I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR
1. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will announce a new gift ban for City employees at a news conference on February 1, 2011, 10:45 a.m. at 555 S. 10th Street, Room 303. City officials will also discuss City snow operations.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor bans City employees from accepting gifts.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Tree mulch now available.
4. NEWS RELEASE. Residents urged to recycle old license plates.
5. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will hold a news conference on Thursday, February 3, 2011, 10:00 a.m. at 555 S. 10th Street to discuss legislative bills, including those dealing with the Commission of Industrial Relations (CIR).
6. Clarification on City of Lincoln snow parking bans.
7. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor says legislative action could increase local property taxes or lead to major cuts.

CITIZENS INFORMATION CENTER
1. City of Lincoln parking ban update, Monday, January 31, 2011, 3:30 p.m.
2. City of Lincoln snow removal update, Tuesday, February 1, 2011, 5:00 a.m.
3. City of Lincoln parking ban update, Tuesday, February 1, 2011, 4:15 p.m.
4. City of Lincoln parking ban update, Wednesday, February 2, 2011, 4:45 p.m.

III. DIRECTORS

CITY LIBRARIES
1. Lincoln City Libraries and Doane College are co-hosting the 6th Annual African American-Read-In at the Bennett Martin Library on Wednesday, February 16, 2011 at noon.

FINANCE/TREASURER

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1. Administrative Approval by the Planning Director from January 25, 2011 through January 31, 2011.

WEED CONTROL AUTHORITY

IV. COUNCIL RFI’S/CITIZEN CORRESPONDENCE TO INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS
V. MISCELLANEOUS

VI. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
1. InterLinc correspondence from Kimberly Sykes inquiring about possibly having a traffic light installed around 24th and Superior Streets.
2. Telephone message from Evette Balkus, The Blend. If the city wants businesses to locate at least one block off a main street they need to clear the intersections in order for people to reach the businesses.
3. Email from Todd Cuddy thanking Council for continuing to support the City bus system, which many people depend on, especially in the cold months.

VII. ADJOURNMENT
Mayor Chris Beutler will announce a new gift ban for City employees at a news conference at 10:45 a.m. Tuesday, February 1 in Room 303 of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St. Officials with the City Public Works and Utilities Department also will discuss City snow operations.
MAYOR BANS CITY EMPLOYEES FROM ACCEPTING GIFTS

Mayor Chris Beutler today signed an executive order that bans the acceptance of gifts by City employees. City Council member Doug Emery joined the Mayor at today’s announcement of the ban and said he would ask other Council members to consider adopting the same gift policy. The Mayor said the new rules were issued to “further the cause of good government and ensure public confidence in our public servants” and not as a response to any reported problems.

“I can honestly tell you that the people in City government are people of integrity who give their all each and every day to make this City the best it can be,” Mayor Beutler said. “Perception, however, accurate or not, can be a powerful force in shaping public opinion. If the public believes that impropriety can and may exist, we can never achieve all we can be. The rules that govern City Hall must never leave a doubt that our employees are acting in good faith, that their guiding principle is policy, and not personal gain.”

“I believe that Council leadership on this issue sends the right message to our employees and our community,” Emery said. “We cannot ask the community to follow our lead if they are suspicious of our motives. A ban on gifts demonstrates that we are in this together and that we are united in our mission of creating a better Lincoln.”

The State’s Political Accountability and Disclosure Act prohibits City employees from using their positions to solicit or accept anything of value in exchange for a favor. Lincoln’s municipal code includes a similar prohibition. The new executive order replaces one from 1985 that allows for the acceptance of gifts valued at less than $10. Beutler said a weakness of the previous executive order is that it did not limit the number of gifts that could be received. The executive order also extends the ban to employees’ spouses, children and parents.

Beutler said the policy allows for “common sense exceptions,” including gifts of snacks for holidays and other occasions; flowers received in connection with funerals; admission to events employees are required to attend for official City business; and ceremonial gifts given to the City.

