DIRECTORS’ MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 21, 2010
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
ROOM 113, 2:00 P.M.

I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR & DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE TO COUNCIL

MAYOR

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS
1. Meeting agenda for Thursday, June 24, 2010.

DIRECTORS

CITY LIBRARIES
1. Library Board of Trustees, vacancy announced.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1. Administrative Amendments approved by the Planning Director from June 8th through June 14, 2010.

PLANNING COMMISSION

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

IV. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS TO COUNCIL
1. Letter, with newspaper article, from Herb Welter on sidewalk repair.
2. Hand delivered correspondence from Teri Pope-Gonzalez with questions on the Mayor’s Stronger, Safer Neighborhoods.
3. Email from Elizabeth Van Haverbeke on the condition of Bald Eagles in the Lincoln Children’s Zoo.
4. InterLinc correspondence from Maria Bergmann regarding Lincoln having a city ordinance for use of air brakes.
5. Email from Jeanette Fanmeyer regarding selling beer/liquor on July 4th.

V. ADJOURNMENT

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JOBS BILL
Senate still searching for votes to secure passage of tax extenders bill. Senate leaders had hoped to bring legislation (HR 4213) to the floor this week that would extend popular tax credits while also addressing high unemployment and providing relief for physicians from reductions in Medicare reimbursement rates. The House approved the measure shortly before adjourning for their Memorial Day recess.

However, debate on the measure was delayed as sponsors continue to search for the 60 votes necessary to cut off an expected Republican filibuster of the measure. Adding to the confusion are reports that Senators want to add some additional Medicaid relief for states to the bill, and any changes would send the measure back to the House for a vote. Given the slim margin of victory in the House, some fear that an amended version would not survive another vote in that chamber.

Highlights of the bill for local governments include:

- An extension of the Build America Bonds (BABs) program through 2012 at a reimbursement rate of 32% in 2011 and 30% in 2012 (current rate of 35%)
- A one-year extension, $25 million in additional authority, and a change in the formula for the Recovery Zone Bond program to provide authority to communities with high unemployment that did not receive allocations in the first round
- $1 billion for a summer youth jobs program in 2010

HR 4213 also includes one year extensions of some popular tax provisions, such as the research and development tax credit, alternative fuels tax credit, deduction for state sales taxes, and the brownfields development tax credit. All of those expired at the end of 2009.

In addition to the united Republican opposition to HR 4213, a number of Senate Democrats have expressed reservations with the cost of the legislation as well as the offsets for some of the spending.

CLIMATE CHANGE
Local governments promote energy block grant in climate change bill. As Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) works to craft climate change legislation to be considered in the Senate this summer, local government organizations continue to promote the inclusion of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) in the measure.

The EECBG, which provides formula grants to states and local governments for the creation and implementation of energy efficiency initiatives, was authorized by Congress in 2007, but the program has only been funded once since then – in the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The Obama Administration has not recommended funding for the program in its annual Department of Energy budget proposal, nor has Congress funded it through annual appropriations since its inception, even though the ARRA funding has been regarded as a success.

Supporters of the EECBG are advocating using a portion of revenues derived from climate change legislation to provide a guaranteed, multi-year source of funding for the program, but so far, none of the major
climate change proposals have included the program. This includes the measure approved by the House last summer, as well as the bill introduced recently by Senators John Kerry (D-MA) and Joe Lieberman (I-CT). This week, Senators Robert Menendez (D-NJ) and Bernard Sanders (I-VT) are scheduled to send a letter to Reid asking him to include the EECEBG in his climate change bill.

Reid is reportedly listening to recommendations from committee chairs over the next few weeks and will craft a plan with their input. Republicans made their first formal foray into the climate change debate this week with the introduction of a plan by Senator Richard Lugar (R-IN), the well-respected Ranking Member of the Foreign Relations Committee. The proposal would not mandate caps on greenhouse gas emissions, but instead give incentives to encourage purchases of fuel efficient cars, stronger fuel economy standards, improvements in the energy efficiency of buildings, and more loan guarantees for nuclear power.

Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC), who had been working with Kerry and Lieberman on their proposal but dropped out of negotiations at the last minute, endorsed the Lugar proposal this week. An outline of the Lugar plan – it does not include the EECEBG – can be found here: http://bit.ly/dhdxR6

In a related item, the Senate this week rejected a resolution sponsored by Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) which would have prohibited the EPA from regulating greenhouse gases. The Obama Administration has proposed the agency action in an attempt to force Congress to address the issue this year.

And finally, there is still disagreement within the transportation community over a proposal in the Kerry-Lieberman bill to use transportation-related revenues for non-transportation purposes. Most traditional transportation advocacy groups oppose the Kerry-Lieberman bill because of the provision, but some “green transportation” groups support the overall bill while calling for additional resources for transportation initiatives that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

**BUDGET**

White House asks federal agencies to compile list of “least critical” programs. In preparation for the FY 2012 budget, the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has asked federal agencies to submit a list of what they consider to be their least critical programs, and those programs must comprise at least five percent of the agency’s discretionary budget.

The request was made in guidance to agencies from OMB Director Peter Orszag and White House Chief of Staff Rahm Emmanuel on how to prepare their FY 2012 budgets. The guidance instructs non-security related departments to keep their requests at least five percent below what was proposed for FY 2011. Last year, the White House proposed a three-year freeze on non-defense discretionary spending.

