IN LIEU OF
DIRECTORS’ MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2009

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1. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will announce the City’s selection of a developer for the downtown Catalyst project site on “Q” Street at a news conference, Friday, November 20, 2009, 2:00 pm, at 555 South 10th Street in the Mayor’s Conference Room. (Distributed to Council Members on 11/20/09)
2. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor announces developer for major downtown project. (Sent to Council Members on 11/20/09)
3. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will issue proclamation for Homeless and Hunger Awareness Month on Monday, November 23rd, 10:45 am at 3901 N. 27th, at the Center for People in Need. Following will be a news conference. (Sent to Council Members on 11/20/09)
4. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler’s public schedule, week of 11-21/27-09. (Sent to Council Members on 11/20/09)
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   2. Letter and article from Bob Reeves regarding the proposed arena.

V. ADJOURNMENT
DATE: November 20, 2009
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Chris Beutler will announce the City’s selection of a developer for the downtown Catalyst project site on “Q” Street at a news conference at 2 p.m. TODAY, Friday, November 20 in the Mayor’s Conference Room, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: November 20, 2009
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831
                      Dallas McGee, Urban Development, 441-7857
                      Zachary Wiegert, Woodbury Corporation, 434-9440

MAYOR ANNOUNCES DEVELOPER
FOR MAJOR DOWNTOWN PROJECT

Mayor Chris Beutler announced today that the City has selected a development team for the City-owned “Catalyst” site on the south side of “Q” Street between 13th and 14th streets. The Urban 38 team, which includes local developer WRK, submitted a plan that includes retail and residential space as well as public parking. Urban 38 also includes nationally known developers Woodbury Corporation and Colmena Capital.

After the City received a proposal from Urban 38 in August, additional proposals were accepted until October 30. A second proposal came from Synergie Group of Des Moines, and the City met with both groups before making its selection.

“Urban 38 will work to revitalize this very important part of downtown with some much needed downtown housing and retail,” Mayor Beutler said. “The project will include a City parking garage built along with the private project for a total investment of about $27.1 million. We believe this proposal fits the site well and also fits into the urban design character of downtown Lincoln.”

Urban 38’s proposal includes 20,000 square feet of retail space at the street level; five floors of parking with 547 stalls; and three floors of housing with 48 units. WRK and Woodbury are also partnering on a hotel project at 8th and “R” streets as well as a $100 million mixed-use development in conjunction with Lincoln Haymarket Arena.

“Our team is very excited for the opportunity to collaborate with the City of Lincoln on a project that is so instrumental to the vitality of the area,” said Zachary Wiegert, Woodbury lead developer. “This development will enhance the connectivity between our Capital City and flagship University. We hope this redevelopment will attract new investment and renewed interest in downtown Lincoln.”
Colmena Capital’s portfolio includes more than 9,000 residential units and $2 million square feet of office space. Other members of the Urban 38 team include Sinclair Hille Architects; Kiewit Building Group; Carl Walker Inc.; Engineering Technologies; and C & C Consultants.

This site was originally identified in the Downtown Master Plan for a major project that would tie into the proposed Civic Plaza at 13th and “P” streets. In 2007, the City began negotiations on a redevelopment agreement for the Catalyst site with the Lincoln Synergy Group, but negotiations ended due to the economic downturn.

The Mayor said the City will meet with the Urban 38 team next week to work on a project timeline with the goal of beginning construction next year.

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Mayor Chris Beutler will issue a proclamation for Homeless and Hunger Awareness Month at **10:45 a.m. Monday, November 23** at the **Center for People in Need** dining area, **3901 N. 27th St.** during the 10th annual Homeless Recognition event. Immediately after his remarks, the Mayor will have a news conference to announce a new program created with stimulus funds to help the homeless and near-homeless in Lincoln. This news conference will be held in a separate room to allow the recognition event to continue in the dining room.
Date: November 20, 2009
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Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule
Week of November 21 through 27, 2009
Schedule subject to change

Saturday, November 21
• Heartland Pantry grocery store one-year anniversary celebration, remarks - 10 a.m., 2345 N. 48th St. (48th and Leighton)

Monday, November 23
• Tenth annual Homeless Recognition event, proclamation - 10:45 a.m., Center for People in Need dining room, 3901 N. 27th St.
• News conference on stimulus funding for new homeless program - immediately following proclamation, Center for People in Need (We will move to a different room.)

Tuesday, November 24
• KFOR interview - 11 a.m. (Pre-recorded)

Wednesday, November 25
• KLIN - 7:30 a.m., Broadcast House, 4343 “O” St.

Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 - CITY OFFICES CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
MAYOR SAYS SPECIAL SESSION WILL IMPACT CITY BUDGET

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“Many of our ongoing City programs use matching State funds, and Lincoln could see key City services directly impacted,” Beutler said. “The domino effect of these decisions on continuing federal funding or complying with mandates is very real. Our goal is to acknowledge the need for shared sacrifice, but to bring home with administrators the vital importance of our shared public infrastructure, health and safety programs and our priorities at the local level.”

