AGENDA
DIRECTORS’ MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2010
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 113
2:00 P.M.

I. CITY CLERK

II. CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE MAYOR & DIRECTORS TO COUNCIL

MAYOR
1. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will hold a news conference on February 4, 2010, 10:00 am at 555 S. 10th Street, in the Mayor’s Conference Room to discuss the upcoming vote on the proposed Lincoln Haymarket Arena. (Sent to Council Members on 02/03/2010)
2. NEWS RELEASE. EMS fund finishes in the black for third straight year.
3. NEWS RELEASE. City awarded grant funds for new ladder truck.

DIRECTORS

CITY ATTORNEY
1. Correspondence from City Law Department pertaining to Martha Christen’s claim. (Reference to III, Councilman Doug Emery’s correspondence)
   a. Letter from Martha Christen on claim.

FINANCE/BUDGET
1. January sales tax reports reflecting November activity:
   a. Actual Compared to Projected Sales Tax Collections;
   b. Gross Sales Tax Collections (with refunds added back in) 2004-2005 through 2009-2010;
   c. Sales Tax Refunds 2004-2005 through 2009-2010; and

FINANCE/TREASURER

FIRE DEPARTMENT
1. Lincoln Fire and Rescue receives the Assistance to Firefighters Grant requested in 2009, and will use for the purchase of an aerial ladder truck.
CITY LIBRARIES
1. Lincoln City Libraries and the Clyde Malone Community Center will co-host its 5th Annual African American Read-In celebration and recognition of Black History Month.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1. Administrative Amendment No. 10002 to use Permit No. 105A approved by Planning Director.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT
1. Street and alley vacation No. 09007. Various streets within the Antelope Valley area.
2. Memo from David Landis, Urban Development Director, on the South Street BID.

WEED AUTHORITY
1. Combined weed program, City of Lincoln, February 2010 monthly report.

III. COUNCIL RFI'S AND CITIZEN CORRESPONDENCE TO INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP
1. Correspondence to Rick Hoppe, Aide to the Mayor, regarding the City purchasing a fire truck.

DOUG EMERY
1. Correspondence from Lois Christen, on behalf of Martha Christen, regarding claim filed against the City for mailbox post.
2. Letter from Jim Partington, Executive Director, Nebraska Restaurant Association, regarding their stand on the proposed arena, with attached letter sent to Mayor Beutler. (Council Members each received individual copy of correspondence)

IV. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS TO COUNCIL
1. Email from Mike Figueroa in support of the arena project.
2. Lincoln Electric System’s strategic planning process.
3. Email from Drew Sasse, strongly in favor of putting the Arena Proposal on May 11th ballot.
4. Email from Heidi Uhing. Vote to place the arena on the May ballot.
5. Email from Steve McKelvey in support of the Arena.
6. Email from Kevin and Julie Horne strongly supporting the arena.
7. Email from Dan Sedor supporting the West Haymarket Arena.
8. InterLinc correspondence from Molly Burns. Place the Haymarket Arena on May 11th ballot.
9. Email stating support for proposed arena and the funding mechanism from Kelly and Kevin Winnik.
10. Email from Dr. John Kinworthy. One hundred percent behind plans for a new arena downtown.
11. Email from DiAnna Schimek. Will vote yes for arena if put on ballot.
12. InterLinc correspondence from Ted Scott. Behind the arena project 110%.
13. Correspondence from Lynn Darling with questions on the proposed arena. (Council Members received duplicate individual correspondence)
14. Email from Vickie Williamson in support of placing the Haymarket Arena on the May 11\textsuperscript{th} primary ballot.
15. Email from Renee Sobotka in support of putting the Haymarket Arena on the May 11\textsuperscript{th} ballot.

V. ADJOURNMENT
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7511, fax 441-7120

DATE: February 3, 2010
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Chris Beutler will discuss the upcoming vote on the proposed Lincoln Haymarket Arena at a news conference at 10 a.m. Thursday, February 4 in the Mayor’s Conference Room, 555 S. 10th St. The Mayor also will announce positive financial news from Lincoln Fire and Rescue.
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR 555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7511, fax 441-7120

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: February 4, 2010
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831
Niles Ford, Fire Chief, 441-8350
Don Herz, Finance Director, 441-7411

EMS FUND FINISHES IN THE BLACK FOR THIRD STRAIGHT YEAR

Mayor Chris Beutler today said the City’s Emergency Medical Service (EMS) fund finished the
2008-2009 fiscal year with a $629,995 profit. It is the third consecutive year that the fund has
reported a positive year-end balance. The City finished the 2007-2008 fiscal year with a

“Lincoln residents already know that they are receiving outstanding emergency medical care
from Lincoln Fire and Rescue,” said Mayor Beutler. “The ambulance service has now turned
around its financial situation to become a sustainable operation. This is the result of leadership
and hard work. Lincoln Fire and Rescue involved other City departments and members of the
community to take an honest look at the operation and make necessary changes.”

City Finance Director Don Herz said if the positive trend continues, an EMS interfund loan from
the City’s General Fund could be eliminated in the current fiscal year, which ends August 31.
Lincoln Fire and Rescue began operating the ambulance service in 2001. Start-up costs and
reimbursement issues caused the interfund loan to peak at $2.016 million in December 2007.
The interfund loan balance is now about $691,000, the lowest balance since 2002.

Fire Chief Niles Ford said many changes recommended by a 2006 ad hoc committee were
implemented, including a rate increase in 2007.

“We are very fortunate because ambulance services — both public and private — continue to
struggle financially across the nation,” Ford said. “Federal Medicaid and Medicare
reimbursement rates continue to lag behind costs and are still a concern. We must continue to be
diligent in looking for ways to control costs in the long-term without compromising the quality of
our service.”

The City is now in the second year of a contract with Lancaster County to provide ambulance
service outside the City limits, and Ford said cooperation with the County has been very
successful. The City also has contracted with private ambulance companies to provide stand-by
services at events, but Ford said he has not yet seen the impact of that change.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: February 4, 2010
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831
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CITY AWARDED GRANT FUNDS FOR NEW LADDER TRUCK

Mayor Chris Beutler today announced that the City has been awarded a $569,600 federal grant that will cover 80 percent of the cost of a new aerial ladder truck for Lincoln Fire and Rescue (LFR). The Assistance to Firefighters Grant is from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

“This grant will allow us to replace the City’s oldest aerial ladder truck, which has been in continuous service for nearly 20 years,” Mayor Beutler said. “This kind of major equipment upgrade is necessary for Lincoln Fire and Rescue to continue to protect and serve this community.”