The Obama Administration is faced with the challenge of trying to address high unemployment and jump starting the economy while also looking to reduce the federal deficit. Recently, the White House asked Congress for the ability to propose the elimination of specific items within annual appropriations bills. The proposal was reportedly crafted to avoid aspects of the “line item veto” law that the Supreme Court deemed unconstitutional during the Clinton Administration.

While there were no specific programs mentioned in the guidance, the edict to eliminate programs with the “least impact” on an agency’s mission certainly will complicate efforts to add or increase funding for popular or new local government programs.

**HEALTH BENEFITS**

HHS to start early retiree reimbursement program this month. The recently enacted health care reform bill included the creation of a temporary program to reimburse employment-based health plans – including those sponsored by local governments -- for a portion of the cost incurred providing benefits to early retirees and their families. The purpose of the program is to make health benefits more affordable for plan participants and sponsors so that health benefits are accessible to more Americans than they would otherwise be without this program.

Participating plans will be reimbursed for 80 percent of the cost of benefits provided for each eligible early retiree in excess of $15,000 and below $90,000. Early retirees are defined as “individuals who are age 55 and older but are not eligible for coverage under Medicare, and who are not active employees of an employer maintaining, or currently contributing to, the employment-based plan or of any employer that has made substantial contributions to fund such plan.”

Participating plans must use the federal subsidy to lower increases in health care costs for enrollees, such as premium payments, co-payments, deductibles, and other out-of-pocket costs. Plans must also have some programs, such as wellness initiatives, and procedures in place to generate savings for plan participants with chronic and high-cost conditions.

There is $5 billion available for this program and funds will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis until all funds are expended. While the program will formally end on January 1, 2014, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), which is administering the program, expects that demand will far exceed available funding. As a result, the funds should be depleted well before the sunset date.

The health care bill mandates that HHS begin to administer the program by June 21, 2010. HHS has published an interim final rule to answer some questions about the program: http://bit.ly/bsuGmA
GRANTS & NOTICES

Department of Health and Human Services
The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is accepting applications for the $8.5 million Street Outreach Program (SOP). The purpose of the SOP is to conduct outreach services designed to build relationships with runaway, homeless and street youth. Grantees must provide a 10 percent project match. The deadline for submitting applications is July 19, 2010: http://bit.ly/9pG3pI.

Department of Housing and Urban Development
HUD issued a notice to provide prospective applicants for FY 2010 competitive funding with an overview of the notices of funding availability (NOFAs) in advance of publication, as well as the policy priorities for awarding grants. The notice also describes HUD’s five new core strategies based on its Strategic Plan for FY2010 – 2015. A list of estimated dates for FY 2010 NOFA publication can be found in Appendix A. http://bit.ly/dbqHTc.

Environmental Protection Agency
EPA is extending the public comment period for the National Primary Drinking Water Standards until July 1, 2010. The original notice was published in the Federal Register on March 29, 2010: http://bit.ly/aMr6D8.

EPA plans to hold “listening sessions” regarding whether to propose to modify the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System regulations as they apply to municipal sanitary sewer collection systems and sanitary sewer overflows in order to better protect the environment and public health. Statements and input must be submitted by August 2: http://bit.ly/cFrvEB.

Federal Emergency Management Agency
FEMA released guidance regarding its five FY 2011 Hazard Mitigation Assistance programs: Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program, Flood Mitigation Assistance Program, Repetitive Flood Claims Program, and Severe Repetitive Loss Program. State emergency management agencies are the primary applicant of each program. Local governments are eligible sub applicants and must apply to the primary applicant to seek funding from these programs: http://bit.ly/a3jSPP.

Federal Transit Administration
FTA published an advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM) seeking comments regarding the New Starts and Small Starts project justification criteria. FTA seeks public input on how to improve its calculation of “cost effectiveness” and how FTA should evaluate environmental benefits and economic development. Comments must be received by August 2, 2010: http://bit.ly/cSS32w.

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
OJJDP’s is accepting applications for the FY 2010 Field Initiated Research and Evaluation (FIRE) Program. FIRE grants fund research and evaluation projects that address how the juvenile justice system responds to juvenile delinquency when it occurs. OJJD expects to award grants of $200,000 - $500,000. No match is required. Applications are due June 29, 2010: http://bit.ly/cXz7tE.
CITY OF LINCOLN
COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS
Thursday, June 24, 2010, 4 p.m.
City Council Chambers, 555 South 10th Street

AGENDA

I. Roll Call

II. Approval of Minutes of May 13, 2010 Commission Meeting

III. Approval of Agenda for June 24, 2010 Commission Meeting

IV. Case Dispositions
   A. Reasonable Cause/No Reasonable Cause
      1. LCHR No.: 09-0918-048-E-R
      2. LCHR No.: 09-1007-052-E-R
      3. LCHR No.: 09-1120-059-E-R
      4. LCHR No.: 09-1123-060-E-R
      5. LCHR No.: 09-1208-063-E-R
      6. LCHR No.: 10-0118-004-H
      7. LCHR No.: 10-0304-005-H
      8. LCHR No.: 10-0310-006-H
      9. LCHR No.: 10-0322-007-H
     10. LCHR No.: 10-0322-008-H
   