Beutler said he was pleased the Unicameral limited a proposed $5 million transfer from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund to $3.4 million. The fund’s purpose is to provide relief to the local providers of 911 service to compensate for the loss of traditional 911 funding from land line use and the increased demand on 911 because of the rise in cell phone use. Beutler said the larger transfer would have directly impacted emergency 911 service in the community.
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7511, fax 441-7120

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: November 23, 2009
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4-PERCENT DECREASE INSTEAD OF 10 PERCENT

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Wynn Hjermstad, Urban Development, 441-8211
John Turner, Region V Systems, 441-4360

NEW HOMELESS PROGRAM CREATED WITH STIMULUS FUNDS

Mayor Chris Beutler today announced that a new program has been created with about $1.4 million to help the homeless and near-homeless in Lincoln. The Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP). The program’s focus is housing stabilization – using temporary financial aid as a bridge to long-term housing stability

“With Thanksgiving just around the corner, it’s important for all of us to do what we can to help those struggling to keep roofs over their head and food on the table,” Mayor Beutler said. “The rapid re-housing component will help those without homes find shelter quickly. And the prevention program will help those affected by the economic downturn who face the real possibility of losing their housing in the near future.”

Lincoln has directly received about $726,148 for the program, and the State allocated another $746,130 for use in Lincoln. The Mayor announced the HPRP at the Center for People in Need, where he also issued a proclamation Homeless and Hunger Awareness Month. The Center was hosting the tenth annual Hunger and Homeless Recognition Event.

The Mayor thanked members of our local Homeless Coalition for their help in creating this program. City staff worked with an advisory committee of coalition members and other stakeholders to develop this plan. Region V Systems has been designated as lead agency to handle administration, program delivery and coordination with other service providers.

Mayor Beutler thanked Region V and John Turner, the Region V Housing Coordinator who is heading the new program. Region V has hired one half-time and three full-time employees to implement the HPRP. Those wanting further information on the HPRP can visit www.region5systems.net or contact one of the Rent and Utility Assistance Network Agencies:
- Catholic Social Services - 474-1600
- Salvation Army - 477-9276
- Good Neighbor Center - 477-4173
- Lincoln Action Program - 471-4515
- The Indian Center - 438-5231
NEWS RELEASE

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT
Recycling Office, 2400 Theresa Street, Lincoln, NE 68521, 441-7043

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: November 24, 2009
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Gene Hanlon, Recycling Coordinator, 441-7043

BUSINESSES COLLECT 11 TONS OF MATERIAL THROUGH AMERICA RECYCLES DAY EFFORTS

The City Recycling Office reports that businesses involved with America Recycles Day collected 22,500 pounds of recyclables and 300 gallons of paint from more than 350 vehicles at various events Saturday, November 14.

The events included electronics recycling by TechWare Recycling, a latex paint exchange at EcoStores Nebraska and paper shredding by Midland Recycling, Recycling Enterprises and Shredding Solutions. Journal Star Recycling also provided traditional recycling (aluminum, plastic, etc.) at select locations.

“The turnout at America Recycles Day events reflects Lincoln’s strong recycling ethic,” said City Recycling Coordinator Gene Hanlon. “More than 1,900 residents pledged to improve recycling habits in the past month, and those words turned to action on America Recycles Day as hundreds of residents recycled paper, electronics and latex paint. America Recycles Day is only one day, but it helps raise awareness of the businesses that provide recycling services all year long.”

In addition to independent businesses hosting recycling events, AmeriCorps, City Recycling, WasteCap Nebraska, Lincoln Public Schools and Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department supported the event through volunteer recruitment, organization and promotion.

This was Lincoln’s fifth annual celebration of America Recycles Day, a national event to encourage recycling and the purchase of recycled-material products. For more information on America Recycles Day, visit www.americarecyclesday.org. To learn more about the America Recycles Day events in Lincoln, visit the City Web site at www.lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: ARD) or call the Recycling Office at 441-8215.

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CONGRESS
Congressional leaders examine crafting measures to create jobs. While waiting for the Senate to act on items such as health care, climate change, and the FY 2010 budget, House leaders have started to focus on ways to address the nation’s high unemployment rate. Instead of talking of another economic stimulus bill, House Democrats are intent on measures that will result directly in job creation.

To that end, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) has tasked Reps John Larsen (D-CT), the Chairman of the House Democratic Caucus, and George Miller (D-CT), the Chairman of the House Education and Labor Committee to craft a jobs bill using suggestions from key House committee chairmen. Senators Richard Durbin (D-IL) and Byron Dorgan (D-ND) have been tasked with a similar job in that chamber by Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV). High on the list of proposed vehicles are a transportation infrastructure bill (see related story below) and increased incentives to small businesses, but no formal proposals have been released as of yet.