Fire Chief Niles Ford said the estimated cost of the truck is $712,000. He said LFR has some funds remaining from the 2008-2009 fiscal year, and those savings will cover the remaining $142,400. Ford said the truck to be replaced has been driven more than 119,000 miles and has responded to 12,878 dispatches.

“Those numbers don’t tell the entire story about the wear and tear on this vehicle,” Ford said. “The truck to be replaced has responded to a large number of significant events. It also has been used often for training purposes.”

Ford said LFR’s entire fleet of five aerial ladder trucks (four front-line and one reserve) is more than 16 years old, and finding repairs parts is becoming difficult. He said the decision has not yet been made on which station will house the new truck.

The Mayor thanked LFR, particularly the maintenance division, and the City’s Purchasing Department for working closely on an accurate cost estimate for the grant. He also commended City Grants Administrator Barbara Baier for coordinating the application. Ford said manufacturers indicate that the new truck will take about one year to build and deliver.
Focus shifts to jobs and budget. After several months of health care reform legislation dominating the news from Washington, the focus this week shifted to the economy and the federal budget. The highlight of the week was President Obama’s State of the Union Address.

In that speech, the President focused largely on the economy and job creation and specifically called on Congress to enact a jobs bill. The House has already passed a jobs bill (HR 2847) that reads like a “mini-ARRA” and the Senate is scheduled to spend most of next week on a jobs package being crafted by the Senate leadership and key committee chairmen. (A detailed summary of HR 2847 is on our website: http://www.capitaledge.com/housejobsbill.pdf)

Although details of the Senate bill have not been released, reports late this week were that the different provisions will move through committees separately and that the leadership will then assemble a package of provisions that can garner 60 votes. One certainty: with an upper cost limit of $82.5 billion, the Senate jobs bill will be much smaller than the $154 billion House measure. The Senate measure will also be tightly focused on job creation and infrastructure and will likely not include funding for many programs of interest to local governments. It will reportedly include:

- Funding for surface transportation, including new Build America Bonds (see Transportation article),
- A $5,000 per worker tax credit for new hires and a refund of payroll taxes for firms that increase their workers’ wages,
- A extension of unemployed insurance and COBRA benefits and
- $11 billion in tax credits for consumers who purchase energy efficient appliances and homeowners who invest in energy efficiency upgrades.

Budget issues also took center stage this week. With the President set to release his FY 2011 Budget on Monday, the Senate spent much of the week debating an increase in the statutory debt limit; the Congressional Budget Office released its ten-year budget projections, and the White House announced that the President’s Budget will call for a freeze in domestic discretionary spending (see Budget article).

Despite the focus on jobs and the budget, health care reform and other issues were not entirely forgotten this week. In his State of the Union speech, the President exhorted Congress to finish work on a comprehensive health care bill and to address his other priorities, most notably energy and climate change legislation. Although progress on the latter issue will likely have to wait until after this fall’s elections or later, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) emphatically told reporters at her weekly press conference that she remains committed to passing a bill and will do whatever it takes to achieve that goal. Indeed, behind the scenes, House and Senate leaders spent much of the week crafting a legislative strategy that will allow them to send a bill to the President this year.

Beyond health care reform, with Congress facing an abbreviated election year work schedule and with 60 votes just out of the Senate leadership’s grasp, many congressional observers expect it will be difficult just to clear a jobs bill this spring and enact FY 2011 spending bills before heading home to campaign this fall.
TRANSPORTATION

Senate set to consider jobs measures with highway and transit funding. Next week, the Senate is expected to release the details of legislative efforts to address the high rates of unemployment nationwide. Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA), Chair of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee (EPW), said that the Democratic leadership in the Senate is looking to advance their job-creation proposals as two separate bills. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) indicated that the chamber’s job creation proposals would be unveiled sometime next week.

The first of these proposals, Boxer said, would be a “tight” package of transportation matters and a business tax credit for new hires. While the details have not been finalized, this measure would transfer $20 billion from the general fund to shore up the near-bankrupt Highway Trust Fund, as well as extend current transportation policy (SAFETEA-LU, PL 109-59) through December of this year. It will also likely include additional funding for Build America Bonds, which are low-interest bonds that states and local governments can tap to finance transportation and other infrastructure projects, and a one-year tax credit incentive for businesses to hire new employees.

The second bill would be a limited jobs package that would provide additional funding for highway and transit projects, to the tune of approximately $25 billion. This sets up an immediate conflict with the House of Representatives, which passed a job-creation bill (HR 2847) in December of last year that provides $37.3 billion for transportation infrastructure projects, and a one-year tax credit incentive for businesses to hire new employees.

Boxer indicated that the EPW Committee will take on the multiyear extension of surface transportation policy authorization in March of this year. Dubbing it “transportation month,” she said that the Committee would begin holding hearings and drafting a bill to complement the six-year, $500 billion version approved at the subcommittee level in the House. Until recently, Boxer had embraced the Obama administration’s push to defer consideration of the transportation authorization bill until early 2011.

BUDGET

President calls for spending freeze as Senate clears debt ceiling increase. Ahead of next Monday’s release of President Obama’s FY 2011 Budget, budget issues joined jobs on center stage this week, highlighted by the Administration’s call for a spending freeze, the Senate’s passage of legislation to increase the statutory debt limit and the Congressional Budget Office’s (CBO) issuance of smaller but still large projected budget deficits.

The big news came early in the week with a White House announcement that the Administration’s FY 2011 Budget will call for a three-year freeze on most domestic discretionary spending, with increases after three years limited to the rate of inflation. The Office of Management and Budget says the freeze, which would not apply to most Defense, Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security programs, would reduce the deficit by $250 billion over 10 years.

The reaction to the President’s proposal on Capitol Hill was lukewarm at best. Critics from the right argue that while freezing domestic discretionary spending is a good start, deficit reduction should focus on reining entitlement spending, which accounts for close to two-thirds of the federal budget. Critics from the left argue that the President’s proposal would put the burden of deficit reduction solely on the back of the small sliver of the federal budget that funds social programs, with some adding that deficit reduction efforts should also focus on the revenue side of the ledger. In an election year, it will be difficult for Congress to put a squeeze on popular programs that would be needed to implement the proposed domestic discretionary spending freeze. If Congress did implement the freeze in FY 2011, it remains unclear whether they would do so across-the-board or if they would reduce funding for, or eliminate, some programs in order to provide increases for others while still remaining under an overall domestic discretionary spending cap.