   B. Pre-Determination Settlements
      11. LCHR No.: 10-0326-012-E-R
     12. LCHR No.: 10-0428-020-E-R
   
   C. Administrative Closure/Lack of Jurisdiction
      13. LCHR No.: 10-0205-003-E

V. Old Business
   a. Budget Update

VI. New Business
   A. HUD Policy Conference

VIII. Public Comments **

IX. Adjournment

**Public comments are limited to 5 minutes per person. Members of the public may address any item of interest to the LCHR during this open session with the exception of LCHR cases. Also, no member of the public who wishes to address the commission will be allowed to examine any individual commissioner or staff member on any item/question before the commission unless invited to do so by the chairperson.
LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Vacancy Announced

The Library Board of Trustees of Lincoln City Libraries seeks a candidate to fill an upcoming vacancy on the Library Board. One seven-year appointment (2010-2017) is available due to the completion of a member’s seven-year term.

The Board of Trustees of the Lincoln City Libraries is a seven member administrative board appointed by the Lincoln City Council. It is the trustee's obligation to work toward improvement in library services through well-trained staff and efficient use of funds, to support adequate funding for library services, and to promote the best possible use of all library resources. The mission of Lincoln City Libraries is to foster the power of reading and provide open access to all forms of information to enrich people’s lives every day.

Interested individuals should send a letter of interest along with a completed Board Appointment Information form to library@lincolnlibraries.org - or mail to Candidate Search, Lincoln City Libraries, 136 S 14th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508. The Board Appointment Information form is available from the Director’s Office by calling 441-8512 or by printing a copy from the library’s website, www.lincolnlibraries.org. Deadline for submission of materials is Thursday, July 15, 2010.

After review the Library Board will forward information from all interested individuals to the City Council along with any recommendations the Library Board may have.

Library Board members must be residents of Lincoln.

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

Date:  ♦  June 15, 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 June 8, 2010 thru June 14, 2010:

**Administrative Amendment No. 10030** to Special Permit No. 286I, St. Elizabeth's Hospital - Nebraska Surgery Center, approved by the Planning Director on June 8, 2010, requested by Nebraska Surgery Center, to amend the site plan to show an approximate 1,900 square foot addition to the Nebraska Surgery Center and to revise the Land Use/Parking Table accordingly, on property generally located at S. 70th Street and S. Wedgewood Drive.

**Administrative Amendment No. 10031** to Special Permit No. 277I, Pine Lake Community Unit Plan, approved by the Planning Director on June 11, 2010, requested by Michael Poskochil, to adjust the front yard setback to 30 feet and the side yard setback to 10 feet for the side yard adjacent to the south lot line, on property generally located near 6725 Eastshore Drive.
**ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION **  
June 16, 2010

NOTICE: The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 16, 2010, at 1:00 p.m., in the City-Council Hearing Room, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, Nebraska, on the following items. For more information, call the Planning Department, 441-7491.

The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, June 16, 2010, in Conference Room 113 of the County/City Building, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, Nebraska, from 12:00 noon - 12:45 p.m. for a “Continued discussion on future educational briefings for Planning Commission members”.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Planning Commission action is final action on any item with a notation of “FINAL ACTION”. Any aggrieved person may appeal Final Action of the Planning Commission to the City Council by filing a Notice of Appeal with the City Clerk within 14 days following the action of the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission action on all other items is a recommendation to the City Council or County Board.

AGENDA  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 2010

[All Members Present]

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held June 2, 2010.

1. **CONSENT AGENDA**  
(Public hearing and Administrative Action):

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:**

1.1 Comprehensive Plan Conformance No. 10003, to review the proposed acquisition of land by the City of Lincoln for the West Haymarket Redevelopment Area as to conformance with the 2030 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan. The area of application is generally bounded by 3rd Street on the west, 7th Street on the east, “U” Street on the north and “L” Street on the south.

**Staff recommendation:** Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan  
Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov  
Planning Commission recommendation: A FINDING OF CONFORMANCE WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, 9-0.  
Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, July 12, 2010, 3:00 p.m.
PERMITS:
1.2 Pre-Existing Use Permit No. 13D, an amendment to reduce the number of required parking stalls, on property generally located at S. 48th Street and Briarpark Drive.
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Christy Eichorn, 441-7603, ceichorn@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated June 3, 2010, 9-0.
Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, July 12, 2010, 3:00 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS:
1.3 Street & Alley Vacation No. 10006, to vacate a portion of the north/south alley adjacent to Block 13, North Lincoln Addition and adjacent to the remaining portion of Lot 49 I.T., located in the NE 1/4 of Section 23-10-6; a portion of the public right-of-way lying north of Block 282, Original Town and a portion of 7th Street right-of-way, a portion of the U Street right-of-way, a portion of 6th Street right-of-way, a portion of the east/west alley in Block 280, Original Town, and a portion of the east/west alley in Block 281, Original Town; a portion of T Street right-of-way, a portion of S Street right-of-way, a portion of 3rd Street right-of-way, and a portion of 4th Street right-of-way, all of the east/west alley in Block 272, Original Town, and a portion of the east/west alley in Block 273, Original Town; a portion of 5th Street right-of-way, a portion of P Street right-of-way, a portion of Q Street right-of-way, a portion of R Street right-of-way, a portion of S Street right-of-way, a portion of T Street right-of-way, a portion of the east/west alley in Block 271, Original Town, a portion of the east/west alley in Block 267, Original Town, and a portion of the east/west alley in Block 248, Original Town, all located in the SW 1/4 of Section 23-10-6; a portion of 5th Street right-of-way, a portion of N Street right-of-way, a portion of the east/west alley in Block 49, Original Town, a portion of the east/west alley in Block 50, Original Town, a portion of the east/west alley in Block 74, Original Town, and a portion of the east-west alley in Block 73, Original Town, generally located between N. 3rd Street to N. 7th Street and between M Street and T Street.
Staff recommendation: Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan
Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: A FINDING OF CONFORMANCE WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, 9-0.
Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, July 12, 2010, 3:00 p.m.
1.4 Miscellaneous No. 10003, to vacate the View Pointe West 1st Addition Final Plat, located in the SE 1/4 of Section 13-10-5, Lancaster County, Nebraska, generally located at NW 56th Street and Aurora Street.

