a cap-and-trade regime to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, a Senate bill has yet to be publicly unveiled. Senate Environment and Public Works Committee Chairman Barbara Boxer (D-CA) this week announced yet another delay in the release of her bill and subsequent action by her Committee. The delay strikes a blow to the Administration, which faces intense international pressure to have final legislation in hand ahead of this December’s meeting in Copenhagen to negotiate a successor to the Kyoto Treaty.
Reauthorization of surface transportation programs also remains on the congressional agenda. Those programs expire at the end of the month and the Administration and key congressional committees have yet to agree on how to proceed (see related story below). Other items Congress may address in the coming weeks and months include an overhaul of financial industry regulation, clean water enforcement and infrastructure and, possibly, immigration reform.

**FINANCE**

Senate approves Travel Promotion Act; online travel company amendment not offered. The Senate overwhelmingly approved legislation (S 1023) this week that would create a quasi-governmental agency tasked with promoting international travel to the United States.

The Corporation for Travel Promotion would serve as an independent, non-profit corporation and would exist to “provide useful information to people interested in traveling to the United States, counter and correct misperceptions regarding U.S. entry policy, and promote U.S. travel.” The Corporation would be governed by an 11-member Board of Directors appointed by the Secretary of Commerce, and would be funded through a fee on foreign visitors to the United States.

Senator John Ensign (R-NV) was reportedly interested in offering a floor amendment to S 1023 that would have allowed online travel companies to continue a practice of remitting state and local sales taxes on the wholesale price rather than the retail price when they purchase hotel rooms from local hotels for resale on their websites. State and local government organizations opposed the Ensign amendment on the grounds that it threatens local taxing authority and denies communities much-needed revenue.

Senator Ensign did not offer his amendment, and if he had, would have been denied the opportunity on procedural grounds. Since he did not formally file the amendment before a pre-determined deadline, he would have needed unanimous consent in the Senate to bring it up. In that instance, only one Senator needed to object to deny its consideration, and reports are that at least eight Senators were prepared to do so.

However, the online travel companies have recently been aggressive in their intent to seek legislative relief from state and local taxation, so it is likely that Ensign or another senator will seek another vehicle for the amendment.

**TRANSPORTATION**

Highways and Transit Subcommittee Chairman suggests shorter extension for SAFETEA-LU reauthorization; Highway Trust Fund shortfalls threaten state highway funds. On Wednesday, September 9, 2009, the Chairman of the Highways and Transit Subcommittee of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Peter DeFazio (D-OR), said he would support a shorter extension of current surface transportation policy than proposed by the White House. In June, the Administration began pushing for an 18-month extension of SAFETEA-LU (PL 109-59), the current transportation authorization bill, which expires at the end of this month. The Senate leadership agreed and the three Senate committees of jurisdiction approved their respective versions of legislation to extend SAFETEA-LU through March, 2011, giving lawmakers ample time to complete work on a full, multi-year authorization as well as dodging the mid-term election year.

However, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman James Oberstar (D-MN) continues to staunchly oppose that proposal. Oberstar has stated on several occasions that he will support nothing short of a full authorization, even if it means that current transportation programs are allowed to expire.

In an effort to forge a compromise, DeFazio has proposed a shorter-term extension of SAFETEA-LU, possibly through spring of 2010, forcing lawmakers to complete work early in the second session of the 111th Congress, but well in advance of the 2010 mid-term elections. With Oberstar at loggerheads with the Senate and the White House, DeFazio’s plan offers a potential middle ground between a lengthy extension and a full authorization.

DeFazio emphasized that this was his own personal view and that it is not necessarily shared or supported by Oberstar. According to Oberstar’s aides, his position on a full authorization bill or nothing has not changed, though with a little less than one month before SAFETEA-LU expires, it is doubtful that a full authorization bill can be completed.

Should Congress pass an 18-month extension, they will have to find $27 billion to keep the Highway Trust Fund solvent. To address this crisis, Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus (D-MT) is proposing a plan to capture $20 billion in interest accrued by the Trust Fund over the past decade and to borrow an additional $7 billion on an emergency basis until a long-term solution can be found. In the shorter term, Congress must also address a crisis that threatens unobligated state highway funds as soon as September 29. The crisis arises from language included in SAFETEA-LU that rescinds $8.7 billion in unobligated highway funds in FY 2010. The Federal Highway Administration intends to begin rescinding the funds from the states beginning on September 29. The provision was included in SAFETEA-LU for bookkeeping purposes with the thought that Congress would make up the shortfall in the meantime. In addition, with the end of the fiscal year looming, Congress must either pass the FY 2010 Transportation Appropriations bill or a continuing resolution to keep federal surface transportation funds flowing after September 30. Congress must address all three issues in order to avoid a disruption in federal surface transportation funding this fall.

**STIMULUS WATCH**

Weekly update on stimulus activities.

National Telecommunications and Information Administration and the Rural Utilities Service

NTIA and the RUS have begun processing the nearly 2,200 applications they received for broadband infrastructure projects. More than 260
applications were filed for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program, requesting more than $5.4 billion in grants. Over 400 applications were filed solely for the Broadband Initiatives Program, requesting nearly $5 billion in grants and loans. There were more than 830 applications filed jointly with NTIA and RUS, requesting nearly $12.8 billion in infrastructure funding.

NTIA and RUS are currently considering consolidating their next two planned rounds of funding into one round. Condensing the next two rounds could give regulators extra time to fine-tune the program. The consolidation will not affect the statutorily set division of money between urban and rural areas.

Department of Housing and Urban Development

Department of Transportation

Recipient Reporting Information
All recipients are encouraged to register at www.federalreporting.gov prior to October 1, 2009, which is when the system will open for reporting purposes. More than 14,000 recipients have registered.

GRANTS & NOTICES
Department of Housing and Urban Development
HUD’s Office of Community Planning and Development announced the availability of approximately $23.8 million for the FY 2009 Community Development Technical Assistance (CD-TA) program. The purpose of the CD-TA program is to provide technical assistance to achieve the highest level of performance and results for community development in five program areas including CDBG and HOME. No cost-sharing is required. The application is due at www.grants.gov on October 21, 2009: http://tiny.cc/lyyqs.