Most budget experts agree that even if implemented, the President’s proposed domestic discretionary spending freeze would put only a small dent in the $6 trillion deficit that the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates for the coming decade. That CBO estimate, released this week, came as good news for the Administration and congressional budget leaders. The $6 trillion forecast was $1 trillion less than the previous CBO ten-year deficit estimate, released last August. However, as the CBO Director Douglas Elmendorf told the House and Senate Budget Committee this week, his projections assume that Congress will allow the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts to expire after this year and that Congress will not pass a fix to the Alternative Minimum Tax; Congress is unlikely to allow either to happen.

The CBO estimate came as particularly good news for a congressional leadership wary of having to schedule a fall repeat of this week’s Senate vote on increasing the debt limit. By a party line vote of 60-39, the Senate cleared legislation (H J Res 45) that would increase the statutory debt limit, which is literally a cap on how much debt the federal government can hold, from $12.394 trillion to $14.294 trillion. If correct, the new CBO deficit projections mean that the new, higher limit would not be reached until the end of 2010 and possibly not until 2011. Under the previous CBO deficit estimates, the cap would have been reached before this November’s elections. (The federal government is expected to bump up against the current debt ceiling sometime in March.)

The Senate-passed debt limit bill also...
includes language that would reinstate “pay-as-you-go” budget rules on Congress. Under “pay-as-you-go,” any increase in spending or decrease in revenue must be offset. However, the measure exempts certain items from the rule, including a fix for the Alternative Minimum Tax, an extension of the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts targeted to the middle class and maintaining the 2009 estate tax rate. Supporters of “pay-as-you-go,” most notably the House Blue Dogs, the caucus of centrist House Democrats, and some Republicans contend it will make it easier to tame deficits.

During their debate on the debt ceiling increase, senators rejected, 53-46, with 60 needed for passage, an amendment offered by Senator Kent Conrad (D-ND) that would have created a bipartisan Budget Commission tasked with devising structural changes for entitlement spending and taxes to reduce or eliminate the budget deficit. Under the Conrad proposal, Congress would have to vote on the Commission’s proposal by a date-certain, with a three-fifths majority required for passage. As recently as last week, Dorgan’s proposal appeared to have enough votes. However, several Republicans, wary that the Commission would propose tax increases as well as entitlement spending cuts, withdrew their support. As a compromise, President Obama will reportedly create a Budget Commission by Executive Order and the congressional leadership has reportedly agreed to schedule votes on the Commission’s recommendations. However, congressional Republicans may decline to appoint members to the Commission, so that even if it is created, the Commission may never meet much less craft a deficit reduction package.

The House is expected to clear H J Res 45 for the President’s signature next week. The House is expected to craft a deficit reduction package. The Commission may never meet much less decline to appoint members to the Commission, so that even if it is created, the Republican’s proposal appeared to have enough votes. However, several Republicans, wary that the Commission would propose tax increases as well as entitlement spending cuts, withdrew their support. As a compromise, President Obama will reportedly create a Budget Commission by Executive Order and the congressional leadership has reportedly agreed to schedule votes on the Commission’s recommendations. However, congressional Republicans may decline to appoint members to the Commission, so that even if it is created, the Commission may never meet much less craft a deficit reduction package.

Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA, PL 110-5) with crafting a National Broadband Plan, the FCC is reportedly considering industry requests to include in the Plan an interpretation of Section 253 of the Communications Act that would limit local governments to cost-based fees for industry use of public rights-of-way. Since the enactment of Section 253 in 1996, the courts have repeatedly rebuffed industry efforts to undermine clear congressional intent on this issue. Section 253 clearly allows local governments to collect “fair and reasonable compensation” in a nondiscriminatory way for the use of public rights-of-way by telecommunications providers.

Local government organizations argue that if the FCC agrees to these industry requests, local governments would face a severe loss of revenue. They also argue that such a move by the FCC would also constrain local government ability to safely and effectively manage public rights-of-way for all users. Local government organizations also point out that the FCC does not have the authority to craft a new interpretation of Section 253 as part of the National Broadband Plan. In addition, they stress that that communities with the most robust management of public rights-of-way management regimes enjoy the most access to broadband and the individual companies petitioning the FCC are unable to document specific examples of local government right-of-way fees limiting access to broadband.

The National Association of Telecommunications Officers and the US Conference of Mayors plan to file formal comments with the FCC. All local governments and local elected officials with similar concerns are urged to do so as well.

STIMULUS WATCH
Weekly update on stimulus activities.

Department of Commerce
The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) plans to finalize awarding Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) Round 1 grants before the March 15, 2010 deadline for submitting Round 2 applications. All applicants to Round 1 can expect to receive written notification of the outcome of their application. There are no opportunities available to discuss unsuccessful Round 1 applications, but workshops to aid in the Round 2 process are on-going and will be available online for those unable to attend: http://www.broadbandusa.gov/workshop.htm.

Department of Transportation

The Federal Transit Administration is hosting training webinars next week on February 2, 3 and 5 for Section 1201c reporting. The deadline for 1201c reports is February 17, 2010: http://www.fta.dot.gov/index_9440_11089.html.

Federal Reporting
Recipients and federal agencies will be able to perform Quality Assurance (QA) checks and to correct errors identified during the QA activities from February 2, 2010 to March 15, 2010. The final data set for this reporting period will be published on Wednesday, March 17, 2010: https://www.federalreporting.gov/federalreporting/home.do

GRANTS AND NOTICES

National Endowment for the Arts
NEA is accepting applications for the Mayors' Institute on City Design (MICD) 25th Anniversary Initiative. NEA will award a limited number of grants, ranging from $25,000 to $250,000, to showcase and celebrate the goals of the MICD during its anniversary in 2011. Eligible applicants are cities (or their designees) that have participated in the Mayors’ Institute on City Design® during its 25-year history. Applications are due March 15, 2010: http://tinyurl.com/yqggu3l.