In addition to the $787 billion American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), Congress has also approved measures expanding unemployment benefits, healthcare benefits for unemployed workers, and extension of the “cash for clunkers” program, and an extension of the tax credit for first-time home buyers from the stimulus bill. While those measures may have contributed to a growing economy, the unemployment rate continues to rise.

House leaders, who insist that the jobs bill will be paid for, indicated that a jobs bill could be ready for floor consideration as early as the week of November 30, but no later than the December 18 target for congressional adjournment. The Senate may not be as committed to offsetting a jobs bill, and the Obama Administration is looking toward its December Jobs Summit to develop new ideas in this area.

HEALTH CARE
Senate cloture vote set for Saturday night. Surrounded by beaming Democratic colleagues, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) announced that he has scheduled a key procedural vote on legislation (HR 3590) to overhaul the nation’s health care system. Senators will be voting on whether to proceed with consideration of the bill, with 60 “yes” votes needed. If Reid successfully secures 60 votes to proceed, the Senate would then be on course to pass the bill before the end of the year, with only a simple majority of 51 votes for final approval.

Reid made his announcement soon after the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) released its analysis of the bill. CBO estimates that the Senate bill would increase health insurance coverage from 83 percent to 94 percent of all Americans while reducing the projected federal budget deficit by $130 billion between 2010 and 2019 and by $650 billion in the subsequent decade.

Dubbed the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, the bill would achieve increased coverage through a combination of employer mandates, individual mandates, subsidies, tax credits and an expansion of Medicaid offset by decreased growth in Medicare payment rates, an excise tax on high-cost health care plans, an excise tax on medical devices, an annual fee on insurance providers and an increase in the Medicare payroll tax for individuals earning more than $200,000 annually ($250,000 couples).

The Senate bill would reach the goal of
providing health insurance to most legal residents of the United States in much the same way its House-passed counterpart (HR 3962): expansion of Medicaid eligibility, a mandate that most employers provide health insurance to their employees or pay a penalty, tax credits to encourage certain categories of employers to provide health insurance to their employees and a mandate that most individuals obtain health insurance or pay a penalty, with federal subsidies on a sliding scale for those between 133 percent and 400 percent of the federal poverty rate. (See the October 30 Washington Report for a detailed overview of the House bill.)

One major difference between the House and Senate bills comes with respect to creation of a health insurance program administered by the Department of Health and Human Services, the much-discussed “public option.” While the Senate bill includes a “public option” similar to that in the House bill, it would allow the states to elect not to make it available to their citizens. Another major difference between the two bills lies on the revenue side: instead of an excise tax on high-cost health care plans, the House relies largely on a 5.4 percent income tax surcharge on individuals earning more than $500,000 per year ($1 million couples). In addition, the House bill relies more on Medicaid expansion than the Senate bill, a difference that partially accounts for the higher cost of the House bill.

Like its House counterpart, the Senate bill would authorize significant new funding for a wide array community health, prevention and wellness and health professions training and education programs. However, the Senate bill falls short of its House counterpart in support for increasing core state and local government health capacity. Specifically, the House bill would authorize an additional $12 billion over five years for Community Health Centers and $5.365 billion more over five years for formula and competitive grants to state and local health departments to increase core public health infrastructure.

**TRANSPORTATION**

Lawmakers support $200 billion “mini-authorization” to create jobs. Support from a bipartisan group of House members is growing for a quick infusion of $200 billion in federal highway and transit projects. As the nation’s unemployment rate tops 10 percent, more and more members of Congress are looking to investment in transportation infrastructure as a means to create jobs quickly. Senate Majority Whip Richard Durbin (R-IL) first addressed the idea of “front-loading” a multi-year transportation a few weeks ago (see October 30 Washington Report).

This week, Rep John Mica (R-FL), the ranking member on the House Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I) Committee, and Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-OR), the Chairman of the T&I Subcommittee on Highways and Transit outlined a plan to authorize surface transportation programs for two years before the end of the year, and then get to work on completing a full, multi-year reauthorization of the 2005 SAFETEA-LU law early next spring.

Reps. Mica and DeFazio will attempt to use this proposal as a condition for House support of the Senate’s plan to extend the current surface transportation authorization through April 2010. Chairman Barbara Boxer (D-CA) of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee announced this week that her panel is ready to take up a multi-year authorization measure in the near future, provided the six-month authorization is completed quickly.

While Democratic and Republican authorizers agree in principle on this approach, there is disagreement on how to pay for a $200 billion front-loaded authorization bill. Mica and other Republicans favor tapping unused funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, while DeFazio and other Democrats want to take unused funds from the Troubled Asset Relief Program. There are also several other job creation initiatives under development in Congress, and it is too early to tell which might prevail.