Environmental Protection Agency
EPA is accepting proposals for the FY 2010 Brownfields Assessment, Cleanup, and the Revolving Loan Fund Grant programs. The purpose of these grants is to provide funding to assess and cleanup industrial sites contaminated by hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants. EPA anticipates awarding a total of 341 grants for an estimated $79.4 million in the three grant programs. Applicants must submit a separate proposal for each grant type. The deadline for proposals is October 16, 2009.

Guidelines for Cleanup Grants: http://tiny.cc/6ByPh
Guidelines for Revolving Loan Fund Grants: http://tiny.cc/jrt8U
Guidelines for Assessment Grants: http://tiny.cc/HaOQW

Federal Transit Administration
FTA released Final Guidance on New Starts/Small Starts Policies and Procedures. FTA received 15 comments from transit agencies, metropolitan planning organizations, labor unions, and advocacy groups in response to their July 29, 2009 request for comments. The guidance describes changes to the New Starts and Small Starts local financial commitment rating, the consideration of "other" factors in project rating, and the required planning horizon year. The guidance also clarifies existing policies related to the documentation of uncertainties and use of alternate ridership/user benefit estimation methods: http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E9-21173.pdf.

Institute of Museum and Library Services
IMLS is accepting applications for the FY 2010 Museums for America (MFA) grant program. MFA funding is meant to support projects and activities that strengthen museums as active learning resources. Grants are awarded in three categories: Engaging Communities, Building Institutional Capacity and Collections Stewardship. A total of $17 million will be awarded in the form of 150 grants with a 1:1 cost share requirement. Applications are due November 2, 2009: http://www.imls.gov/applicants/grants/forAmerica.shtm.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
CONTACT: Sheila Jacobs, Library Supervisor
PHONE: 402-441-8546
E-MAIL: s.jacobs@lincolnlibraries.org

**El Centro de las Americas and Lincoln City Libraries Celebrate Hispanic Heritage month**

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage month, September 15 - October 15, El Centro de las Americas and Lincoln City Libraries will host a Hispanic Read-In. Enjoy listening to community members reading excerpts from works by and about individuals of Hispanic/Latino descent or Latin culture.

The readings will be held at the Bennett Martin Public Library, 136 So. 14th Sts., on Thursday, September 24th, at Noon. The event is free of charge. Readings will be in both English and Spanish and may be of most interest to middle school age and above. For more information about this or any other Library event, call 441-8500 or visit the Web site at [www.lincolnlibraries.org](http://www.lincolnlibraries.org). ###

Barbara Hansen
Administrative Aide
Lincoln City Libraries
402-441-8512

Lincoln City Libraries Annual Book Sale October 8 - 10, 2009
Annexation by Final Plat
Wilderness Hills 2nd Addition
Effective: June 18, 2009
56.62 Acres
The City of Lincoln Historic Preservation Commission will hold a scheduled public meeting on Thursday, **September 17, 2009**. The meeting will convene at **1:30 p.m. in Room 206, 2nd floor, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska**, to consider the following agenda. For more information, contact the Planning Department at 441-7491.

**September 17, 2009**

1. Approve meeting notes for August 20, 2009.

2. Opportunity for persons with limited time or with an item not appearing on the agenda to address the Commission.

**PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION**

3. Application by Marilyn B. Hutchinson for designation of 3249 Holdrege St. as a landmark in accord with LMC27.57.120.

4. Application by HDR Inc. for a certificate of appropriateness for work at 151 North 8th Street in the Haymarket Landmark District.

5. Application by Randy Jones for a certificate of appropriateness for work at the Seaton & Lea Building, 301 North 8th Street in the Haymarket Landmark District.

6. Application by Speedway Properties for a Certificate of Appropriateness for work at 330 North 8th Street and 800 Q Street in the Haymarket Landmark District.

7. Application by Scott Sullivan on behalf of Urban Development Department for certificates of appropriateness for facade improvements throughout the Havelock Landmark District, including properties at 6209, 6213/15, and 6102 Havelock Avenue.

8. Application by Phi Delta Theta Fraternity for a certificate of appropriateness for work at 1545 R Street.


**DISCUSSION**

10. Staff report: Wyuka event--Oct. 4th, etc.

11. Misc.

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For further information on Historic Preservation in Lincoln, visit [http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/hist/index.htm](http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/hist/index.htm)

In the past we have also distributed a paper copy to City Council Members. In the interest of conserving resources, we are only doing this if requested. If you would prefer a hard copy of the CIP, please let David Cary (441-6364) or Michele Abendroth (441-6164) in the Planning Department know and we will get one to you as quickly as possible.

The CIP can be easily accessed by following the directions below:

Once you have logged onto the City’s InterLinc site (<www.lincoln.ne.gov>), follow these easy steps to view the portion of CIP document you are looking for:

- type the keyword “cip” into the Search box in the center of the page
- select “Final Edition FY 2009/10 - 2014/15” under the Current Program heading
- from there you are able to link directly to the summary tables and departmental programs by clicking the appropriate link.

Each file has been created in a “pdf” format, which means that you and your staff will be able to print copies of the CIP as you need them.

If you have any questions concerning how to view and print the document, or if you have questions concerning the content of the CIP, please feel free to call David Cary at 441-6364 or email at dcary@lincoln.ne.gov. Thank you.
At the September 14 briefing for the City Council on the Little Salt Creek Watershed Plan, Councilperson Snyder asked about the future flood insurance reduction benefits that would be realized by residents of the Antelope Valley watershed based on the results of that project.

That specific information has not been prepared for the AV project. However, to give you an idea of the type of savings that might be expected, about 200 businesses and 800 residential dwellings are estimated to be removed from the floodplain when the project is complete. The National Flood Insurance Program information indicates that the current average annual cost for non-residential flood insurance policies in Lincoln is about $1,575 per policy, and the average cost of flood insurance policies for single family homes in Lincoln is about $580 per policy. It is estimated that about 20% of properties in the floodplain have flood insurance nationwide.

More importantly, a significant savings is projected upon completion of the Antelope Valley project by reducing the average annual flood damages by $4.7 million.