Office of Justice Programs
The Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering and Tracking is seeking applications for funding under the Comprehensive Approaches to Sex Offender Management Program. This program assists state, local and tribal jurisdictions in establishing comprehensive strategies to manage sex offenders. Applications must be submitted through OJP’s Grants Management System (GMS). Complete instructions on how to register and submit an application can be found at www.ojp.usdoj.gov/gmscbt/. Applications are due on March 18, 2010: http://tinyurl.com/yj4htbw.

Office of Violence Against Women
OVW is currently accepting applications for the FY 2010 Safe Havens: Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Grant Program. This program provides communities an opportunity to support supervised visitation and the safe exchange of children in situations involving sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and child abuse. OVW anticipates making 30 awards. Interested applicants should submit a letter of intent by February 24, 2010. The application deadline is March 10, 2010: http://tinyurl.com/yj5y9we.

OVW is also accepting applications for the Enhanced Training and Services to End Violence Against and Abuse of Women Later in Life Program. This program improves training and services to address elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, including sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, involving victims who are 50 years of age or older. OVW expects to make 6 awards for an estimated total of $3 million. Interested applicants should submit a letter of intent by February 24, 2010. Final applications are due March 10, 2010: http://tinyurl.com/yzr9jw7.

OVW is currently accepting applications for the Transitional Housing Assistance Program. This program offers a victim-centered approach to providing transitional housing services to victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and/or stalking. Letters of intent should be submitted by February 17, 2010. Applications are due March 9, 2010: http://tinyurl.com/ygrmvb5.

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
OJJDP is accepting applications for the FY 2010 Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force National Training Program. Through this program, OJJDP seeks to identify training providers to serve the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program. The deadline for applying for funding under this announcement is April 8, 2010: http://tinyurl.com/vg97s7d.
Attached is Martha Christen's claim which was received in the City Law Department on 1/6/2010. Also attached is a letter that was sent to Mrs. Christen informing her that her claim will be forwarded to the City Council with a recommendation that the claim be denied. Claim is scheduled to be introduced on 2/8/2010 with public hearing on 2/22/2010.

Sue Burgason
City Law Department
441-8802

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From: Marcee Brownlee
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2010 2:50 PM
To: Sue K Burgason
Subject: FW: Claim Against the City of Lincoln
Importance: High

Sue--
Did we have a claim that we denied?
Marcee

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From: Rodney M. Confer
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2010 2:49 PM
To: Marcee Brownlee
Subject: FW: Claim Against the City of Lincoln
Importance: High

I'm not sure whether this went to anyone but City Council. Maybe we tell her how to file a claim?

Rodney M. Confer
City Attorney

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From: Tammy J. Grammer
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2010 2:34 PM
To: Doug Emery
Cc: Rodney M. Confer
Subject: FW: Claim Against the City of Lincoln
Importance: High

Doug,

Please see email below. I will list this on the Directors Agenda for 02/08/10. Thanks.

Tammy Grammer
City Council Secretary
441-6867
RE: Claim against the City of Lincoln received in your office January 6, 2010 by Martha Christen, 5225 Normal Blvd.

Mr. Doug Emery, Chair of the City Council.
This is an appeal to the response from the Council dated January 27, 2010.

I, Martha Christen, placed a claim against the City of Lincoln. The claim was for damage occurring when a truck grader busted off the post of my mail box. I saw a truck grader go by my property. I then noticed that my mail box post was busted off.

An estimate for the replacement cost for the damage was $80.00.

I, Martha Christen, am a 93 year old widower who subsists on a $852.30 monthly Social Security check. Paying this amount out of pocket will create a financial hardship. The Postal Service requires that my mail box be placed at the curb side for delivery services.

I would appreciate it if you would reconsider this claim.
City Attorney Office  
55535 South 10th Street 
Suite 300 
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

Name: Mrs. Martha Christen 
Address: 5225 Normal Blvd  
Lincoln, Nebraska 68506

Phone: 488-6067

Damaged Item: Damaged Mail Box Post  
The post was snapped off.  
The mail box was not damaged.

Location: The mail box and post were located by the edge of the Normal Blvd. Street.

Time of Occurrence: The incident occurred on the evening of Dec. 6th, 2009

Martha saw the city truck with a snow plow blade go by. She then noticed the mail box and damaged post laying on the ground.
JERRY'S
HANDY MAN SERVICE
402-730-8047

LIGHT HAULING  HOME REPAIR  BASEMENT GARAGE CLEANUP
(NO YARD WORK)

Estimate

5225 Normal Blvd., replace mail box post.
Post .................................. $22
Paint .................................. $8
Labor ................................. $50

$80 total
Mrs. Martha Christen
5225 Normal Blvd.
Lincoln, NE 68506

RE: Claim Against the City of Lincoln

Dear Mrs. Christen,

This is in reference to your claim against the City of Lincoln received in this office on January 9, 2010. In order for your claim to be authorized for payment from public funds, it must be shown that there exists a legal basis for such authorization. The City of Lincoln has a duty to keep its streets accessible, which obviously includes the clearance of snow therefrom. The area in which your mailbox is located is within a portion of the street commonly referred to as a right-of-way or sidewalk space. When a public street is developed by the City of Lincoln, the City not only purchases the property for the roadway, but purchases the right-of-way. The purpose of the right-of-way is to ensure a buffer between private property and the City roadway. The right-of-way is intended to reserve an area for the City to perform many necessary functions that are incidental to street maintenance and other governmental functions without infringing upon private property. Some of those functions include the placing of street signs, maintenance and installation of utility services and street maintenance such as plowing and placement of snow.

Since the City of Lincoln has the duty to perform these governmental functions, including the removal of snow from its streets, it is our position that public funds should not be utilized for payment of any claims of damage to personal property or other objects located in the City’s right-of-way when the damage is caused by the City’s performance of its governmental functions. Therefore, I am unable to authorize the payment of your claim and I must inform you that your claim will be forwarded to the City Council with a recommendation that the claim be denied.