The current extension of SAFETEA-LU expires on December 18.

Meanwhile, last weekend the Obama Administration announced a plan that would give more oversight authority on public transportation systems to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). As part of this plan, the FTA would have the authority to enforce minimum federal safety standards on transit systems nationwide. Additionally, the Secretary of Transportation would create a state certification program, allowing those states that choose to opt-in to carry out safety oversight directly. Those states participating in this program would receive additional federal aid.

Rep. DeFazio indicated his general support for federal regulation of public transit, but added that such a change should be considered as part of the broader consideration of the rewrite of federal surface transportation policy. Rep. Mica, however, disagrees with the White House proposal, arguing that rather than create a new oversight regime, transit agencies should be able to use a portion of their federal funds for safety programs.

Currently, the federal government is prohibited by law from establishing safety standards for transit agencies, so any change would have to be approved by Congress. Following the Metrorail crash in Washington, D.C. in June of this year, which killed nine people and injured 80, members of the Maryland congressional delegation introduced legislation in both chambers to allow the federal government to oversee public transportation safety.

Both Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood and FTA Administrator Peter Rogoff will testify about the administration’s plan before the T&I Committee Highways and Transit Subcommittee on December 8.


**LAND USE**

FCC issues ruling on local cell phone tower zoning. After more than a year of deliberation, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) issued an order this afternoon about a time frame for local governments to act on zoning applications for cell phone towers (commonly referred to as a “shot clock”).

In the order, the FCC agrees with the argument made by the cellular industry that a specific time frame for local government action on cell phone tower siting applications is needed. However, the order outlines a longer time frame (90 days for collocation and 150 days for new towers) than what the industry requested (30 days for collocation and 45 days for new towers).

In addition, the order rejects the industry request that a zoning application be deemed granted if a local government fails to act within the specified time frame. Instead, the order directs dissatisfied cell phone providers to seek relief in court. The FCC order also grants the industry request that local governments not be allowed to deny a cell phone tower siting application on the grounds that another provider already serves the area, arguing that such action by local governments would harm competition.

While local government organizations generally opposed the idea of a shot clock as an unnecessary federal intrusion into local zoning authority, the FCC order can be seen as a partial victory for localities. FCC decisions in recent years have leaned heavily in favor of industry requests over local government objections but this most recent ruling acknowledges that industry needs must be balanced with local laws.


**PUBLIC SAFETY**

House votes to expand fire grant programs. The Fire Grants Reauthorization Act of 2009 (HR 3791) passed the House with bipartisan support on Wednesday. The bill would reauthorize the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) program and the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) program through FY 2014.

HR 3791 would set aside $1 billion annually for the AFG program, and would significantly increase the amount of funding that larger departments may apply for. The local match would be reduced from 20 percent to 10 percent for fire departments protecting populations of 50,000 or greater, and a matching requirement waiver would be created for those facing economic hardship.

AFG would be modified to permit the use of grant funds for volunteer, emergency medical services, organizations, and for certifying fire and building inspectors employed by a fire department or serving as a volunteer building inspector with a fire department. The bill would also make state fire training agencies eligible to receive up to three percent of AFG funds. HR 3791 would raise the limit on AFG awards for jurisdictions based on population as follows:

- $9 million for jurisdictions with populations of 2.5 million or more
- $6 million for jurisdictions with populations between 1 and 2.5 million
- $3 million for jurisdictions with populations between 500,000 and 1 million
- $2 million for jurisdictions with populations between 100,000 and 500,000
- $1 million for jurisdictions with populations less than 100,000

HR 3791 would set aside ten percent of AFG funds for the fire prevention and safety (FP&S) Grant program. The bill would eliminate the matching requirement for fire departments through FP&S and the maximum award amount would be increased from $1 million to $1.5 million. The bill would also create “Research and Development Grants” under FP&S to fund projects focusing on firefighter health and life safety.

The bill sets aside $1.2 billion annually for the SAFER program. In order to make it easier for municipalities to commit to a SAFER grant the bill would shorten the grant period from five to three years and eliminate the current funding cap. An across-the-board 20 percent local match would replace the current local matching requirement which increases each successive year. HR 3791 would also allow for an economic hardship matching requirement waiver.

The Senate is currently working on companion legislation.

**ECONOMIC DEV.**

Senate Committee approves EDA reauthorization. The Environment and Public Works Committee unanimously approved the Economic Development Revitalization Act of 2009 (S 2778). S 2778 would authorize EDA at $500 million per year from 2009 to 2013 to provide development grants to communities with high levels of economic distress.

The bill includes several changes to EDA programs:

- Increases the federal cost share for areas in which unemployment is especially high and per capita income is especially low;
- Permits recipients to convert existing but no longer needed revolving loan funds to carry out another EDA eligible project; and
- Permits recipients of more than 10 year old grants to buy out the Government’s interest using a depreciated figure based on the project’s estimated useful life.