“The existing State law, City ordinances and executive order are not enough,” Beutler said. “The new guidelines are more fair, more clear and more representative of the ethical standard for employees expected by my Administration and the public.”
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: February 1, 2011
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Gene Hanlon, Recycling Coordinator, 441-7043
Scott Hofeling, Hofeling Enterprises, 432-0806

TREE MULCH NOW AVAILABLE

Christmas tree mulch is now available free of charge to Lincoln residents at Hofeling Enterprises, 2200 South Folsom Court. This year, the Christmas tree recycling program collected about 10,000 trees. Since the program began in 1987, the City has recycled more than 196,645 trees.

“I want to thank residents for recycling their trees again this year,” said Gene Hanlon, City Recycling Coordinator. “The success of the tree recycling program depends on community cooperation and the support of several other organizations.”

This is the third year that Hofeling Enterprises has donated grinding services for the trees deposited at the seven collection sites in the City. Members of the Lincoln Solid Waste Management Association collected trees at the curb, and the City Parks and Recreation Department set up and monitored the collection sites.

Hofeling Enterprises will continue to distribute tree mulch during normal business hours (7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.) at no cost on a first-come, first-served basis while the supply lasts.

The City’s Christmas tree recycling program is the oldest in the state. Citizens who have questions about the tree recycling program can call the recycling hotline at 441-8215, or visit recycle.lincoln.ne.gov.

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RESIDENTS URGED TO RECYCLE OLD LICENSE PLATES

The State of Nebraska is issuing new license plates this year, and the City Recycling Office urges citizens to recycle their old ones. The aluminum plates can be recycled with aluminum cans at any City drop-off site; tossed into curbside recycling containers; or taken to a recycling buy-back center.

“If citizens don’t want their old plates for memorabilia, we hope they’ll recycle them instead of sending them to the landfill,” said Gene Hanlon, City Recycling Coordinator. “It’s also a good idea to cut them in half with tin snips to prevent theft.”

A complete listing and map of all City and County recycling sites can be found at recycle.lincoln.ne.gov.

Recycling buy-back centers accepting old license plates and paying a small amount for them include A-Can Recycling at 3255 S. 10th St. and A & J Recycling at 3250 N. 20th St., Suite 8.
Mayor Chris Beutler will hold a news conference at **10 a.m. Thursday, February 3** in **room 303 of the County-City Building**. The Mayor will discuss legislative bills that impact Lincoln including those that deal with Commission of Industrial Relations (CIR) reform and municipal revenues.
DATE: February 3, 2011
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

We’ve heard from residents that some members of the media may be giving incorrect information regarding parking bans. To clarify: when a parking ban is in effect, residents are NOT allowed to park on the banned side of the street once it has been cleared. All parking bans are in effect until lifted by the Mayor. Those parking in violation of the ban are subject to fines and towing. Please share this with all members of your staff.
MAYOR SAYS LEGISLATIVE ACTION COULD INCREASE LOCAL PROPERTY TAXES OR LEAD TO MAJOR CUTS

Mayor Chris Beutler today said cities are willing to do their part to help the State solve its budget crisis. But he called on the State Legislature to reconsider proposals that could force cities to raise property taxes and make major service cuts. He said the State, through a combination of actions and inactions, is in danger of creating a “destructively adverse” financial situation for cities and cited three areas of concern:

• The Revenue Committee has advanced a bill to end State aid to cities, a $1.84 million reduction for the City of Lincoln.

• Bills that call for eliminating occupation taxes include LB165, which would limit and eventually eliminate local taxes on telecommunications companies. The Revenue Committee’s public hearing on the bill is Friday. Beutler said the City of Lincoln relies on occupation tax sources for more than $20 million dollars annually.

• Beutler said the State’s failure to reform the Commission of Industrial Relations (CIR) has forced cities to allow sizable increases in salaries and benefits for employees even as cities are forced to cope with the State’s revenue cuts.

Mayor Beutler said the Legislature is reversing the direction of a partnership between the State and municipalities created more than 50 years ago to decrease property taxes in Nebraska. “Ending the State aid that helps reduce the property tax burden is a startling surrender by the State on this issue,” Beutler said. “If all the bills that threaten our property taxes pass, the City of Lincoln will be forced into the position of increasing our property tax levy from approximately 28 cents to about 42 cents, or making draconian cuts just to cover this year’s legislative action.”