The Lincoln City Council will consider your claim at its regularly scheduled meeting on February 22, 2010, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 555 South 10th Street, Suite 112. You may appear in person at that date and time to discuss your claim and/or you may contact the City Council in writing prior to that date by mailing the Chair of the City Council, Doug Finney, at City Hall, City of Lincoln, NE 68521, or by contacting your individual councilperson.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Marece A. Brownlee
Assistant City Attorney

MAR-09
## Actual Compared to Projected Sales Tax Collections

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Actual collections through January are 2.72% below projections for the year.
CITY OF LINCOLN  
GROSS SALES TAX COLLECTIONS  
(WITH REFUNDS ADDED BACK IN)  
2004-2005 THROUGH 2009-2010

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# CITY OF LINCOLN
## SALES TAX REFUNDS
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<td>602.47%</td>
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<td>($162,998)</td>
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<td>($478,184)</td>
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<td>($909,044)</td>
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Year to date vs. previous year

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## NET SALES TAX COLLECTIONS
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Year to date vs. previous year
OFFICE OF TREASURER, CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

JANUARY 29, 2010

TO: MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER & CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: FINANCE DEPARTMENT / CITY TREASURER

SUBJECT: MONTHLY CITY CASH REPORT

The records of this office show me to be charged with City cash as follows at the close of business December 31, 2009:

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<td>Plus Total Debits December 1-31, 2009</td>
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<td>Less Total Credits December 1-31, 2009</td>
<td>($30,324,555.11)</td>
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<td>Cash Balance on December 31, 2009</td>
<td>$155,927,488.82</td>
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I desire to report that such City cash was held by me as follows which I will deem satisfactory unless advised and further directed in the matter by you:

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<td>U. S. Bank Nebraska, N.A.</td>
<td>($3,820,856.87)</td>
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<td>Wells Fargo Bank</td>
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<td>Wells Fargo Bank Credit Card Account</td>
<td>($43,817.58)</td>
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<td>Cornhusker Bank</td>
<td>$62,143.38</td>
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<td>Pinnacle Bank</td>
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<td>Union Bank &amp; Trust Company</td>
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<td>West Gate Bank</td>
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<td>Idle Funds - Short-Term Pool</td>
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<td>Idle Funds - Medium-Term Pool</td>
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<td>Cash, Checks and Warrants</td>
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<td>Total Cash on Hand December 31, 2009</td>
<td>$155,927,488.82</td>
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The negative bank balances shown above do not represent the City as overdrawn in these bank accounts. In order to maximize interest earned on all City funds, deposits have been invested prior to the Departments' notification to the City Treasurer's office of these deposits; therefore, these deposits are not recorded in the City Treasurer's bank account balances at month end.

I also hold as City Treasurer, securities in the amount of $23,652,339.30 representing authorized investments of the City's funds.

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Joan E. Ross, City Clerk
Lincoln County, Nebraska

[Signature]
Melinda J. Jonac, City Treasurer
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<th>DESCRIPTION</th>
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We are excited to inform the City Council that Lincoln Fire & Rescue has received notice from Katrice Hagan that DHS FEMA has approved the Assistance to Firefighters Grant EMW-2009-FV-03572 which we requested in 2009. The award is for the purchase of a new aerial ladder truck for the City of Lincoln.

The Grant submitted by Barb Baier on behalf of the city on May 18, 2009, is described as follows:

Project Description: Lincoln Fire & Rescue (LF&R) requested federal funding in order to replace one of our oldest aerial trucks; Truck 8. Truck 8 has been in continuous service for more than 19 years. During its long tenure of service, Truck 8 has responded to 12,878 dispatches involving all types of significant incidents in and around the City of Lincoln.

Truck 8 has currently driven over 119,000 miles, but this tells only half the story since hours of operations plays a significant role of the wear and tear on these types of emergency response vehicles. To that end, it should be noted that Truck 8 has responded to a larger number of the most significant events involving our service as well as needing to be used consistently in the process of training personnel.

Further it should be noted that all of our aerial trucks in the city including Truck 8 have reached an age where it is becoming more difficult to find parts to repair them. Lincoln Fire & Rescue’s entire fleet of aerials is greater than 16 years old. For this reason and others the final station location of the soon to be built and purchased truck has not been solidified.

In order to produce a positive outcome in the grant application process, the LF&R maintenance division worked closely with the City of Lincoln’s purchasing division to seek as accurate a cost estimate as possible for inclusion in the grant request. The estimate among manufacturers indicates that a 340 day delivery schedule is average for this type of unit.

The total budget for this project is:

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If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at your convenience.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:  February 1, 2010
CONTACT:  Sheila Jacobs, Outreach Services Supervisor
PHONE:  402-441-8546
E-MAIL:  s.jacobs@lincolnlibraries.org

Lincoln City Libraries and the Clyde Malone Community Center will co-host its 5th Annual African American Read-In in celebration and recognition of Black History Month. Guests from the community will read excerpts from works by or about African Americans. The readings will be held at the Walt Branch Library, 6701 S 14th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, on Thursday, February 25th, at 12 noon.

The local Read-In is part of the 21st National African American Read-In. Since 1990, over a million readers of all ethnic groups, from 49 states, the West Indies, and African countries have participated in this event originally sponsored by the Black Caucus of the National Council of Teachers of English. The goal of the Read In is to make the celebration of African American literacy a traditional part of Black history month activities. Additional information on the national read-in is at http://www.nete.org/action/aari/packetinfo

The event is free of charge. Readings may be of most interest to middle school and above.

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

Date: ♦ February 2, 2010

To: ♦ City Clerk

From: ♦ Teresa McKinstry, Planning Dept.

Re: ♦ Administrative Amendment approvals

cc: ♦ Jean Preister

This is a list of the Administrative Amendments that were approved by the Planning Director from January 26, 2010 thru February 1, 2010:

**Administrative Amendment No. 10002** to Use Permit No. 105A, approved by the Planning Director on January 29, 2010, requested by Olsson Associates, to revise the location of the 13,000 sq. ft. commercial hotel from Lot 16 to Lot 6 and move the 24,000 sq. ft. commercial from Lot 6 to Lot 16, on property generally located southwest of the intersection of N. 84th and Holdrege St.
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Beutler
    & City Council Members
FROM: Clinton W. Thomas

DEPARTMENT: City Council Office
DEPARTMENT: Housing Rehab & Real Estate Division

ATTENTION: 
DATE: January 27, 2010

COPIES TO: Teresa J. Meier
          Marvin Krout
          Rod Confer
          Byron Blum, Bldg & Safety
          Jean Preister, Planning

SUBJECT: Street & Alley Vacation No. 09007
          Various Streets with the Antelope Valley area

A request has been made to vacate various streets within the Antelope Valley area. The purpose of these vacations is to allow for the replatting of the area and to clean up legal descriptions of the small parcels of land that might be left upon completion of the roadway and the channel.