Please feel free to contact me if you have further questions at 441-6173 or ntooze@lincoln.ne.gov.

Nicole Fleck-Tooze
Public Works and Utilities Dept.
Bill:

Please explain the rationale for this new policy regarding disability caused by off-duty incidents leading to different work.

If an employee is unfortunately disabled, whether on or off duty, would he or she not then take sick leave for an off-duty disability or be eligible for either sick leave or work injury leave for an on-duty disability?

Jon

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From: Tammy J. Grammer
Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2009 10:40 AM
To: Adam A. Hornung; Doug Emery; Eugene W. Carroll; Jayne L. Snyder; John Spatz; Jon Camp; Jonathan A. Cook
Subject: FW: New AR-16 - Approved By The Mayor

Council,

FYI - Thanks.

Tammy Grammer
City Council Secretary
441-6867

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From: Debbie Engstrom [mailto:DEngstrom@lincoln.ne.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2009 10:36 AM
To: Angela Chesnut; Barbara Hansen; Bill Kostner; Bruce D. Dart; Connie J. Guillaume; Connie J. Thoreson; David Landis; Diane K. Gonzolas; Don W Taute; Don R. Herz; Donna Barrett; Elaine L. Severe; Fred A. Hoke; Greg S. MacLean; Jamie Phillips; Jane L. Tillman; Jean Preister; Jeanne A Bowling; Joan E. Ross; John V. Hendry; Julia J Mayer; Julie J Righter; June Pederson; Karen Eurich; Karen K. Sieckmeyer; Kristi K. Nydahl; Lana T. Tolbert; Larry D. Worth; Lawrence W. Williams; Lynn Johnson; Marcia A. Rodaway; Marvin S. Krout; Melinda J. Jones; Milo D. Mumgaard; Niles R. Ford; Pam K. Gadeken; Pat Leach; Patty Pansing Brooks; Peggy Tharnish; Rick D. Hoppe; Robyn Cruse-Miller; Roger A. Figard; Sandy Yost; Scott A. Opfer; Steve D Hubka; Tammy J Grammer; Terri Storer; Terry D. Lowe; Tom K Casady; Vince Mejer
Subject: FW: New AR-16 - Approved By The Mayor

FYI.

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555 South 10th Street
Room 208
Lincoln, NE 68508
dengstrom@lincoln.ne.gov
Hi Debbie:

Do you have a distribution list of folks to notify of an updated AR? We've had this loaded onto the intranet AR section already. Thank you.

Bill Kostner
Risk Manager
441-6009

Bill, I believe that Debbie in the Mayor's office has a distribution list for all new/revised AR's....you would just need to contact her for the distribution....

I added it to the Mayor's AR list.

--Chris--
Bill Kostner
Risk Manager
441-6009

-----Original Message-----
From: riskmanagement@ci.lincoln.ne.us [mailto:riskmanagement@ci.lincoln.ne.us]
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2009 1:45 PM
To: Bill Kostner
Subject: Attached image data.

This is image data from the scanner.

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ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION  

SUBJECT: Temporary Modified Work Assignment for Non-Duty Related Injuries  

EFFECTIVE DATE: 8-1-09  

APPLIES TO: Temporarily Disabled Employees  

SUPERCEDES: 8-14-03  

A.R. NO.: 16

Any employee who is temporarily disabled from employment due to an off-the-job, non-duty related injury or illness may submit a request in writing to their department or division head to be placed in a temporary modified work assignment.

The disabled employee making the request must then provide the name and address of their treating physician, and must sign a Health Information Authorization Form to obtain the required medical documentation.

The department or division head will then provide the employee’s treating physician with a copy of the following forms:

Health Information Authorization Form  
Work Restriction Form  
Temporary Modified Work Request Form

If the physician releases the employee for temporary modified work, any work assignment will be made solely at the discretion of the department or division head. Suitable work positions, will be based upon department needs and availability. City Risk Management and the employee’s treating physician will assist with the employee’s placement in a light-duty program. The department or division head should periodically (every 4-8 weeks or as needed) request an updated Work Restriction Form from the employee’s treating physician.

Employees assigned to temporary modified work shall not exercise seniority rights for shift assignments or days off. Shifts and days off shall be assigned consistently with the needs of the department. Employees will be compensated with base plus longevity pay if eligible. Subject to contract provisions, additional monetary allowances will not normally be authorized for employees assigned to a temporary modified duty assignment.

If the department or division head determines they cannot accommodate the employee’s temporary medical restriction, and the employee remains temporarily disabled, the employee shall be required to utilize an appropriate paid leave status or request a leave of absence without pay. Such time in a paid status shall consist of sick leave, vacation, catastrophic or unpaid family medical leave, if eligible.

Unless specifically extended by state statute or ordinance, no employee shall be assigned to temporary modified work for a period to exceed six (6) consecutive months. However, employees represented by
bargaining agreements should refer to their current contract to determine the maximum duration of temporary modified work.

Should an employee’s temporary disability become permanent in nature, continuing past the above guidelines and beyond family medical leave, the employee will be in danger of termination unless they are able to return to full duty work or they apply for and are accepted for another open position within the City of Lincoln that meets their physical restrictions.

Attachments:  Health Information Authorization Form
Work Restriction Form
Temporary Modified Work Request Form

Approved:

[Signatures]

Administrative Assistant
Mayor
HEALTH INFORMATION AUTHORIZATION FORM

Name: _______________________________ Phone Number: ____________________________

Address: ______________________________
City: __________________________________
State/Zip: ____________________________

I am either the patient named above or the patient’s legally authorized representative. By signing this form, I authorize the following medical provider(s):

____________________________________
____________________________________
____________________________________

I hereby authorize the aforementioned person(s) to disclose my protected health information to the individuals or organizations listed below:

City of Lincoln

The specific type of information to be disclosed shall consist of true, correct, and complete copies of all medical records of any kind, including, but not limited to, medical reports, consultation reports, doctors’ notes, nurses’ notes, correspondence, and documentary material of any kind, including but not limited to drug or alcohol records and health information related to psychological or psychiatric conditions, including psychotherapy notes, relating in any way to treatment of the above described patient rendered by the above described provider.