Beutler said LB165 equates to a $7.8 million revenue loss when fully implemented – the equivalent of a nearly 20 percent increase in Lincoln’s property tax bills, or the closure of all City libraries. “All this devastation for a bill that does not have any impact whatsoever on the State’s budget crisis,” he said. “It simply takes money away from cities at a time when we need it most and puts more pressure on property taxpayers.”

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The only way to deal with the proposed cuts, Mayor Beutler said, is to control employee costs, which make up 70 percent of the City’s operating budget. Beutler said he has eliminated more jobs that any Lincoln Mayor in history – the City has 120 fewer positions now than when he took office. He urged the Legislature to reform the CIR so cities can have more control over employee compensation. “With no Legislative action, City employees will continue to receive considerable salary increases and benefits at a time when private sector firms are watching every penny,” he said.

The Mayor said an example of the lack of control is his effort to lower the City employee retirement match. Three of the City’s four civilian unions agreed to lower the match, but the fourth took the issue to the CIR, which granted a “status quo” order preventing the change.

On Monday, the Business and Labor Committee will hear LB482, introduced by Senator Dennis Utter of Hastings. Beutler said the bill includes language to partially restore control of local government retirement benefit costs to the community’s elected representatives.

“We call on the entire Legislature to reconsider the fiscal storm they may create for communities across the State, including Lincoln,” Beutler said. “We urge them to reject LB 165, which will only create a greater fiscal crisis at the local level without solving the State’s problems. We ask them to pause before cutting State aid entirely. We urge them to reform the CIR so cities can make fiscally responsible decisions on employee costs. Our City taxpayers deserve no less.”
CONGRESS

State of the Union address tops Washington activity for the week. President Obama delivered his State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress on Tuesday. Otherwise, though both the House and Senate were both in session for the first time this year, there was little significant legislative activity.

While the State of the Union remains an event that continues to garner widespread news coverage, its significance in recent years does not last for more than a day, as Presidents no longer use the occasion to unveil major policy initiatives or announcements. President Obama touched on a number of items in his address, mostly on the domestic side, but none of them could be considered new. His pledge to freeze domestic discretionary spending for five years was a part of his budget proposal for last year, and is a somewhat hollow declaration since Congress has much to say in crafting the annual federal budget. The President also declared that he would veto any annual appropriations bill this year that contained earmarks, also an easy call since Congress is not likely to earmark the spending bills this year. However, that remark was met with some skepticism by Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV), who believes that Congress should have some authority to direct spending.

Meanwhile, House Republicans considered some symbolic gestures of their own this week, approving a non-binding resolution that directs congress to scale back FY 2011 spending to FY 2008 levels. In addition, the House also approved a bill (HR 359) this week that would eliminate the program that provides public funding for presidential elections party conventions. It marked the first entry in the House GOP “YouCut” program, in which part leaders ask the public to weigh in on weekly GOP proposals to cut spending.

Even if both initiatives were to be enacted, they would have little to no effect on their stated goal – to eliminate the federal deficit. Budget-watchers had hoped that the deficit would shrink below the $1 trillion mark for the first time in four years. However, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) dashed those hopes in its mid-year budget review, reporting that it expects a federal budget of $1.5 trillion for FY 2011; the CBO report attributes the larger than expected deficit to legislation approved by Congress late last year to extend Bush-era tax cuts, which CBO estimates will reduce revenues by $350 billion in FY 2011.

Meanwhile, the Senate was in session for the first time since Members were sworn-in earlier this month, and they considered a package of procedural reforms that are designed to cut back on secret “holds” in which an anonymous Senator can block legislation from coming to the floor, as well as an agreement by the majority to allow the minority to offer more amendments to legislation. A small group of senators had been advocating for reforms to the filibuster process that is causing so much gridlock in that chamber but were unsuccessful.