A significant portion of the vacated streets will ultimately be re-dedicated as street right-of-way in the Antelope Valley Parkway and connecting streets which were constructed as part of the project. The remaining portions will be replatted into the surrounding area and disposed of in accordance with the Joint Antelope Valley Agreement which required transfer of deeds and easements between the partners. Some of these areas will ultimately wind up with UN-L and some will be retained by the City of Lincoln. The street right-of-way should be vacated at this time at no cost. The ultimate disposition will then be accomplished after the subsequent replat of the area in accordance with the Antelope Valley Agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

Clinton W. Thomas
Certified General Appraiser #990023
City Council Members and Rod Confer:

We reviewed the list given to the Council last night by Mr. Hohensee. There were fourteen names on the list. Five names were from property not within the boundary of the BID and were exempt residential owners. Of the nine relevant owners, their total linear front footage was 17% of the total front footage of the district. I hope you find this information relevant.

David Landis
Phragmites Control
Landowners responded in an amazing fashion in controlling phragmites in 2009. All landowners in the city of Lincoln controlled the 50 infested sites. There was a total of 44 acres found on the 50 sites. Over 35 acres were on public lands and railroads. The 25 acres on the N 48th Landfill site (photo above) were controlled by helicopter. This control effort along with follow-up will nip in the bud further invasion of phragmites.

Management of Weeds
The authority plans on by making 6,821 inspections of 3,025 sites in 2010 to encourage landowners to manage their noxious weeds and provide for weed abatement.

Weed Abatement City of Lincoln
- Make 4,600 inspections of 2,100 sites as a result of complaints received and observations by inspectors.
- Letters were sent to 86 landowners having forced cuttings made in 2009. Early inspections will be made of these properties.
- Letters and contacts are being made mortgagers of foreclosed properties seeking their cooperation.
- Inspections will begin on May 17

Noxious Weeds
- Make 695 inspections of 278 sites.
  - Musk thistle 193
  - Leafy spurge 26
  - Purple loosestrife 9
  - Phragmites 48

2010 Planned Inspections
6,821 inspections of 3,025 sites

- Saltcedar 2
- Inspect County roads for 135 sites of leafy spurge and 38 sites for phragmites.
- Inspect 80 sites on railroads for noxious weeds
- Contract noxious weed control for landfill sites.
- Contract control of leafy spurge and phragmites on County roads

January Activities
12 NWCA mtg 10:00 Grand Island
12 Board approval of annual reports
14 Mgt Team Mtg
15 NEBline insert deadline
19 Lower Platte Mtng
20 Mid-year budget review
31 Submit required state reports
27 NWCA Committee Mtg 10:00
31 Monthly activity report

February Planned Activities
6 NWCA Conference North Platte
11 Mgt Team Mtg
15 Holiday
16 LPWMA
28 Monthly activity report
Rick:

As I mentioned during our brief telephone conversation, I was surprised to hear on the radio that the City is purchasing a fire truck.

Because the City Council has not been briefed on this development, due to the difficulties with past fire department equipment purchases, the large amount involved, as well as a basic courtesy, it would be nice for the Mayor to discuss this with the City Council at one of our Monday Directors' Meetings.

When these types of situations arise, I cannot help but think a City Manager form of government would fit Lincoln's needs better and provide a better communication link among elected officials.

Thank you,

Jon

JON A. CAMP
Haymarket Square/CH, Ltd.
200 Haymarket Square
808 P Street
P.O. Box 82307
Lincoln, NE 68501-2307

Office: 402.474.1838
Fax: 402.474.1838
Cell: 402.560.1001

Email: joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com

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

- Thomas Alva Edison
RE: Claim against the City of Lincoln received in your office January 6, 2010 by Martha Christen, 5225 Normal Blvd.

Mr. Doug Emery, Chair of the City Council.
This is an appeal to the response from the Council dated January 27, 2010.

I, Martha Christen, placed a claim against the City of Lincoln. The claim was for damage occurring when a truck grader busted off the post of my mail box. I saw a truck grader go by my property. I then noticed that my mail box post was busted off.

An estimate for the replacement cost for the damage was $80.00.

I, Martha Christen, am a 93 year old widower who subsists on a $852.30 monthly Social Security check. Paying this amount out of pocket will create a financial hardship. The Postal Service requires that my mail box be placed at the curb side for delivery services.

I would appreciate it if you would reconsider this claim.
February 1, 2010

Mr. Doug Emery
City Council Office
555 South 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68506

Dear Mr. Emery:

The enclosed letter to the Mayor regarding the proposed arena outlines the consensus position of our members, arrived at after many meetings and much debate. As we understand the proposal, the city will build the facility with tax dollars assessed on the hospitality industry, and the largest share of the tax will be contributed by restaurants and bars. It will then be turned over to a private corporation from outside the community to manage and operate. Most profits realized from the capital investment will accrue to the operating corporation.

We think the arena will be beneficial to the community at large and a worthwhile investment, but there should be a greater contribution from the private sector and the public contribution should be spread over a larger base.

Since our recent letter was sent to the mayor, more information has been provided, regarding the plans for financing the project. The total cost is projected to be $340,000,000 and the 2% restaurant and bar tax is planned for thirty, instead of thirty five, years. If we assume a base in 2011 of $7,200,000 escalating at 2% annually for thirty years, the total amount to be collected will be $292,090,172. It appears that a 2% tax is more than sufficient to support the project, so the % could be reduced, the tax could be terminated sooner than projected or the excess amount could be used to reimburse businesses for the cost of collecting the tax.

Our position remains as outlined in our letter to the Mayor. We believe that the city should investigate options for a more equitable sharing of the financial burden with other interested stake holders and broaden the base of support.

When the ordinance defining the arena finance plan is drafted we believe that it should include compensation for the administrative costs accrued from collecting the tax. We would also like to see milestones embedded in law that establish a periodic review of financial requirements to include provisions for reduction of the occupation tax when appropriate and a sunset clause when all financial obligations underwritten by the tax are met.

It is very important to ensure that our local restaurants and bars are provided a fair and equal opportunity to compete for concessions in the new facility so that profits generated stay in the community to the greatest extent possible.