The purpose and need of such disclosure is to determine the employees ability to safely perform their job duties.

Expiration: Without express revocation, this consent shall expire one year from the date of this authorization.
**Revocation:** I understand that I may revoke this consent by providing written notice to the above mentioned provider at any time except to the extent that the provider has taken action in reliance on this authorization. I may revoke the consent by providing a written notice to the Provider listed above.

**Prohibition of Conditioning of Treatment:** I understand that the provider's treatment to me are not contingent upon my decision to provide or withhold consent or release information.

**Further Uses and Disclosures:** I understand that there is a potential for information disclosed pursuant to this authorization to be subject to redisclosure by the recipient and not longer be protected by federal privacy laws.

I understand that a photocopy or a faxed copy of this authorization will be considered as valid as the original:

Printed Name (Employee/Patient)  

Date of Birth

Signature (Employee/Patient)

Date  

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# WORK RESTRICTION FORM

Patient Name: 

Physician: 

Your cooperation in completing this form is vital to our efforts in determining the work potential of your patient.

1. In an 8-hour workday, patient can stand/walk:  
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2. In an 8-hour workday, patient can sit:  

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3. Patient can lift/carry:  

   Maximum pounds: 10 25 50 75 or above

   Occasionally: (1 to 3 times/day)  

   Frequently: (4 to 10 times/day)  

4. Patient can use hands for repetitive motion:  

   A. Simple Grasping  B. Firm Grasping  C. Pushing/Pulling  D. Fine Manipulation
   Yes No Yes No Yes No Yes No

5. Patient can use feet in repetitive movement such as in operating foot controls:

   Yes No

Patient can operate a motor vehicle: Yes No
Work Restriction Form

6. Patient is physically able to:

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7. Is patient restricted by environmental factors such as heat/cold, dust, mud, dirt, dampness, heights, etc.?

- □ No Restrictions
- □ Yes (please explain) ________________________________

8. Is patient involved with treatment and/or medication that might affect his/her ability to work?

- □ No Restrictions
- □ Yes (please explain) ________________________________

9. When will patient be released to return to work?

- □ Restricted Duty ________________ (date)
- □ Full Duty ________________ (date)

10. Additional Comments:

    ________________________________

    ________________________________

11. Restrictions are: □ Temporary □ Permanent

Physician’s Signature ___________________________ Date ________________
TEMPORARY MODIFIED WORK REQUEST FORM

Dear Dr. ____________________________:

_____________________________ is employed at the City of Lincoln as
a/the ____________________________________________.

To assess temporary modified work assignments, we would appreciate your completion of the attached Work Restriction Form. A Health Information Authorization Form is included.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

__________________________________________

__________________________________________

City of Lincoln, Nebraska

Please return information to me at ...

☐ Fax to __________________________ at __________________________

☐ Mail to __________________________ at:

__________________________________________

__________________________________________

__________________________________________
A couple of things on the Free Dept. negotiations.

1. With all the problems of the Fire Dept. it is VITAL that the City of Lincoln gets off its butt and pursues elimination of the Board of Industrial Relations. It is high time the City starts stating what wages and benefits that the City can afford instead of being held hostage by the Fire Dept. and Board of Industrial Relations. I know this has to go through the State legislation but it is time to do it and it must be done before this next session.

   I cannot believe the Fire Dept. Union wanted the City to negotiate and give in to union demands to require drug testing. It would maybe have been different, but when Fire Dept. personnel were convicted of stealing drugs and taking drugs, the City should have negotiated nothing, just said hey your employees were caught stealing drugs and taking drugs and we need this testing.

2. With the overtime that had to be paid due to minimum staffing requirements and when the Fire Dept gave a correct dollar amount and the City negotiators basically ignored it, someone has to pay for this MISTAKE!! I think Rick Hoppe said the buck stops with him and if that is the case, it is time for him to RESIGN. It is obvious we cannot TRUST WHAT COMES OUT OF THE MAYORS OFFICE ANY LONGER AND EVERYTHING THAT IS SENT TO THE COUNCIL FROM THE MAYORS OFFICE NEEDS TO BE GONE THROUGH WITH A MAGNIFYING GLASS!!! Trust has been lost and something needs to be done to rectify this and either Hoppe and/or the Mayor needs to go!!!

Jerry Wolf
7711 So. 41st St
Lincoln, NE
Council Members,

I just wanted to send a quick note to thank you and the people of your city for the wonderful week. The site was fantastic. You should take great pride in your beautiful city. The people were very nice and the city was remarkably clean and it's obvious that your citizens take great pride in it. I greatly enjoyed being in Lincoln last week and very much look forward to coming back next year if your city is kind enough to have us back.

Again, THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

Geoffrey Chambers
13112 Knollton Ct.
Fishers, In. 46038
Media Release

To: Media
From: Su Eells, Task Force Coordinator, 402-499-5543
Date: September 16, 2009
Re: Mayor’s Task Force on the Healthcare Safety Net

Public Comment on Health Care Sought at Thursday’s Hearing

Following release of their 22 recommendations for improving Lincoln’s healthcare “safety net,” the Mayor's Task Force on the Healthcare Safety Net is requesting public comment at a hearing on Thursday, September 17, 2009, from 4 to 6 pm at the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St. The 24-member Task Force, appointed by Mayor Beulter and chaired by Kim Russel, President/CEO of BryanLGH Health System, has had a series of 10 meetings since April, 2009 in an effort to draft goals and recommendations designed to improve Lincoln’s healthcare system for uninsured and low-income individuals.

The Task Force was created to strengthen services for vulnerable individuals while keeping a careful watch on national healthcare reform. According to Chair Kim Russel, “Regardless of what happens at the national level, our community will always need to focus on its safety net needs.”

The Task Force’s 22 recommendations can be found at http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/mayor/healthcare.htm. Individuals may leave comments regarding the recommendations on the website, by calling a telephone comment line at 436-5178, or at Thursday’s public hearing. Comments will be heard by Task Force members on a first come, first serve basis.