Staff recommendation: Approval with conditions
Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov
Public Hearing before City Council will be scheduled upon completion of the conditions of approval.

2. REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL: None.

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: None.

4. PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:

CHANGE OF ZONE:

4.1 Change of Zone No. 10014, Northwoods Plaza Planned Unit Development, for a change of zone from B-2 Planned Neighborhood Business District to B-2 Planned Unit Development, on property generally located at N. 84th Street and Holdrege Street; for a Planned Unit Development District designation of said property which allows residential and approximately 176,900 square feet of commercial floor area including an 86 room hotel in the underlying B-2 zoned area.

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated June 8, 2010, with amendments to Condition #1.4, 1.13 and 1.17, and adding a new Condition #1.21, 9-0.
Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, July 12, 2010, 3:00 p.m.

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AT THIS TIME, ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK ON AN ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA, MAY DO SO

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PENDING LIST: None

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The Planning Commission meeting
which is broadcast live at 1:00 p.m. every other Wednesday
will be rebroadcast on Sundays at 1:00 p.m. on 5 City-TV, Cable Channel 5.

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The Planning Commission agenda may be accessed on the Internet at
http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/pcagenda/index.htm
Dear City Council Member,

Enclosed find a letter I wrote to the LJS this time titled it "Pack that Soil." Please read the letter, it is short.

You should also read Bob Reeves letter to the editor, which had numbers on how many millions of dollars are needed to fix sidewalks in Lincoln.

Not having to replace sidewalks will go a very long way to help balance the budget now and in the future.

I cannot think of one reason why the city council can't have an ordinance that requires the soil to be packed by the utility companies when lines are dug to new homes. For that matter, any line to any building, it doesn't have to be a new building. Also, the soil should be that the soil needs to be seeded, seeded or landscaped quickly after the lines are put in.

This is common sense.

Hopefully an ordinance can be passed. Perhaps I'll try to find out in the future if anything is done about this concern.

Yours truly,

HERB WELTER
4140 N.W. 57th ST.
LINCOLN, NE 68524

RECEIVED
JUN 1-5-2010
CITY COUNCIL OFFICE
For: Open House & City Council Meeting  
Mon. 6-14-2010

1. Is the Mayors' Stronger, Safer Neighborhoods - City Wide?

2. What are the Rules? for the Mayors' Stronger, Safer Neighborhoods?

3. What is the Income Guideline? for the Mayors - Stronger, Safer Neighborhoods?

Copied Jammed Hand delivered to City Council Office 6-15-2010 8:45 am

* I gave copy to ALL (Mon. June 14, 2010 at 3 pm)

From: Terri Pape-Gonzalez 402-499-5716
349 South 1st Street (1st & 2nd Streets) Lincoln, Neb. 68508
I recently visited the Lincoln children’s zoo and was appalled by the condition in which the Bald Eagles were kept. Anyone who knows anything about birds, knows that birds are clean animals and need fresh water and sunlight. These eagles, the symbol of our country and freedom, are being kept in a dark, overgrown space with only a dog dish for a fresh water source. These eagles should have clean running water. They need to be able to bath and preen. I am disgusted that Lincoln is allowing this kind of treatment to any animal, mush less the symbol of our nation. I wrote a letter to the zoo expressing my concern which to date has remained unanswered.

Today I have sent a complaint to PETA, who has informed me they will be happy to help arrange protests at the zoo if I choose. I sent an email to the AZA who answered that the complaint will be looked into. However, I would like to see our own community take responsibility for this. I don’t want to be forced to protest our own children’s zoo. I will if necessary of course, but isn’t there something that the City Council could do to help? A letter to the zoo indicating you would like to see better conditions for these beautiful birds.

Our zoo spends a lot of money getting new displays every year. I believe the big one this year is the new penguin display. I want you to encourage the zoo to take care of the animals they already have. I am appalled that Eagles could be treated so inhumanly in Lincoln Nebraska, I always thought we were better than that.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the capital humane society in hopes they also are willing to help with this horrible circumstance.