The majority of our members believe that the proposed arena will benefit the community but we would appreciate your consideration of our concerns as expressed in this letter.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Jim Parington
Executive Director

National Restaurant Association
Honorable Chris Beutler  
Mayor's Office  
555 South 10th  
Lincoln, NE 68508  

Dear Mayor Beutler:

At the various meetings with our members where the arena plan was presented and discussed, including those with Dan Marvin, project coordinator, most of our members with Lincoln locations were strongly in favor of the arena and believe that it will be a necessary and valuable addition to the city, benefiting the community at large. They appreciate the efforts made by the Mayor and the project coordinator to reach out and communicate with all the stakeholders.

It’s clear, however, that most of the direct financial benefits of this project will accrue to the developers, construction-related vendors and the arena’s own vendors of food, beverages and merchandise. Retailers close may also benefit. The majority of restaurants scattered throughout the city will not benefit to a degree commensurate with their financial assessment. This was recognized in the West Haymarket Development-Economic Impact Report of May 2, 2009 and in the front page article in the November 26, 2009 edition of the Lincoln Journal Star, which discussed the arena consulting report.

The statement in the Lincoln Journal Star editorial of October 18th, that 15% to 20% of the tax will be borne by people from out of town may be correct for total collections from this occupation tax, but is not true for the restaurant portion. A relatively small percentage of restaurant business is provided by out of town guests. Local diners would actually be responsible for the $7,200,000 in arena occupation taxes in 2011 and for $360,000,000 in occupation tax over the thirty five year period that we understand this tax will remain in effect. Considering that the arena has a projected total cost of $500,000,000 this is a significant burden on our restaurants and customers.

Given this situation, it’s appropriate to conclude that an occupation tax on the restaurant industry is being considered, not because it’s fairer than other options such as property tax or even a broader based occupation tax, but because it’s easier to enact.

It appears that, on an annual and total cost share, the Lincoln restaurant industry (as unwilling tax collectors) and its guests are carrying an exceptionally large share of the financial burden and it is far in excess of any financial benefit either can expect to accrue from the project.
The position of the Nebraska Restaurant Association, representing our Lincoln members, is that the city should investigate options for a more equitable sharing of the financial burden with other interested stakeholders and broaden the base of support.

When the ordinance defining the arena finance plan is drafted we believe that it should include compensation for the administrative costs accrued from collecting the tax. We would also like to see milestones embedded in law that establish a periodic review of financial requirements to include provisions for reduction of the occupation tax when appropriate and a sunset clause when all financial obligations are met.

We truly appreciate your open communications on this issue and your consideration of our concerns.

Sincerely,

Jim Partington
Executive Director
Please support the Arena project. Lincoln needs it. I'm not excited about the city's direction if we let this opportunity slip away. Growth is good and this time we have a solid financial plan in place.

Mike Figueroa  
(402) 314-5609  
Woods Bros SouthPointe  
7100 South 29th Street  
Lincoln, NE 68516
February 2, 2010

Lincoln City Council  
County-City Building  
555 South 10th Street  
Lincoln, NE  68508

Dear Council Members:

I would like to report that Lincoln Electric System (LES) recently completed a strategic planning process. The LES Administrative Board was very involved in the process, particularly in the development of LES’ new vision and mission statements. LES’ new vision is “Striving to be the world’s best energy company.” It is a bold statement, but one that our Board and employees feel energized to pursue. LES’ new mission is “LES is a progressive leader, partnering with the community to maximize energy value and quality of life in an environmentally-responsible manner.”

The Board, the LES Executive Team, and 24 department managers also worked to develop the Core Values by which LES will conduct itself. As you will see, the first initial of each of the core values combine to spell the word “SERVICE” which is the cornerstone of our business. The LES Core Values are:

Safety
Excellence
Reliability
Valuing Employees
Integrity in All We Do
Compassion
Environmental Responsibility

We are still in the process of fine tuning our strategic planning goals and performance metrics, but we are excited about engaging all of our employees in our new vision and mission. If you have any questions about our strategic plan, please give me a call.

Also, to keep you abreast of LES operations and activities, I have attached a presentation that was provided this month to the LES Administrative Board. The report highlights LES’ 2009 performance in several key areas. We plan to provide a similar report to the LES Administrative Board on a quarterly basis in 2010 and we will be happy to provide those reports to you as well.
This timely update includes LES financial information, system performance and activities. It is designed to provide a quick review that will give you an overall, accurate picture of the status of 25 key factors impacting LES and our customers.

The report contains the performance factor being measured, the forecasted or targeted performance, the actual performance, and whether LES is satisfied with the results. This will aid you in quickly assessing the impacts on our business to help in your decision-making. It is our hope you will find this report useful. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Douglas L. Curry
Administrator and CEO

E-mail:   Phone #:  FAX:
dcurry@les.com   (402)473-3200   (402)475-9759

DLC:cls

Attachment
2009 Year-End Indicators

Doug Bantam
January 15, 2010
## Financial Indicators

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<td>290,776 calls</td>
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I am strongly in favor of putting the Arena Proposal on the May 11th ballot.

Thanks,

Drew Sasse
HOME Real Estate - Cotner
225 N. Cotner Blvd. #101
Lincoln, NE 68510
Cell: 440-7628
Desk: 436-3341
drew.sasse@homerealestate.com
dsasserealtor@gmail.com

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Dear Lincoln City Council members,

In the 10 years that I have lived here, I have become increasing more proud of Lincoln. I moved here for a job after graduating from the University of Iowa and did not expect to love the city, as I have come to do. I was surprised to find a vibrant--if small--community of young, creative professionals who had rejected the notion that success could be found only in big cities. They made their home here, and Lincoln continues to be the better for it.

I have made Lincoln my permanent home and am so excited to see how this small city continues to grow and develop. Why move away when the amenities come to you? Please vote to place the arena on the May ballot to allow the public to show our support for this exciting development. And keep the great ideas coming!

Thank you for striving toward your vision for a lively and vibrant place to match what continues to be a lively and vibrant community.

Sincerely,

Heidi Uhing
627 S. 28th St.
Lincoln, NE 68510
770-5756

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Hotmail: Powerful Free email with security by Microsoft. Get it now.
I am writing in support of the Arena. Please do all you can to support the concept in addition to actively promoting Lincoln’s need for this project.

Thank you.