In an editorial on Monday, September 14, 2009, the Lincoln Journal Star commented on the Task Force’s work, stating “Included (in the report) are a number of proposals worthy of consideration, including expansion of the People’s Health Center.”

For additional information, contact Su Eells, Project Coordinator, at su.eells@tendotravel.com or 402-499-5543
Attention Lincoln

Our governor ruined our tradition with the State Fair of 140 years. First he promised NO Nebraska tax dollars would be used to move the fair. He no more then took a breath and he agreed to take 5 million of our tax dollars for the move. He also mentioned he thought the tax payers of Nebraska voted to improve the fair they had by voting to use lottery funds, and not move it. He changed his mind with that too. So much so we’ve renamed our Governor, Pinocchio.

10/11 News talks about tradition and what a good place Lincoln is to live. Where are the jobs? More lies.

Were into alternative fuel but what is Lincoln doing? Wind power, solar power, we could be doing something like that in Lincoln and that would bring jobs. It might fill some of those empty buildings too.

What with the job market what it is how do you pay your taxes, Ins, Electric, water and gas? How do you do all of that without a job? The agencies that help down and out people are too snoopy, if we had a job we wouldn’t need help!

I think this city has lost it’s compassion for it’s neighbor.

If something costs too much like day care or health care then it should be free, print more money. I’m getting charged 13% on my unpaid property tax. I can’t pay them because of the bad job market. I think the leadership should suffer for it, not me!!

Why can’t we impeach or recall our leaders? There not doing their job. Mayor, Governor, congressmen, the people in charge of the job market. Recall them!!

UNL is making job cuts, so is Harvey Perelman taking a cut? NO! Harvey Perelman seems to be running this whole state. Heil Perelman!!

Were missing over 13 companies that have moved out of Lincoln. Lincoln, Steel, Russell Stovers Candies, Weavers potato chip, Foote Davis, Ace Hardware, Cushman, Meadow Gold, and many more.

Were also losing things that used to make Lincoln a fun place to live, The State Fair, Starship theater, and Cool Crest. It’s all being taking away from us so big business can make money. Sad to say but it seems tradition has taken a back seat to the almighty dollar here.

We need a Mayor and Governor that will run things instead of letting the University and big business do whatever it wants. We need representation.
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for General Council

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Fax: creationenergy@windstream.net

Comment or Question:
I know a lot of time has been spent on seeking the best possible location for the proposed new Lincoln Arena. I am very concerned that trying to place it in the Haymarket area will be voted down because of what is perceived as a higher cost for new access roads, railroad track relocation, etc., and a concern that the Historic Haymarket will lost its ambiance. I am a proponent of having the proposed Arena be built somewhere along the new Antelope Valley Roadway. It could be adjacent to the Devaney Center, or anywhere between State Fair Park and O Street. Easy access would already be provided without additional spending on access roads, and access would actually be easier along the AVRoadway than through the Haymarket; new hotels, parking areas and restaurants would naturally be built near the Arena, and that is desired along Antelope Valley Parkway; it would still be close to the University. Taxpayers of Lincoln have already spent a lot of money on the new AVParkway; I do not think spending a lot of money on an Arena in the Haymarket is a wise decision if it can be built more inexpensively somewhere else, with equal and perhaps better results for the citizens of Lincoln.
Thanks for listening.
ADDENDUM
TO
DIRECTORS’ AGENDA
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2009

I. CITY CLERK - None

II. CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE MAYOR & DIRECTORS TO COUNCIL -

MAYOR -
1. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Beutler will discuss the Development Services Center and a new neighborhood art project at a news conference on 09/18/09 at 10:00 a.m. (Forward to Council and copy sent in their packets on 09/17/09).

2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Tire Collection Moved To November This Year - Residents urged to legally dispose of old tires as soon as possible.

3. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule for Week of September 19 through 25, 2009 - Schedule subject to change.

4. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Development Services Center Could Open In March.

5. NEWS RELEASE - RE: City Seeks Input On “Intersection Connection” Neighborhood Art Project.

DIRECTORS -

URBAN DEVELOPMENT -
1. Material from David Landis - RE: Block 68 Redevelopment Project Amendment to the Lincoln Center Redevelopment Plan (Forward to Council on 09/18/09)

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

DOUG EMERY -
1. E-Mail’s from Ronald Case with response from Lin Quenzer, Doug Emery and Rick Hoppe - RE: Budget issues and other issues.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS TO COUNCIL - None
DATE:  September 17, 2009
FOR MORE INFORMATION:  Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Chris Beutler will discuss progress on the creation of a Development Services Center and a new neighborhood art project at a news conference at 10 a.m. Friday, September 18 in the City Council Chambers, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.
TIRE COLLECTION MOVED TO NOVEMBER THIS YEAR
Residents urged to legally dispose of old tires as soon as possible

Emerald's eighth annual tire collection event, normally held in September, is scheduled for November 7 and 8 this year. Those with old tires can dispose of them at no charge from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. both days at N.W. 38th Street and West Webster Road on Airport Authority property in Lincoln. The event is funded by the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality.

Keep Lincoln and Lancaster County Beautiful (KLLCB) recommends that residents dispose of scrap tires as soon as possible. Laurel Erickson, Environmental Health Educator for KLLCB, said old tires can collect standing water, the perfect breeding ground for mosquitoes, and create places for rodents to live. She said the best option is to have your tire store take your old tires from you even though they charge a small fee for disposal. Another option is to take them to the 48th Street Landfill transfer station, which also charges a small fee. If anyone sees someone dumping tires along a road or in a ditch, they should report it to the Lancaster County Sheriff at 441-6500. The fines for illegal dumping can be as high as $1,000.

“Events like the Emerald collection effort give residents an opportunity to dispose of their old tires free and legally,” Erickson said. “If residents have a way to keep water from collecting in old tires until the event, it's a great option.”

Information on disposing of tires at the City landfill is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: landfill). Information on the free tire collection event is available from Becky Vandenberg, Emerald Sanitary Improvement District, at 476-3590.
DATE: September 18, 2009
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule
Week of September 19 - 25, 2009
Schedule subject to change

Saturday, September 19
- Smoke Detector Rally, remarks - 8:30 a.m., Everett Elementary, 1123 “C”

Monday, September 21
- International visitors, multi-national group - 11:30 a.m., Mayor's Conference Room, 555 S. 10th St.
- Mayor's Award of Excellence, remarks - 3 p.m., City Council Chambers, 555 S. 10th St.