Next week, only the Senate will be in session. The House is taking the week off in the first in a series of monthly week-long district work periods. The upper chamber plans to begin considering legislation (S 223) to reauthorize federal aviation programs. The last long-term authorization of federal aviation programs expired at the end of FY 2007 and they have operated under a series of short-term authorizations, the latest of which expires on March 4.
TRANSPORTATION

Mica announces transportation hearings; smaller bill. Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman John Mica (R-FL) has announced a series of hearings across the United States through the month of February. The so-called “listening tours” will largely focus on obtaining nationwide input on what should be included in the next surface transportation reauthorization legislation, which Mica intends to craft in the next few months. His goal is House passage of the transportation bill before August, when presidential politics will begin to influence the legislative process. The previous long-term authorization of federal highway, transit and highway safety programs, SAFETEA-LU (PL 109-59), expired at the end of FY 2009 and those programs have been kept running by a series of short-term extensions. The current short-term extension of SAFETEA-LU expires on March 4.

One of Mica’s top priorities in the new transportation bill will be to find ways to shorten the length of time it takes to complete transportation projects, and the hearings will focus on this issue. Currently, it takes the average highway or transit project over 14 years to go from inception to completion. Another goal of the tour is to educate the 19 new members of the 33-member committee on transportation issues and the need for transportation reauthorization by holding sessions in their state or district. A tentative schedule released by staff indicates that the hearings will start on February 14 in West Virginia. The tentative dates are:

- February 14th - West Virginia;
- February 17th – Philadelphia, PA;
- February 18th – Rochester, NY;
- February 19-20 - Columbus, OH, Indianapolis, IN and Illinois;
- February 21-23 – Portland, OR, Vancouver, WA, Fresno, CA and southern California, and
- February 24-26 - TBD.

In addition, in a reflection of the fiscal austerity prevalent on Capitol Hill and in a nod to the difficulty of raising the gas tax, Mica said that he is looking at crafting a bill with a price tag of $250 billion over five years, $36.6 billion less than SAFETEA-LU, and a stark contrast to the $500 billion bill floated in the 111th Congress by James Oberstar (D-MN), Mica’s predecessor as Chairman. Senator James Inhofe (R-OK), the Ranking Member of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, echoed Mica’s call for paring back spending from SAFETEA-LU levels. Inhofe singled out what he deems to be wasteful projects, such as a bicycle paths, pedestrian infrastructure and “museums.”

PUBLIC SAFETY

President Obama endorses reallocating D-Block to public safety. In his State of the Union address and in a subsequent news release, the President endorsed a plan to reallocate the 10 MHz of spectrum in the 700 MHz band known as the “D-Block” for public safety and provide federal funding to construct a public safety communication network.

The President’s plan came the same week that Senate Commerce Committee Chairman John Rockefeller (D-WV) reintroduced legislation (Public Safety Spectrum and Wireless Innovation Act) that would set aside the D-Block for public safety and authorize $10 billion in state and local government grants to acquire equipment and build networks to use the D-Block.

The D-Block is located adjacent to 10MHz of spectrum that has already been set aside for public safety. This portion of the spectrum holds great appeal to potential users because transmissions that use it appeal well through man-made and natural barriers. The President’s proposal runs counter to the Federal Communication Commission’s proposal to auction the D Block to commercial bidders.

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Department of Homeland Security

National Endowment for the Humanities

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

GRANTS & NOTICES

Department of Homeland Security

DHS announced funding availability for the FY 2011 Citizenship and Integration Direct Services Grant Program. Competitive grant funds of approximately $1.5 million will be awarded to support the expansion of citizenship preparation services in approximately ten communities nationwide. Eligible applicants include State and local governments, non-profit organizations, institutions of higher education and public libraries. No cost sharing is required, but projects that supplement government funding with in-kind contributions are encouraged. Partnerships are also encouraged. Applications are due April 1, 2011: http://bit.ly/2LFrO.

Department of Housing and Urban Development

HUD is accepting comments on a series of proposed rule changes that would ensure that its programs are open to all eligible individuals and families regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. The proposed rule changes would prohibit HUD-funded housing owners and operators from asking applicants or household occupants about sexual orientation or gender identity as well as prohibit lenders from using sexual orientation or gender identity to determine a borrower's eligibility. The deadline for public comments is March 25, 2011: http://bit.ly/gaH2oc.