Please note my new fax number

Elizabeth (Biff) Van Haverbeke  
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Licensing Department  

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InterLinc: City Council Feedback for General Council

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Comment or Question:
I am wondering about the City ordinance for use of air brakes. I notice there is a sign just North of 84th and Hwy 2. Our house backs to 91st and Old Cheney. Buell trucking out of Eagle uses this road to get to the cement plant on Highway 2. They frequently speed and use their air brakes which should be unnecessary if they are traveling at 45 MPH. We were in hopes that the roundabout installed at 98th and Old Cheney would stop this. It hasn't, and in fact they will soon destroy the round about by running over it with the attached "pups". You can see evidence of this by the multitude of tracks over the curb. We are interested in the 45 MPH flashing signs or at minimum a non use of air brake sign. We have contacted the police and Buell to no avail. Please help! This is an extremely dangerous situation with them speeding through here. Thank you!
Don't allow the sale of beer on the morning of July 4. Party planning is usually done ahead of time. Food is usually purchased before the fourth. Booze can also be purchased on Saturday unless there is a ban on booze purchases on that day that no-one knows about.
Media Release

To: Media
CC: Mayor’s Office, Lincoln City Council
From: Lori Seibel, President/CEO, 436-5516
Community Health Endowment
Date: June 17, 2010
Re: CHE Announces Annual Awards

Community Health Endowment Announces Annual Awards

The Community Health Endowment (CHE) of Lincoln has selected the recipients of their annual awards. These prestigious awards were presented at CHE’s Annual Meeting with the Community on June 16.

Receiving the HORIZON AWARD, which recognizes a person or group who is enriching the community by sharing their time, resources, and talents to make Lincoln the healthiest community in the nation, was the Local Outreach to Suicide Survivors (LOSS) Team. The LOSS Team was selected due to their deep commitment to community service and their expertise and leadership in providing an important and compassionate service to vulnerable individuals and families.

Receiving the CLOSING THE GAP AWARD, which recognizes a person, program, or agency that has made a significant contribution toward addressing health disparities in our community, was Clinic with a Heart. This organization was recognized for the important healthcare provided to uninsured and underinsured individuals in our community. Due to their services, many underserved individuals in our community have greater access to healthcare and improved health outcomes.

For more information or for print-ready pictures of the award recipients, contact CHE at 402/436-5516.
DIRECTORS’ AGENDA
ADDENDUM
MONDAY, JUNE 21, 2010

I. CITY CLERK

II. CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE MAYOR & DIRECTORS

MAYOR
1. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor promotes regional cooperation at Sustainability Conference.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Lincoln Fire and Rescue to assist Norfolk recovery effort.

WEST HAYMARKET JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY
1. Agenda for West Haymarket Joint Public Agency meeting on Friday, June 25, 2010.

DIRECTORS:

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1. The June 25, 2010 City Board of Zoning Appeals meeting has been cancelled.
2. The June 24, 2010 Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission meeting has been cancelled.

PLANNING COMMISSION

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

JON CAMP
1. Wall Street Journal article, “Pension Bombs Need Spotlight”.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS TO COUNCIL
1. InterLinc correspondence from Bob McCollum. Question on laying off police and firemen while hiring an assistant city manager.
2. Email from V. T. Miller on the infrastructure of the community regarding lack of adequate maintenance.
3. InterLinc correspondence from Maurice Baker in support of zoning requirement change to 100 feet from residential use rather than 100 feet from residential for sale of alcohol.
4. Email from Russell Miller on the hidden problem of deferred maintenance of Lincoln’s water system with attached maps.
5. Email from William Carver, President of the Near South Neighborhood Association, encouraging Council to support CZ #10012.
6. Email from Tracy Corr urging Council to support change of zone #10012 to close the alcohol sales loophole.

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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: June 17, 2010
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831
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MAYOR PROMOTES REGIONAL COOPERATION
AT SUSTAINABILITY CONFERENCE

Mayor Chris Beutler today said establishing partnerships among eastern Nebraska communities is one of the keys to achieving local energy sustainability. He cited the $10 million federal stimulus grant Lincoln and Omaha jointly received this spring to help business owners in both cities cut energy costs.

Mayor Beutler made the remarks as the luncheon speaker at the Meeting of the Minds sustainability conference which runs through Friday at the Qwest Center in Omaha. About 200 leaders from 15 countries are attending the leadership summit on building sustainable cities sponsored by the Urban Age Institute and the Joslyn Institute for Sustainable Communities. The cities of Lincoln and Omaha are Meeting of the Minds Partners.

Beutler said the stimulus grant will “catalyze and transform” the local market for energy retrofitting. “This federal funding will help thousands of business owners save millions of dollars in energy costs in concentrated Green Zones,” he said “It will also set our local markets on a course to be a model for other similar cities and regions aiming to aggressively lower energy costs and carbon emissions and move more toward a clean energy future.”

Lincoln’s goal, Beutler said, is to be the “green capital city of the Great Plains.” In 2008, he signed an Executive Order outlining a goal to reduce local greenhouse gas emissions by 7 percent per capita by 2015. In 2009, he launched the “Cleaner Greener Lincoln” initiative with funding the Nebraska Attorney General’s office provided from a class action lawsuit settlement.

“We are using several million dollars in energy stimulus block grant funds and local dollars to prepare and engage our local energy consumers through energy efficiency, energy retrofitting, renewable energy and conservation education programs,” he said.

Beutler told conference participants that the “conservation ethic” is part of Nebraska’s social, political and business culture and is reflected in the state’s tree-planting heritage and its unique public power and Natural Resource District systems. The Nebraska Environmental Trust, which Beutler helped establish as a State Senator, has added initiatives on renewable energy and reducing carbon emissions to its list of funded projects.