The current multi-year EDA authorization expired on September 30, 2008. From 2004 to 2008, EDA awarded $976 million in public works, economic adjustment and revolving loan fund projects. S 2778 will now go before the full Senate for consideration.
STIMULUS WATCH
Weekly update on stimulus activities.

National Telecommunications and Information Administration
NTIA is seeking public comment on issues relating to the implementation of the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP). Comments are due Monday, November 30, 2009: http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-27359.htm.

NTIA submitted the third quarterly status report on BTOP to Congress on November 16, 2009. In the report, NTIA stated that it will not finish allocating the first round of BTOP funds until February 2010: http://www.ntia.doc.gov/recovery/index.html.

Department of Housing and Urban Dev.
HUD has posted a notice making further corrections to the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) 2 NOFA: http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-27414.htm.

Department of Labor
DOL announced $55 million for grants to support job training and labor market information programs to help workers find jobs in green industries. DOL expects to release funding for an additional three green grant award categories over the next several months: http://www.doleta.gov/pdf/GreenJobs.pdf.

Department of Energy
DOE has posted EECBG Program Guidance on sub-grants/loans in response to the concerns of EECBG recipients. This notice significantly limits when contract officers must approve sub-grants and loans: http://www.capitaledge.com/eecbg.pdf.

GRANTS & NOTICES

Corporation for National and Community Service
CNCS announces the anticipated availability of approximately $1 million (subject to the availability of appropriations for FY 2010) for Learn and Serve America Summer of Service grants. Programs should be designed for middle school students to participate in community-based service-learning projects that are intensive, structured, supervised, and designed to produce identifiable improvements to the community. Applications are due by December 10, 2009: http://tiny.cc/1Uujp.

Department of Homeland Security
The Assistance to Firefighters Grants program office and help desk have received numerous inquiries regarding the eligibility for FY 2009 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grants of fire departments that have planned layoffs of firefighters, but have not yet implemented the layoffs. The program guidance states: “the position must have been the object of a layoff action that was effected between January 1, 2008, and October 31, 2009.” This is interpreted to mean that a notice must have been issued between January 1, 2008 and October 31, 2009, even if the actual layoff had not occurred by October 31, 2009. An applicant's narrative should be used to explain the circumstances of the layoff notifications, such as the date of notification and the effective date of the layoff. The FY 2009 SAFER program guidance does not set aside a specific portion of funding for the rehiring of laid-off firefighters, but applicants are instructed to abide by this definition if requesting funding for the purpose of rehiring laid-off firefighters. For program guidance and FAQs, see: http://www.firegrantsupport.com/safer/.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) issued a final rule amending FEMA’s Public Assistance eligibility regulations regarding reimbursement for sheltering and evacuation costs incurred outside of a declared emergency or disaster area. The ruling is effective December 21, 2009: http://tiny.cc/E1P1L.

Dept. of Housing and Urban Dev.
HUD released the Notice of Funding Availability for the FY 2009 HOPE VI Main Street Grants program. The purpose of this program is “to provide grants to small communities to assist in the rejuvenation of an historic or traditional central business district or “Main Street” area by replacing unused commercial space in buildings with affordable housing units.” Eligible applicants include local governments with a population of 50,000 or less. A five percent match of cash or in-kind services is required. Applications are due on January 20, 2010: http://tiny.cc/gxvC1.

HUD is accepting comments on its drafted legislation for the Choice Neighbors Initiative. Comments are to be submitted November 24, 2009: http://tiny.cc/rS9z6.

Federal Transit Administration
FTA issued a notice of proposed policy statement on the radius around a public transportation stop or station in which FTA will consider pedestrian and bicycle improvements eligible for FTA funding. Current FTA policy considers pedestrian facilities within 1,500 feet of a transit stop to be functionally related to transit and thus eligible for FTA funding. The proposed policy states that “all pedestrian improvements located within one-half mile and all bicycle improvements located within three miles of a public transportation stop or station shall have a de facto physical and functional relationship to public transportation” and would thus be eligible for FTA funding: http://tiny.cc/Un463.

Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration
SAMHSA’s Center for Substance Abuse Treatment announced the availability of FY 2010 funding for Projects to Deliver Peer-to-Peer Recovery Support Services. The purpose of these grants is to deliver peer-to-peer recovery support services that help prevent relapse and promote sustained recovery from alcohol and drug use disorders. Anticipated funding of $2.2 million will be given through a total of 6 awards. No match is required. Applications are due by February 10, 2010: http://tiny.cc/1Bf22.
Appointments for H1N1 Vaccine Are Available

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department continues to make appointments for individuals within the priority groups that want to obtain the H1N1 vaccine. There are plenty of open appointment times for the week of November 30th to December 4th. To make an appointment, call 441-6262. The shots are available Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM - 4:15 PM at the Health Department and there is no cost for the vaccine.