National Endowment for the Humanities

NEH is currently accepting applications for its Preservation Assistance Grants. The purpose of this funding is to help small and mid-sized institutions such as libraries, museums, historical societies, cultural organizations, records offices, and colleges and universities better preserve and care for their significant humanities collections. Grants of up to $6,000 will be awarded; cost sharing is not required. Applications are due May 3, 2011: http://bit.ly/128WRL.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

SAMHSA is accepting applications for FY 2011 Drug Free Communities Support Program (DFC) grants. The purpose of this program is to support the efforts of community coalitions working to prevent and reduce substance use among youth. Approximately $9.35 million for 75 DFC grants will be awarded, pending on the passage of the FY2011 Federal Budget. Applications are due by March 18, 2011: http://bit.ly/eRxlx8.
CITY OF LINCOLN
PARKING BAN UPDATE

A COMPLETE VOICE REPORT IS AVAILABLE AT 441-7783. THIS NUMBER IS FOR NEWS MEDIA USE ONLY.

For more information:
Public Works Snow Center -- 441-7644
Citizen Information Center -- 441-7547

Date: Monday, January 31, 2011  
Time: 3:30 p.m.

MAYOR DECLARES SNOW EMERGENCY BEGINNING AT 12:01 A.M. TUESDAY

Mayor Chris Beutler has declared a snow emergency for the City of Lincoln. It will take effect at 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, February 1, 2011. A snow emergency means parking is banned on emergency snow routes, major arterial streets and bus routes. A map showing these routes can be found on the City website at lincoln.ne.gov and in the blue pages of the Windstream phone directory. The ban will remain in effect until further notice.

City street crews continue to apply salt on snow emergency routes, bus routes and major arterials. Following peak late afternoon traffic, crews will begin spreading sand.

Lincoln Police Department reports 69 accidents between midnight and 3 p.m. today. Motorists are urged to exercise extreme caution when driving.

StarTran reports that buses are currently running on time.

Please stay informed on the status of snow operations in Lincoln. Additional information is available on the City website at lincoln.ne.gov and in your Windstream phone directory. If you have questions, you may call the Public Works Snow Center at 441-7644.
CITY OF LINCOLN SNOW REMOVAL UPDATE

A complete voice report is available at 441-7783. This number is for news media use only.

For more information:
Public Works Snow Center - 441-7644
Diane Gonzolas, cell 525-1520, work 441-7831

Date: Tuesday, February 1, 2011
Time: 5 a.m..

Lincoln is waking up to a couple inches of snow, with windy and very cold conditions. The City has had 68 crews on the streets since midnight, plowing and spreading sand at intersections. Streets are snowpacked and icy, so bundle up and drive with caution. The snow is expected to continue, and the wind will cause some drifting on roads today.

A snow emergency remains in effect for Lincoln. That means parking is banned on emergency snow routes, major arterial streets and bus routes. A map showing these routes can be found at lincoln.ne.gov and in the blue pages of the Windstream phone directory.

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Date: Tuesday, February 1, 2011
Time: 4:15 p.m.

RESIDENTIAL PARKING BAN IN EFFECT AT 8 A.M. WEDNESDAY

Mayor Chris Beutler has announced that a residential parking ban will go into effect at 8 a.m. Wednesday, February 2. At that time, parking will be banned on the even-numbered sides of the street in all residential areas.

Mayor Beutler also has announced that the snow emergency parking ban for Lincoln will be lifted at 10 p.m. tonight, Tuesday, February 1. Where allowed, parking will again be available on major streets and bus routes after this time.

As the snow continues to fall and the wind continues to blow, City street crews are working to open up drifted areas on major arterials. Crews plan to apply sand on bridges, overpasses and intersections beginning at about 4 a.m. Wednesday morning.

Lincoln Police Department reports 28 accidents between midnight and 4 p.m. today.

StarTran reports that most buses are currently running on time.