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The State Legislature recently added a requirement that local comprehensive plans include energy and conservation goals. Earlier this month the City kicked off its comprehensive plan update process, and Beutler said the goal is “to integrate sustainable development principles throughout the plan.”

Beutler said Lincoln voters showed their willingness to invest now for the future in approving the Lincoln Haymarket Arena development last month. He said the project will incorporate sustainability principles including brownfield cleanup, LEED building certifications, low-energy transportation and district energy use.

“Local voters in this region are increasingly supporting of sustainable development because we have faith in our time-proven traditions of practicing environmental stewardship and conservation,” Beutler said. “We know that investing in and using sustainable technology, programs and development practices makes sense for the long term.”

More information on Cleaner Greener Lincoln is available at lincoln.ne.gov. More information on the conference is available at MeetingoftheMinds2010.org.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: June 18, 2010
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Deputy Chief Dan Wright, 430-6023

LINCOLN FIRE & RESCUE TO ASSIST NORFOLK RECOVERY EFFORT

Mayor Chris Beutler today announced that seven members of the Lincoln Fire & Rescue (LFR) specialized water rescue team will leave today to assist and supplement local resources of the Norfolk Fire Department in the recovery of the railroad worker who has been missing since the bridge collapse on Tuesday, June 15.

Mayor Beutler said that the City of Norfolk inquired earlier this morning about the availability of LFR’s water rescue team to assist in a flood water rescue effort. LFR was granted clearance and the seven member team was scheduled to travel to Norfolk shortly before noon.

“This has been a wide-spread emergency that has impacted most all Nebraskans,” said Mayor Beutler. “When the good people of Norfolk called with the request, we didn’t hesitate. Neighbor helping neighbor is a way of life for Nebraskans and we want to help in any way we can.”

For more information, call Deputy Chief Dan Wright at 430-6023.

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Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule
Week of June 19 through 25, 2010
Schedule subject to change

Saturday, June 19
• Irvingdale Neighborhood Association breakfast - 8 a.m., Stransky Park, 17th and Harrison streets

Monday, June 21
• Mayor’s Award of Excellence - 3 p.m., Council Chambers, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.

Tuesday, June 22
• KFOR Lincoln Live - 11 a.m., Three Eagles Communications, 3800 Cornhusker Hwy.

Thursday, June 23
• KFOR Morning Show - 7:45 a.m.
• YWCA MENtor awards ceremony, receiving 2010 MENtor Award - 5 p.m., The Corridor of the Sawmill Building, 440 N. 8th St.

Friday, June 24
• Cornhusker State Games sponsor reception and dinner - 5 p.m., Copple Building (east of Seacrest Field, 72nd and “A” streets)
• Cornhusker State Games Opening Ceremonies, remarks - 8 p.m., Seacrest Field, 72nd and “A” streets
AGENDA FOR THE WEST HAYMARKET
JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY (JPA)
TO BE HELD FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 2010 AT 3:00 P.M.

CITY-COUNTY BUILDING
555 S. 10TH STREET
CONFERENCE ROOM 303
LINCOLN, NE 68508

1) Introductions and Notice of Open Meetings Law Posted By Door (Chair Snyder)

2) Approval of the minutes of JPA meeting June 10, 2010 (Chair Snyder)

3) Public Officials Liability Insurance (Bill Kostner)

4) JPA Request to District Energy Corporation Board to provide heating/cooling services to the West Haymarket Arena and other West Haymarket Facilities. (Lauren Wismer)

5) JPA Budget and Public Hearing (Don Herz)

6) JPA and the State Budget Act-Decision on filing of annual budget (Don Herz)

7) Draft Facilities Agreement for Discussion (Dan Marvin/Lauren Wismer)

8) Draft Bond Resolution (Lauren Wismer/Scott Keene)

9) Mike Foley correspondence to the JPA Board

10) Approve reimbursement to the City of Lincoln for a Relocation Agreement with MCI (Dan Marvin)

11) PLA Administrative Regulation Draft Language (JPA Board Discussion)

12) Other business: Possible future agenda items?

13) Set next meeting date: Friday, July 9, 2010 3:00 P.M.

14) Motion to Adjourn
The June 25, 2010 City Board of Zoning Appeals meeting has been cancelled as no applications were received.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Planning Department at 441-7491.

Michele Abendroth  
Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department  
555 South 10th Street, Suite 213  
Lincoln, NE 68508  
402-441-6164
The June 24, 2010 Nebraska Capitol Environ Commission meeting has been cancelled.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Planning Department at 441-7491.

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**ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION**

June 16, 2010

**City Council public hearing dates on #1.1 and #1.3 changed**

NOTICE: The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 16, 2010, at 1:00 p.m., in the City-Council Hearing Room, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, Nebraska, on the following items. For more information, call the Planning Department, 441-7491.

The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, June 16, 2010, in Conference Room 113 of the County/City Building, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, Nebraska, from 12:00 noon - 12:45 p.m. for a “Continued discussion on future educational briefings for Planning Commission members”.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Planning Commission action is final action on any item with a notation of “FINAL ACTION”. Any aggrieved person may appeal Final Action of the Planning Commission to the City Council by filing a Notice of Appeal with the City Clerk within 14 days following the action of the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission action on all other items is a recommendation to the City Council or County Board.