Priority Groups include:

- Pregnant women
- Caregivers in the household where there are children under 6 months of age
- Children and youth 6 months of age through 24 years of age
- Adults 25-64 years of age with certain chronic medical conditions, i.e., heart disease, lung disease, asthma, and/or diabetes, or a weakened immune system, chronic health conditions.
- Health care workers and EMS personnel providing direct care

Children under 10 years of age must get 2 shots. The H1N1 vaccine is also available to the priority groups at many of the physician offices in the community.

The Health Department is located at 32nd & O Street. Individuals should park and enter on the east side of the building. The H1N1 vaccine clinic is located in the lower level (basement) of the building.

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Plan to attend the 3\textsuperscript{rd} annual American Indian Heritage Read-In hosted by Lincoln City Libraries and the Nebraska Indian Commission on Thursday, December 3, 12 noon, Walt Branch Library, 6701 So. 14th Street.

In recognition and celebration of American Indian Heritage Month, invited guests, ranging from students to working professionals, will read aloud excerpts by and about American Indians. This enlightening and educational event highlights an appreciation for the history and culture of American Indians.

On display will be the artwork of seventeen Native American elementary school students who participated in Native American Art Day co-sponsored by the Indian Center, Inc.’s Circles of Care Project and Lincoln Public Schools’ Indian Education.

For additional information, contact Lincoln City Libraries, 441-8500, www.lincolnlibraries.org.

Barbara Hansen
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Have you read the 2009 One Book - One Lincoln title "People of the Book" by Geraldine Brooks?
Pick your copy up at the library today.
There were no Administrative Amendments approved for the week of 11/17/09 through 11/23/09.

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Teresa McKinstry  
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InterLinc: City Council Feedback for General Council

Name: Joseph Tindle
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City: Lincoln, NE 68504-2049

Phone: 
Fax: 
Email: 

Comment or Question:
With the recent installation of "quiet zones" in north Lincoln. Particularly at both 44th & Cornhusker and 35 & Cornhusker. Is there any form of oversight in place to make certain that the railroad follows the FRA regulations regarding quiet zones? Is there some form of disciplinary action that can be taken in the event of a violation? And is there any way the public can inform the "proper authorities" if there is a violation? If so, whom would that be?

Even thought I have close family members working for the railroad, there has been countless times that the quiet zone was violated, day and night. And no other factors were in place to justify their actions.
Nov. 24, 2009

To the City Council:

After attending the informational meeting about the proposed arena, I am even more convinced that the problem with this project is location, location, location.

I agree completely with the enclosed letter that appeared in this morning's Journal Star. There are many likely sites for a new arena that would have better access, less congestion, and would cost less to build.

Please reconsider this issue. Don't ask voters to approve building in the Haymarket site.

Sincerely,

Bob Reeves

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CITY COUNCIL
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ADDENDUM
TO
DIRECTORS’ AGENDA
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2009

I. CITY CLERK - None

II. CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE MAYOR & DIRECTORS TO COUNCIL -

MAYOR -

1. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule for Week of November 26, through December 4, 2009 - Schedule subject to change (Forward and copy sent out in Council packets on 11/25/09).

2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor Beutler’s Thanksgiving Message (Forward and copy sent out in Council packets on 11/25/09)

DIRECTORS - None

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

JON CAMP -

1. E-Mail to Dave Landis, Urban Development Director - RE: 09R-220 - Resolution on Block 68.

2. E-Mail to Marvin Krout, Planning Director - RE: South 56th - Old Cheney to Pine Lake.

3. E-Mail to Trish Owen and Police Chief Tom Casady - RE: 11th and L.

4. E-Mail to Dave Landis, Urban Development Director - RE: Catalyst Project.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS TO COUNCIL - None
Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule
Week of November 26 through December 4, 2009
Schedule subject to change

Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 - CITY OFFICES CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

Tuesday, December 1
• City-County Common meeting - 8:30 a.m., County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St., room 113

Wednesday, December 2
• Volunteer Partners Corporate Volunteer Council meeting, remarks - 3:30 p.m., State Farm Insurance, 222 S. 84th St.

Thursday, December 3
• KFOR Morning Show - 7:45 a.m.

Friday, December 4
• Salvation Army bell-ringing - noon, Hobby Lobby, 48th and Van Dorn Plaza
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7511, fax 441-7120

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: November 25, 2009
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Dave Norris, Citizen Information Center, 441-7547

MAYOR BEUTLER’S THANKSGIVING MESSAGE

“On this Thanksgiving, I feel truly blessed to be Mayor of a great City with a bright future. What we do at City Hall is important, but the real strength of a community comes from its people. We have active, diverse and caring residents who look out for their neighbors and friends when they are in need. Thank you for all you do to make this an outstanding community.