Tuesday, September 22
- Mayor's Interfaith Prayer Breakfast with Greg Mortenson (author of “Three Cups of Tea”), remarks and medallion presentation - 7:30 a.m., Holiday Inn Downtown, 141 N. 9th St.
- KFOR Lincoln Live - 11 a.m., 3800 Cornhusker Highway
- Union College presents Greg Mortenson - 7 p.m., College View Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 48th and Prescott

Wednesday, September 23
- KLIN Morning Show - 8:10 a.m., 4343 “O” St.

Thursday, September 24
- KFOR Morning Show - 7:45 a.m.

Friday, September 25
- UNL Homecoming Parade, ride in antique car - 6 p.m., UNL City Campus
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CENTER COULD OPEN IN MARCH

Mayor Chris Beutler today said the City's new Development Services Center (DSC) is expected to open at City Hall in March of 2010. Fred Hoke, the Director of the City Building and Safety Department, will begin his new position of DSC Manager, effective October 1. The DSC will be a “one-stop shop” for the review, permitting and inspection of development projects.

“The Development Service Center is a profound change in the way we do business at City Hall. It is critical to Lincoln's future,” Beutler said. “Having a single point of entry into the system is key, so builders can get to work rather than navigating through departments located all over the City. The DSC also will help develop the teamwork and cultural change we need to make City Hall even more responsive to the people who create jobs.”

Hoke has been Building and Safety Director since December 2008. He had been the Government Affairs Director for the Home Builders Association of Lincoln since 2006. He previously managed accounts for major banks as part of two companies dealing with information technology security and risk assessment. In the late 1990s, he created Manpower Technical-Professional office in Omaha. He also has experience in education in several states, and served as Executive Director of the Nebraska Council of School Administrators from 1986 through 1992. Hoke has a master's degree in educational administration from West Virginia University.

Beutler said Hoke has the right combination of personal and professional qualities needed to head the DSC.

“Fred understands business, technology and personnel management,” Beutler said. “He also understands how to educate and motivate. And he has a commitment to excellence. Fred is a visionary, quick to embrace and explore new ideas, new technology and new ways of doing business.”

The Mayor also announced that Chuck Zimmerman, the current Manager of Building Services for Building and Safety, will become the department's Interim Director, also effective October 1st.

Zimmerman has been with Building and Safety since 1992. Before that, he worked for 14 years in architectural plan review in the State Fire Marshal's office and has been successful in the adoption of fire and building codes on the state and local levels. Zimmerman has a degree in architecture from UNL.
CITY SEEKS INPUT ON “INTERSECTION CONNECTION” NEIGHBORHOOD ART PROJECT

Mayor Chris Beutler today announced that the City is working on an effort that would allow neighborhood groups to turn residential street intersections into works of art. He proposed the “Intersection Connection” project as a way to way to “foster an even greater sense of connection and sense of place in Lincoln.”

Neighborhoods would generate the design ideas, plan the project, do the painting and supply the materials. The City would review the designs, but only to make sure they are appropriate for all. Eventually, funding for paint and materials could come from civic groups or grants.

“I believe some of our greatest strengths are our community spirit, the connections we have developed, the events and places that bring us together for social interaction,” Beutler said. “The Intersection Connection program is an example of how we can encourage civic action and pride to make our community an even better place to live without spending City tax dollars.”

Beutler reminded residents that the idea is not altogether new for Lincoln. In 1976, a star was built into the pavement at the intersection of 13th and “O” to promote Lincoln as the “Star City.” The idea for Intersection Connection came from a series of “new ideas” presentations the Mayor's asked department directors to prepare. Similar projects in other cities was part of the presentation from the City Urban Development.

“When we turn urban spaces into community-oriented places, we plant the seeds for greater neighborhood communication, empower our communities and nurture our shared sense of place,” Beutler said.

Attending the announcement in support of the project were Tracy Corr, President of the Mayor's Neighborhood Roundtable and of the 40th and “A” Neighborhood Association; Deb Weber, Executive Director of the Lincoln Arts Council; and City Council member Jonathan Cook. The Mayor said details of the project have not yet been worked out, but he wants the community to learn about the project and offer their feedback. “We need that discussion and input in order to do this in a way that works for Lincoln,” Beutler said.

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To: Lincoln City Council Members
From: David Landis, Director
Date: September 18, 2009
Subject: Block 68 Redevelopment Project Amendment to the Lincoln Center Redevelopment Plan

Submitted for your review is an amendment to the Lincoln Center Redevelopment Plan to reflect the Block 68 Redevelopment Project.

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 August 26, the Project Area and the proposed land uses were found to be in general conformance with the Comprehensive Plan, the City’s guiding plan for the protection of public health and safety and sound planning, with the exception of the “Park Blocks” specification for M Street. The Urban Development Department acknowledges that the project does not meet the objective of the M Street “Park Blocks.” The project serves many of the guiding principles of the Plan by enhancing retail, improving the bicycle system, providing additional open space, providing additional housing, enhancing aesthetics, and improving access to parking. The project also fits within the Lincoln Center Redevelopment Plan, which outlines the redevelopment goals and activities planned for the prevention and elimination of blight in Downtown Lincoln.

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. If this project requires the City to acquire property, the funding source for this acquisition would be tax increment financing generated within the project area. The City would not use eminent domain to acquire property.

2 & 3. The total estimated public cost for the project is $4.2. This may be a more conservative estimate than a financing entity may calculate on the developer’s behalf. The total public cost will be funded through tax increment financing generated by the private development within the project area.
4. Following City Council approval of the redevelopment agreement negotiated between the City and developer(s), the City will either issue and sell Community Improvement Financing bonds or notes to fund the public improvements related to these projects, or permit the developer to finance the project through a Developer-Purchased debt instrument.

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; and,
- the redevelopment project would not occur in the Community Development area without the use of Tax Increment Financing.