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 2010

[All Members Present]

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held June 2, 2010.
1. **CONSENT AGENDA**  
(Public hearing and Administrative Action):

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:**

1.1 Comprehensive Plan Conformance No. 10003, to review the proposed acquisition of land by the City of Lincoln for the West Haymarket Redevelopment Area as to conformance with the 2030 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan. The area of application is generally bounded by 3rd Street on the west, 7th Street on the east, “U” Street on the north and “L” Street on the south.

**Staff recommendation:** Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan

**Staff Planner:** Tom Cajka, 441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov

**Planning Commission recommendation:** A FINDING OF CONFORMANCE WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, 9-0.

Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, July 12, 2010, July 19, 2010, 3:00 p.m.

**PERMITS:**

1.2 Pre-Existing Use Permit No. 13D, an amendment to reduce the number of required parking stalls, on property generally located at S. 48th Street and Briarpark Drive.

**Staff recommendation:** Conditional Approval

**Staff Planner:** Christy Eichorn, 441-7603, ceichorn@lincoln.ne.gov

**Planning Commission recommendation:** CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated June 3, 2010, 9-0.

Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, July 12, 2010, 3:00 p.m.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

1.3 Street & Alley Vacation No. 10006, to vacate a portion of the north/south alley adjacent to Block 13, North Lincoln Addition and adjacent to the remaining portion of Lot 49 I.T., located in the NE 1/4 of Section 23-10-6; a portion of the public right-of-way lying north of Block 282, Original Town and a portion of 7th Street right-of-way, a portion of the U Street right-of-way, a portion of 6th Street right-of-way, a portion of the east/west alley in Block 280, Original Town, and a portion of the east/west alley in Block 281, Original Town; a portion of T Street right-of-way, a portion of S Street right-of-way, a portion of 3rd Street right-of-way, and a portion of 4th Street right-of-way, all of the east/west alley in Block 272, Original Town, and a portion of the east/west alley in Block 273, Original Town; a portion of 5th Street right-of-way, a portion of P Street right-of-way, a portion of Q Street right-of-way, a portion of R Street right-of-way, a portion of S Street right-of-way, a portion of T Street right-of-way, a portion of the east/west alley in Block 267, Original Town, and a
portion of the east/west alley in Block 248, Original Town, all located in the SW 1/4 of Section 23-10-6; a portion of 5th Street right-of-way, a portion of N Street right-of-way, a portion of the east/west alley in Block 49, Original Town, a portion of the east/west alley in Block 50, Original Town, a portion of the east/west alley in Block 74, Original Town, and a portion of the east-west alley in Block 73, Original Town, generally located between N. 3rd Street to N. 7th Street and between M Street and T Street.

Staff recommendation: Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan
Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: A FINDING OF CONFORMANCE WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, 9-0.
Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, July 12, 2010; July 19, 2010, 3:00 p.m.

1.4 Miscellaneous No. 10003, to vacate the View Pointe West 1st Addition Final Plat, located in the SE 1/4 of Section 13-10-5, Lancaster County, Nebraska, generally located at NW 56th Street and Aurora Street.

Staff recommendation: Approval with conditions
Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov
Public Hearing before City Council will be scheduled upon completion of the conditions of approval.

2. REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL: None.

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: None.

4. PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:

CHANGE OF ZONE:

4.1 Change of Zone No. 10014, Northwoods Plaza Planned Unit Development, for a change of zone from B-2 Planned Neighborhood Business District to B-2 Planned Unit Development, on property generally located at N. 84th Street and Holdrege Street; for a Planned Unit Development District designation of said property which allows residential and approximately 176,900 square feet of commercial floor area including an 86 room hotel in the underlying B-2 zoned area.

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated June 8, 2010, with amendments to Condition #1.4, 1.13 and 1.17, and adding a new Condition #1.21, 9-0.
Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, July 12, 2010, 3:00 p.m.
AT THIS TIME, ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK ON AN ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA, MAY DO SO

PENDING LIST: None

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The Planning Commission meeting
which is broadcast live at 1:00 p.m. every other Wednesday
will be rebroadcast on Sundays at 1:00 p.m. on 5 City-TV, Cable Channel 5.

The Planning Commission agenda may be accessed on the Internet at
http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/pcagenda/index.htm
Pension Bombs Need Spotlight

By DAVID REILLY

Investing in municipal bonds often means tiptoeing though a pension minefield. And spotting the sometimes camouflaged explosives is no easy task.

That is why any push for greater clarity in government finances, especially pension liabilities, is welcome. One example is a move Wednesday by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board to improve the way state and local governments account for and disclose pension obligations.

Among the board's proposed changes is disclosure of pension liabilities on the face of an entity's financial statements, as opposed to the footnotes. It also wants governments in some cases to calculate the present value of pension liabilities more conservatively, with a discount rate based on high-quality municipal bonds, rather than a plan's own expected return.

Proposals also would require governments to amortize some pension costs based on an employee's time until retirement, rather than over 30 years. And governments also may have to show their share of liabilities from larger, cost-sharing pension plans.

The impact of all these changes would likely be to make pension liabilities appear larger. But that is just reflecting reality. State and local governments, too, often promised overly generous benefits, failed to set aside adequate funds to cover them and then tried to obscure the extent of the threat.

Many government officials are resistant to even these baby steps. While they claim such changes would make results too volatile, they are unwilling to own up to the expenses facing them.