“At this time of the year our thoughts are also with those who can’t join us at the holiday feast, especially those in the military. We give thanks for their dedication and patriotism and for the service of our many veterans.

“This holiday in an opportunity to reflect on the many things in life that we often take for granted. As you gather with family and friends, I hope you will remember to give thanks simply for the opportunity to be together again. Happy Thanksgiving to all from the Beutler family, and best wishes for a joyful holiday season.”

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Director Landis:

I have reviewed the above noted legislation and have several questions.

1. Please detail the anticipated TIF dollars that will be available--both total and an estimated itemization of how the TIF will be applied. (See Paragraph 14 of Resolution). Please define by "Priority" in terms of dollars allocated out of the proposed $4,383,000 TIF).

2. Please explain the "Public Enhancements" that are envisioned within the Redevelopment Agreement.

3. Please explain the anticipated Public Art--location and cost allocation.
   a. How will the Public Art be funded?

4. Please explain the difference between "Public Improvements" and "Public Enhancements".
   a. It will be helpful to have (1) a description/itemization of each, (2) the cost for each item and (3) the source of funds for each item

5. Use Restrictions--what value do you place on these restrictions?

6. Paragraph 13--"Redeveloper Purchased TIF Bond"--do you consider this proposed TIF Bond to be a "developer purchased"? It also reads that the "Redeveloper's lender" which is not merely the Developer.

7. Please provide your calculation worksheet detailing your computation to arrive at the $4.383 million TIF proceeds.

8. Since this project will be part of the Lincoln Center Redevelopment Plan, please explain how this project will be monitored to ensure the full assessed valuation is achieved, thereby supporting the TIF $4.838 million.

9. Please provide evidence that the Acher Arms, LLC has the ability to develop this property, i.e. please explain the disposition of current lease arrangements for the property.
   a. Is there a cost involved to terminate the existing parking lease?
   b. If so, what is the "source of the funds" to pay for the termination of the parking lease?

10. Please explain the City's plans to provide for alternative parking to meet the needs of the businesses currently served by Block 68.
    a. What cost is estimated?
    b. What is the source of the funds to pay for the alternative parking?
    c. What are the implications on other downtown parking projects?
    d. Is any of the TIF being used for these parking needs?
    e. How many parking spaces currently exist on Block 68?
    f. How many parking spaces will be created on Block 68?
    g. How many parking spaces will be needed for the hotel, commercial tenants and residential tenants on the new development on Block 68?
    h. How much of the TIF proceeds are anticipated to be used for the underground parking created on Block 68?
       i. Site preparation?
       j. Construction?
11. Has an economic analysis been prepared on this Block 68 Project detailing the outcome for employment, sales tax, job creation (during construction and long term full-time and part-time), compensation levels of created jobs?

12. What impact will the Block 68 hotel have on existing hotels and their tax base? With the City of Lincoln and other taxing authorities suffer tax losses and/or erosion due to this new project?

Thank you for your response as soon as possible on these questions.

Jon

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ec: Lincoln City Council Members
Please provide for my City Council colleagues and public distribution.

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Director Krout:

Thank you for your response. I would ask that with the current flow of stimulus funds from Washington, D.C., and the unknown future "new" stimulus funds, that all City of Lincoln officials be mindful of the S. 56th Street needs.

Other projects have been shifted to the forefront and this particular segment is critical to the "north-south" evolution of good transportation routes in Lincoln.

The approximate $8.3 million cost of the project is formidable, but necessary.

Thank you,

Jon

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Jon and Mr and Mrs. White: attached is the page from the current CIP that shows the current best guess as to when we anticipate funds will be available for the 56th Street project (and also for Old Cheney Road). Of course the CIP is just a "plan" beyond the first (current) year which is voted on by the City Council as part of your annual budget. Forecasted revenues may change from what they appear to be today, and as projects get closer to the front of the line, the Council may decide to change priorities that are reflected in the CIP today.

According to Thomas Shafer in Public Works, the plans have been completed. If the revenues are available as anticipated, and the Council votes next summer as part of your 2010-11 budget to dedicate funds for the 56th Street project, then PW will begin ROW acquisition and doing the
required public and agency reviews. And if the Council votes to follow the CIP in future years, then PW should be able to move into construction in the spring of 2012 or 2013.

I hope this is helpful; if you have any more specific questions about the 56th Street project, they would best be addressed to Thomas.

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From: Jon Camp
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2009 10:18 AM
To: Marvin S. Krout
Cc: Jon Camp; David and Janice White
Subject: RE: South 56th -- Old Cheney to Pine Lake

Marvin:

Are we making any progress on the South 56th project, i.e. widening between Old Cheney and Pine Lake?

What are the timetables in our CIP for (1) Right-of-Way acquisition and (2) construction?

Thank you. Please copy Janice and Dave White on your response.