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 have been analyzed and found to be in the long-term best interest of the City. The Urban Development Department believes that the public improvements proposed in this plan amendment would not occur “but for” the Tax Increment Financing generated by private redevelopment within the project area. The attached cost benefit analysis of the Block 68 Redevelopment Project shows the TIF funds estimated to be generated by the project.

The revitalization of Downtown Lincoln is in the best interest of the entire Lincoln community. The public investments in infrastructure, amenities, and other public enhancements will complement and encourage future redevelopment projects. The Urban Development Department recommends your approval of the Block 68 Redevelopment Project 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:

- Negotiate redevelopment agreement with the developers and submit to City Council for approval.
- Request approval from City Council for the issuance of Community Improvement Financing bonds or notes, and issue and sell bonds or notes, if needed.
- 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 improvements.

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Cost Benefit Analysis
Block 68 Redevelopment Project

As required by Nebraska Community Development Law (Nebr. Res. Stat # 18-2147), the City has analyzed the costs and benefits of the proposed Block 68 Redevelopment Project including:

A. Tax Revenues

The Block 68 Redevelopment Project is located between 10th, 11th, M, and N Streets. The area has a 2009 assessed value of $1.35 million. Both parcels are owned by Randy Acher, who is a partner on the redevelopment project.

The assessed value of the property within the project area will increase by an estimated $31.2 million as a result of a projected $31.2 million private/federal investment. This will result in an estimated increase of $627,000 in property tax collections starting in year three that will be available for the construction of public improvements related to these projects during the 15-year TIF period.

### Tax Increment Finance Analysis - Block 68

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As shown in the table below, the City will forgo 14.18 percent of these collections (or approximately $88,900 per year). The tax increment gained from this redevelopment project area would not be available for use as City general tax revenues over that time, but would be used for eligible public improvements to enable the project to be realized.
Tax District 1, Property Tax Allocations
as a Percentage of All Allocations, 2008

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B. Public Infrastructure and Community Public Service Needs

Public infrastructure will be enhanced to support the continued redevelopment of Downtown Lincoln. City involvement may include the relocation of and improvements to utilities on or around the site. Water mains in the area are more than 100 years old. Sanitary sewer should be relocated to the public right-of-way. Additional City involvement may include acquisition, demolition, and site preparation; other utility improvements; street, streetscape, and other right-of-way improvements; façade improvements; parking and related amenities; and, other related public improvements. The improvements will be financed with tax increment financing generated from the project area.

The use of TIF is being pursued, because the developer is choosing to redevelop in an area with existing blighted and substandard conditions. Without the use of TIF, the City feels residential complex, hotel, or other high-density development would not choose to develop on this site. The cost of improving and relocating 100-year-old public utilities alone could not be born by the developer and allow for the project to be completed. TIF is also needed to encourage other improvements, including reconstruction of the public dock and improvements protecting the historic integrity of the area, to forward the goals of the Downtown Master Plan.
C. Employment Within the Project Area

In 2007, there were approximately 18,222 persons employed by 889 non-governmental establishments (not including federal, state, local government or the University) within the Downtown and Haymarket (68508 zip code area) according to the Census, County Business Patterns, North American Industry Classification System.

In total the project is expected to generate 104 to 119 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions. The hotel portion of the project is expected to generate new employment estimated at 15 to 22 FTEs. The addition of the 100 hotel keys is expected to meet unmet demand for hotel beds and, therefore, create a net gain in employment. Approximately 49 FTEs will be employed as part of the entertainment facilities on the hotel portion of the block. Additional employment, in the range of 24 to 32 additional FTEs, is expected to result from 18,000 to 20,000 square feet of additional retail space. Employment in the residential component of the project will be approximately 5 FTEs. Employment in the parking facility will be approximately 10 FTEs. Employment will also be related to the construction and renovation of the private property and related public improvements. Indirectly, we expect to see an increase in future private sector employment as a result of other redevelopment or new business growth encouraged by this investment.

D. Employment in City Outside the Project Area

Approximately 142,145 were employed in private business establishments in the City of Lincoln, Metropolitan Statistical Area, according to the 2007 Census, County Business Patterns, North American Industry Classification System. The 2006 median household income for the City was $45,982, according to the American Community Survey.

The impact of an additional 104 to 119 employees directly related to the project equates to less than one-tenth of a percent increase in the total jobs in Lincoln. The project is expected to increase overall employment in the tourism industry, because there is unmet demand for hotel rooms during peak usage. This hotel expects to bring additional demand to Lincoln, by attracting hotel bookings from Omaha. Additionally, not only the hotel, but also the residential portion of the project are expected to support, if not enhance, employment in related industries, including retail services.

E. Other Impacts

There are expected to be many district-wide benefits resulting from the Block 68 Redevelopment Project. The redevelopment projects will strengthen Downtown, and encourage redevelopment of surrounding blocks, including South Haymarket.

City-wide benefits include the generation of additional tax and other revenues to the City as a whole. This project is expected to generate additional sales tax revenue, by increasing the number of overnight stays in Lincoln. Additionally, increasing the number of hotel rooms Downtown will support existing events, and assist Lincoln in attracting major events to the Downtown and City.
Hello Ron.

I am Rick Hoppe the Mayor’s Chief of Staff. Thanks for writing. I will attempt to answer the questions you have asked in your previous emails.

First, you ask generally about the concept of growth and whether it is desirable for the community. The question was asked in the context of budget issues. The Beutler Administration believes that growth brings positive benefits to the community: new opportunities for jobs that provide good wages that keep young people in our community; increased commerce and patronage to existing businesses; greater entrepreneurial opportunities; rising incomes; new services and access to increased retail; increased revenues from sales taxes and property taxes; and others.

The problem has been that over the 1990s and 2000s, the City chose to greatly reduce property tax rates and at the same time our retail market became more saturated, slowing sales tax growth. Since these revenues account for over 70% of the city General Fund, our ability to keep pace with roads, police and fire protection, and amenities like parks has slowed. In short, we have used the benefits of growth for tax relief. I am not criticizing that choice but merely pointing out that I don’t think it is accurate to suggest that growth is a problem because of how the community chose to use its benefits.