Steve McKelvey
Executive Vice President, NBISCO
Nebraska Bankers Association
233 South 13th Street, Suite 700
Lincoln, NE 68508
Phone: 402-474-1555
Fax: 402.474.2946
E-mail: steve.mckelvey@nebankers.org
Good Afternoon:

I know the decision is coming up as whether to allow the arena issue to come up on the ballot. I strongly support the arena and think the citizens of Lincoln should be able to decide whether or not to support the arena.

I’m a small business owner not located in the Haymarket, but feel the arena would benefit the city and attract lots of national attention to our city. Our current venues are outdated. I also have multiple sclerosis and thus feel ensuring we have facilities for people of all abilities is crucially important. The current venues are not as accommodating to the disabled as they should be.

Thank you.

Kevin & Julie Horne
Owners
Great Harvest Bread Company
4815 Old Cheney Road
Lincoln, NE 68516
Phone: (402) 421-0195
FAX: (402) 421-0196

"The smell of good bread baking, like the sound of lightly flowing water, is indescribable in its evocation of innocence and delight."
M. F. K. Fisher (1908-1992)
... For the West Haymarket Arena. I believe more than ever the time is right for this to go to a vote and must be passed by our community.

Sent from my Blackberry.
From: WebForm [none@lincoln.ne.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2010 12:56 PM
To: Tammy J. Grammer
Subject: InterLinc: Council Feedback

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Comment or Question:
I would like to encourage the council to move forward on the haymarket arena by placing this issue on the May 11th ballot.
I believe this project to be in the best interests of the city and hope to see this plan to fruition.
Sincerely,
Molly M. Burns
Dear City Council members,

I am writing to express the strong support of myself and my husband for the Lincoln Haymarket Arena Project. It will not only improve the availability of entertainment options in the city, but also create many much needed jobs for Lincoln’s citizens. We are comfortable with the structure the city is putting in place to fund the arena and think the Mayor and his staff have done a good job communicating all aspects of this project to the public.

Please vote YES on this project. Thank you.

Regards,

Kelly & Kevin Winnik
9819 Hollow Tree Drive
Lincoln, NE 68512
Dear Council Members,

I am writing to tell you that I am 100% behind the plans for the new arena downtown and its associated renewal blocks. I am a realtor in Lincoln, but live in Seward. I also am a retired geography/economics professor and know what such plans mean for the future of a city and metropolitan area. It means that the future of this city depends on a forward looking plan to bring in dollars, investments and jobs for this fine community for the future. Jobs will be forthcoming for the next 25-50 years or more with this plan. Please take every step to assure us that this will pass. It is imperative for Lincoln's future.

Sincerely,
Dr. John C. Kinworthy
Professor of Geography-Emeriti
Concordia University-Nebraska
Seward, NE 68434
Dear Council members:
Going under the presumption that you have already received all the materials and heard all the arguments, I am writing to simply weigh in for putting the arena question on the ballot. Not only do I think that the citizens of Lincoln will make the right decision, but I think that this is a moment in time which will be exceedingly important for the future of Lincoln. I will be voting "yes" on the issue this spring if you put the question on the ballot. Thank you for your consideration.
Sincerely, DiAnna
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for General Council

Name: Ted Scott
Address: 5316 Patmore Road
City: Lincoln, NE 68516

Phone: 402-202-2482
Fax: 402-423-2029
Email: ted@maildataprint.com

Comment or Question:
Soon you will be voting to place the proposed arena project on the ballot. I want each of you to know that I am behind this project 100%. Lincoln needs this now and in the future. I am hopeful you will be supportive of placing this issue on the ballot.
To all City Council members: Please answer these questions from the taxpayers.

1) Location:
   It is inexcusably intolerable and costly. It appears as no thought to future growth and cost, let alone, once again, you want to build in a Flood Plain. Why are you so inflexible on locations?
   What could possibly be wrong with using city property? The area east of Pfizer, Inc. is roadway accessible, greater area to develop east and at half the cost. You can mitigate the wetland uses. Your mantra that the Haymarket is the only viable location just is NOT TRUE!
   Flagrant manipulation of falsehoods is obvious. Most people do not go shopping when attending entertainment events.

2) Target Audience:
   Who, exactly, are you targeting for attendance? It is understood the UNL Basketball teams will use this facility, but even that comes at a loss, $750,000 in rent but credit given for misc items including $300,000 for loss of concessions. What other type of venues do you expect to occupy this facility? What actual percentage of a year do you project this facility to be fully used. It seems that this question never gets a straight answer.

3) Ownership:
   Who will own the arena, manage it, see to it that it is making money? Is there a fund to cover the unknown and lack of revenue? How about the money that it will take for the building and grounds upkeep. The city is great at building and not so great at maintaining – Centennial Mall is an excellent example.

4) Contract:
   What clauses will be written into the contract to cover overrides and a safety net for years to come?

5) Soil:
   Will the EPA oversee the contaminated soil clean-up and what is that cost to the city and its taxpayers?

6) Debt:
   What is Lincoln’s present debt including the streets, Antelope Valley, present obligations the taxpayers do not know about? Remember to add in the repayment of the 22 million “given” for this project. Don’t think we are fooled about not increasing property taxes.
   Quoting Deena Winter in the LJS 2/3/10 – “That only applies to this $25 million bond, not the remaining $319 million in bonds, which would be backed by the city’s taxing authority.”

President Obama stated “this economic problem will take approximately two decades to solve.”
Our present and near future income will not increase to any extent. How can you demand we build this arena based on ifs, maybes and manipulated figures? The present issue as is will be an albatross for generations to come.
The arena’s location, costs, design, job projections etc is all about you, not the taxpayer.
It is a very expensive ego trip for all involved.

Sincerely,
Darling
I am sending this note in support of the City of Council placing the Haymarket Arena on the May 11th primary ballot. I trust that the council will agree to place this important issue on the ballot so that the people of the City of Lincoln may have a voice.

Sincerely,

VICKIE M. WILLIAMSON  President

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It has been brought to my attention that the Lincoln City Council is deciding whether or not to put the Haymarket Arena on the May 11th ballot. I can't think of a single reason to not put this on the ballot. Our community needs this Arena for all of the new jobs it will create and revenues it will generate. Please do not let this opportunity pass Lincoln by. We won't be able to get UNL athletics to support it and we'll lose donations if we decide to wait. If we do not proactively make this community better, we will continue to lose in so many ways. Please allow the residents of Lincoln the opportunity to decide if they want the Arena. Thanks!

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