If anything, the GASB's proposals don't go far enough and will take too long to put in place. But in the municipal market, any attempt to give investors more realistic information is a step forward.

Write to David Reilly at david.reilly@wsj.com
"would make results too volatile" - That's the whole point. If they are too volatile to reflect in the financials without causing a problem, they are too volatile to offer them to the employees.

Karl Noell wrote:

The volatility argument is a red herring. Municipalities will do anything to wallpaper over their fiscal problems. In many cases, doubtless, even the municipal and state authorities do not know, nor do they wish to know. "I didn't know" is not as good a defense as Hillary's "I don't remember, I don't recall." That one is the best; a poor memory may be the key to yet higher office.

Michael Riley wrote:

the too volatile argument is just an excuse to hide poor decisions ....most municipalities do not need to offer defined benefit plans to get people to work... public sector employees are way overpaid to begin with...especially teachers......in the recent central falls teachers debacle ....over 700 resumes appeared despite talk of reduction in benefits...its time towns accounted for their liabilities and act to reduce pensions and wages...

David Stoneman wrote:

We need transparency in everything, after all people are investing in these things and should have a right to know.
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for General Council

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Comment or Question:
Please explain the logic in laying on police officers and firemen while hiring an assistant city manager at a salary of $138,000 a year. Is the current city manager unable to handle the tasks handled by all previous city managers?
Now that we have escaped winter’s grip, remedying the pervasive pothole problem is just a matter of time. But the roads which suffer those potholes are a part of the City’s infrastructure which needs more than a little attention. Infrastructure—sidewalks, bridges, water and sewer lines, parks and landscaping as well as streets and buildings—the very structure of our community, is deteriorating for lack of adequate maintenance. Agencies in charge of maintaining those entities acknowledge the problems but cite the lack of funds as a reason for the neglect. Any reasonable manager knows that regular maintenance is more cost effective than long-term neglect followed by emergency replacement. When a bridge is neglected for years and then found too expensive to repair, the choices are either to demolish it and construct a new, expensive replacement or take it out of service and reroute the traffic it carries.

The only realistic solution is more funding for adequate maintenance. No one likes paying taxes but we all seem willing to pay for the things we need. Most of us enjoy living in Lincoln and, while it may not seem obvious, the infrastructure is a big part of what keeps Lincoln a livable city.

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For Lincoln Neighborhood Alliance
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for General Council

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Comment or Question:
Dear Council Members:

I am in support of changing the zoning requirements to make the requirement 100 feet from residencial use rather than 100 feet from residential zone for the sale of alcoholic beverages. As we have seen from recent action, the current requirement does not protect the community as it was thought to do. CVS and the developer found a way to circumvent the intent of the zoning requirement as it currently stands. While they met the letter of the law they thumbed their collective noses at the intent of the law and nothing could be done under current regulations to stop them. You have the opportunity to prevent such actions in the future. I urge each City Council Member to vote in favor of this change.

Sincerely,

Maurice Baker
Hello,

I want to remind each of you about the hidden problem of deferred maintenance of Lincoln’s water system. Especially the large area of the City that has 80 and 100 year old water mains. (see attached maps)

The consequence of ignoring this situation was demonstrated last February with a broken water line that left Irving School and the surrounding homes without water and thus toilet facilities. It is easy but accurate to be an alarmist about this situation because what if that water line served a hospital or nursing home?

A related but very significant problem is that these old lines are undersized or too small in diameter for today’s fire fighting requirements.

According to the annual CIP budgets a very major amount of money has been spent on the water system in the last 8 years: $101.5 million from sale of bonds and utility revenues plus a meager $7.8 million from impact fees.

The problem for the established neighborhoods is that of the $101.5 million only $16.9 million (16.6%) was spent on replacing the aging lines. This current year zero is being spent on water line replacement and the proposed CIP budget for the next fiscal year requests $500 thousand for design work for installation in the year 2012.

Essentially all of the money in the last several years has gone for new growth issues. HOWEVER our water rates keep increasing each year which now totals a jump of 42% from the year 2002.

A much larger percentage of our water bill must go to the infrastructure replacement of those paying the bills.

It is becoming obvious that City growth is not paying for itself because there is insufficient money for the simultaneous replacement of our ancient infrastructure and new infrastructure that growth requires. Different funding sources than sales and property taxes must be used which means increasing impact fees.

Russell Miller
Lincoln’s Aging Infrastructure

Red = 100 Year Old Mains
Dear City Council Members,

On behalf of the Near South Neighborhood Association, I encourage you to support CZ #10012. This change of zone will help to clarify and strengthen the 100 foot buffer rule in regards to alcohol sales. It will provide better protection for our neighborhoods and give the City a better tool for dealing with Special Permits.

Thank You,

William Carver
President NSNA
From: Tracy Corr [tlines24@hotmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, June 20, 2010 1:47 PM
To: Mary M. Meyer
Subject: CoZ 10012

City Council:

Please support change of zone #10012 to close the alcohol sales loophole that will require alcohol sales to be at least 100 feet from any first floor residential use.

I feel this change will protect residential homes while allowing mixed use of properties.

A big thank you to Jonathan Cook for drafting this change of zone and "fixing" the loophole!

--Tracy Corr
1001 S. 37th Street

The New Busy think 9 to 5 is a cute idea. Combine multiple calendars with Hotmail. Get busy.