You ask in your email what the plan is. The first order of business has been to bring the budget’s annual revenue increases into balance with the increased cost of providing service. Before we can begin to plan for additional spending commitments for public safety, parks, libraries, and other services, this must be done. We have made considerable progress and believe that the next budget will not present as severe a challenge as the previous ones.

At the same time, we are trying to make progress on increasing sales tax revenue. The arena is one component. With a saturated retail market, we must capture more of the entertainment dollars that are leaving the community because of the inadequacy of Pershing Center. In addition, the spin-off development will also provide increased economic activity.

You have clearly thought about these issues and disagree. Reasonable people can certainly do so. I do hope the email has explained some of the Administration’s thinking on some of the issues to which you refer.

Thanks again for writing.
Mr. Case,

I will talk to Mr Hoppe about providing you with a response

Thanks and we missed you tonight

Doug

--- Original Message -----

From: Lin Quenzer
To: ‘Ron case’
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2009 4:54 PM
Subject: RE: mayor

Dear Ron:

Thanks for getting your emails to me with your questions for Mayor Beutler after you and I spoke at Doug Emery's neighborhood meeting last week. I wish I could assist you with answers, but these are all policy questions that will need to be addressed by the Mayor or his chief of staff. I do know that the homebuyer
incentive plan was scrapped, but other than that, I really am not in a position to know the Mayor's mind or be able to speak on his behalf to the issues you raise.

To that end, I am forwarding your email on to Rick Hoppe, Mayor Beutler's chief of staff. Your effort in bringing your questions and concerns is appreciated!

Sincerely,

Lin Quenzer
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402.441.7511

From: Ron case [mailto:rc85325@windstream.net]
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2009 3:42 PM
To: Lin Quenzer
Subject: mayor

Ms. Quenzer,

Thanks for agreeing to see that my e-mail will get answered. I was at your presentation with Doug Emery's constituents. Thanks for coming to that, also.

I have spent considerable time researching sustainability and economics of growth issues. I am a registered Democrat and voted for Mayor Beutler. However, that doesn't mean he has my support 100% of the time. I think he had a real bonehead idea when he was convinced by the homebuilders, I presume, to provide over $3,000 in incentives to someone who would purchase a home of $300,000 or more. A very egregious plan.

The mayor seems to think recycling and green building (both admirable endeavors) constitute sustainability. I know he has staff that vehemently disagree with this philosophy, too. I hope these aren't folks the mayor would like to have the privilege to fire. I don't think we need that type of political arrangement in city hall. Let's assume that Mayor Beutler would appoint all competent and good folks. That doesn't mean his successors would do so. Bad idea.

Finally, on the economics. Eric Thompson's report was funded by the Chamber of Commerce. Is it any wonder he concluded that growth pays for itself? However, the report is seriously flawed. Former council persons Newman and Marvin were highly critical of the report. Councilman Doug Emery has stated that we know growth doesn't pay for itself. So, apparently the Mayor has a vision for the city that will exacerbate our current financial mess by promoting growth. It seems that many polticians are more concerned about leaving some sort of legacy—with Don Wesely it was Antelope Valley. Mayor Johanns wanted the city to grow to more than 200,000 (I think we then became eligible for federal funding for something or other. Interesting that such a financial conservative pursued that). So, apparently this Mayor wants to build an arena ;(that may be OK) and he wants the city to sprawl. I don't get it. What's his plan?

Ron Case

----- Original Message -----  
From: Ron case
To: mayor@lincoln.ne.gov
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2009 3:50 PM
Subject: tax and grow
Dear Mayor,

I read your column in the Monday LJS with interest. I sympathize with your income dilemma for the city. However, I only sympathize so far.

You mentioned, "...cuts are now impeding our ability to keep up with and encourage growth of the community." In Saturday's paper you mentioned that the city of Lincoln has grown 30% over the last three decades. If one listens to most politicians (especially you) and the Chamber of Commerce, one would think that we'd be rolling in money due to the growth. After all, property is changing from agricultural to commercial or residential (higher taxation rate), there are more people so the housing industry is going strong (except for the last year) and the concomitant multiplier effects of more people, more businesses, more spending, more tax income, etc. But the truth is, as you have pointed out, that's not the case. So why do you want to encourage more growth? Growth does not pay for itself as we are sorely realizing. If you want to grow the per capita income--great. If you want to grow the education level--great. If you want to grow the quality of life--great. It's time that if you want population growth you better work with staff to figure out how to accomplish that without sprawl, which seems to be the major growth paradigm that you favor. Keeping the perimeter intact and growing vertically will lessen the cost of infrastructure. It will facilitate a more efficient mass transportation system. It would make a sustainable community more plausible than the approach that you favor which is the antithesis of sustainability. And what about resource limitation? Probably most prominent is water. We just avoided being declared fully appropriated in the lower Platte this year. Such a declaration is not too distant. Then where will the city get its water? However it will accomplish that, it will be far more expensive than water costs now. On the plus side, since the citizens will be paying more for water, they'll also pay a higher water and sewer tax. More money for somebody.

I'm not opposed to a tax increase to fund things other than growth. Although you extol the tax rate on property going down, Nebraska is still more highly taxed than its neighbors. Property taxes based on the median income results in Nebraska being ranked 13th (the lower the rating the higher the tax) while neighboring states rank between 22 (South Dakota) and 32 (Colorado). I did not look up Wyoming or Missouri.

So, what's the deal? Convince me that growth is good and I should be anxious to pay and pay and pay for something that I have trouble seeing as an asset to the city. Perhaps it's one of those benchmarks where politicians feel like they've accomplished something. "Our city grew by XX% during my tenure." But don't forget to add that our quality of life has not kept pace (Having to pay to go Pioneer's Park Nature Center?--now that's a plus), our safety may be decreasing (the number of police has gone down despite our growth in population), traffic has worsened (an obvious trade-off with growth), and our roads are in greater disrepair.

I hope that the mayor will see this or at least a reasonable synopsis of this email. I feel strongly that he doesn't grasp the consequences of growth. Maybe his staff are advising him poorly. Maybe he's too much in bed with the developers and home builders.

I look forward to a reply.

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