Jon

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From: Jon Camp [JonCamp@lincolnhaymarket.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2009 10:08 AM
To: David and Janice White
Cc: Jon Camp
Subject: RE: South 56th

Janice and Dave:

Thanks. . .my brain may be “getting full”!

I will double check, but with the federal stimulus funds, I pushed quite hard for widening S. 56th. The Mayor responded saying this is not “shovel ready” and will cost too much.

Regardless, I will copy you on an inquiry.

Jon

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From: David and Janice White [mailto:dwhite@inebraska.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2009 10:05 AM
To: Jon Camp
Subject: Re: South 56th

You are correct - Old Cheney to Pine Lake on 56th.----- Original Message ----- 

From: Jon Camp
To: David and Janice White
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2009 9:49 AM
Subject: RE: South 56th

Janice:

I am experiencing a “brain lapse”. . .refresh my memory on right of way location. I think you were referring to Old Cheney to Pine Lake, but I need nudging.

Thanks!

Jon

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If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door.  
   ~Milton Berle

From: David and Janice White [mailto:dwhite@inebraska.com]
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2009 4:57 PM
To: Jon Camp
Subject: South 56th

Any progress, i.e. buying right of way? Keep me posted

Janice White

No virus found in this incoming message.
Checked by AVG - www.avg.com
Version: 8.5.425 / Virus Database: 270.14.60/2495 - Release Date: 11/16/09 07:43:00

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Version: 8.5.425 / Virus Database: 270.14.60/2495 - Release Date: 11/17/09 07:40:00
Good news:

Mr. Abram Morales, the owner of La Tapatia, has agreed to reimburse those individuals who were towed. I personally visited with him and have notified both Mr. Bob Hinman and Mr. Dave DeBoer of their need to submit a request directly to Mr. Morales.

Hopefully this will smooth the poor impression given by the miscommunications that evening. Mr. Morales also indicated he would be seeking a different towing company for future assistance, to ensure this does not happen again. The towing company refused to participate in this reimbursement.

Jon

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Trish-

Article in the paper this morning, and chatter on KLIN @ 0700 regarding this--including Jon Camp. Apparently the owner of the restaurant charged people $10, then had them towed off the lot after 10:00 PM. It was in the "fine print" according the the LJS article. This had nothing whatsoever to do with the City of Lincoln or the Police Department. It is typical for
people to call us when they discover that their car has been towed from a private lot, because they figure it was the police who took it, or that it has been stolen. We do our best to help them figure out where it has gone.


Tom

From: Trish A. Owen [mailto:TOwen@lincoln.ne.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2009 8:21 AM
To: Tom K Casady
Subject: 11th and L

Tom-

Did you get any information regarding twenty cars being towed from the 11th and L location after the Nebraska football game on Saturday? Jon Camp stopped me and said a friend of his called him at midnight because he and nineteen other cars had been towed. He said they all paid $10.00 to park at this location (by the Mexican restaurant/grocery store) I believe, and when they came back all their cars had been towed? I think the police did get called but I don’t know if it was from the auto owners or from a business owner.

Trish

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Director Landis:

Mayor Beutler announced the Catalyst project last week and awarded the project to WRK LLC. The Lincoln Journal article mentioned $27.1 million dollars for the project.

Would you please provide a breakdown of the $27.1 million?

1. How much is the private developer committing?

2. How much TIF is projected?
   a. Are the TIF funds part of the $27.1 million?

3. How much will the City pay for the parking garage?
   a. Is this part of the $27.1 million?

4. How much is the developer committing to invest?

5. Please identify the City's costs to acquire the land
   a. 2 restaurant properties
   b. Starship Theatre
   c. Douglas Theatre
   d. Projected/negotiated cost for the remaining building on 13th Street

6. The LJS article indicate there would be 20,000 Square Feet of commercial space
   a. Please identify targeted users
   b. There have been rumors of a CVS Pharmacy locating here. Is that correct?
   c. Will the restaurants located in the existing building on 13th Street occupy part of the 20,000 SF?
   d. If #b and #c are correct, will there be any remaining commercial space?

7. Tax Increment Financing--TIF
   a. Again, how much is projected?
   b. What are the proposed uses of the TIF?
   c. Please identify the estimated TF amounts to be used for each aspect

8. When the former Chinese restaurant property was acquired, US Properties assisted in the purchase.
   a. Please explain how that transaction occurred
   b. Has US Properties been reimbursed for its expenditure?
   c. Any other consideration given in this transaction?

9. Since the City will build the parking garage, how will the property be allocated for property tax purposes?
   a. Residential units
   b. Commercial space

10. Residential units--noted these will be 2 and 4 bedroom units--what is the expected price range for the condos?

11. Are there any other financial details I am omitting in my questions that are significant in this project?

Thank you in advance for your response.
Jon

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