Residents are reminded that City ordinance requires property owners to clear snow and ice from sidewalks by 9 a.m. the day following the end of a snow storm. And a reminder that it is illegal to push or blow snow into or on any street, alley or sidewalk. Violators are subject to a fine.

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For more information:
Public Works Snow Center -- 441-7644
Citizen Information Center -- 441-7547

Date: Wednesday, February 2, 2011
Time: 4:45 p.m.

RESIDENTIAL PARKING BAN
SWITCHING SIDES AT 8 A.M. THURSDAY

Mayor Chris Beutler has announced that the residential parking ban will change at 8 a.m. Thursday, February 3. At that time, parking will be banned on the odd-numbered sides of the street in all residential areas. Parking will again be permitted on the even sides.

City street crews continue plowing efforts in Lincoln’s residential areas today with 72 plows on the streets and an additional 14 agricultural tractors plowing cul-de-sacs. Twelve material spreaders are also applying sand in residential areas.

Lincoln Police Department reports 22 accidents between midnight and 4 p.m. today.

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OFFICE OF TREASURER, CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

January 28, 2011

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, 2010

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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 $163,890,612.44 representing authorized investments of the City's funds.

**ATTEST:**

Melinda J. Jones, City Treasurer
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: January 31, 2011  
CONTACT: Sheila Jacobs, Outreach Services Supervisor  
PHONE: 402-441-8546  
E-MAIL: s.jacobs@lincolnlibraries.org  

AFRICAN AMERICAN READ-IN AT THE LIBRARY  

Lincoln City Libraries and Doane College are co-hosting the 6th Annual African American-Read-In at the Library. The Read-In will be held at the downtown Bennett Martin Public Library 136 So. 14th, Lincoln, Nebraska, on Wednesday, February 16th, at Noon.

Plan to spend a relaxing noon hour listening to community members read excerpts from works by or about African Americans. Readers include local scholar Lela Knox Shanks, City of Lincoln Fire Chief Niles Ford along with community educators. The event will begin with a tribute to human rights advocate Leola Bullock.

The local Read-In is part of the 22nd 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 enhance the role of literacy in Black History month activities. Additional information on the national read-in is at http://www.ncte.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 1, 2011
To:      City Clerk
From:    Teresa McKinstry, Planning Dept.
Re:      Administrative Approvals
cc:      Jean Preister

This is a list of the Administrative Approvals that were approved by the Planning Director from January 25, 2011 thru January 31, 2011:

**Waiver No. 11001** to Final Plat No. 01026, approved by the Planning Director on January 31, 2011, requested by Krueger Development, Inc., to extend the time for two years to install sidewalks and street trees for Vavrina Meadows 9th Addition. The improvements shall be completed by January 31, 2013 except for the sidewalks and street trees along the south side of Vavrina Blvd. which shall be completed by July 31, 2011. Sidewalks must still be completed on any lot prior to occupancy as part of a building permit. Property is generally located at S. 14th St. and Vavrina Blvd.
Public Relations

One of the responsibilities of our department is to educate the public on the new noxious and invasive weeds as well as the existing State mandated noxious weeds.

In January the Lancaster County Weed Control office put out a news release on Japanese Knotweed. The release was picked up by some of the county newspapers as well as 1011now.com and Lancaster Counties Web site. The more the public knows and understands about the harm invasive weeds can do the easier it makes our job.

Noxious Weed Control Act Q & A

Q: Who is responsible for designating which plants are considered noxious?
A: The State of Nebraska Director of Agriculture shall determine what weeds are noxious for purposes of the act.

In the process the director gathers information and recommendations from the Nebraska Noxious Weed Advisory Committee and the Nebraska Weed Control Association to make his decision.

Seasonal Inspectors 2011

Jim Harder returns for his 3rd year and will again make inspections in the county in the southwest area. Jim is retired NRCS where he worked 38 years as a Resource Conservationist.

Pat McGrane is also retired NRCS where he worked for 32 years and was responsible for all agency media and public relations. Pat will work the early season in the city on Noxious weeds until the regular seasonal help begins.

Shawn Walker is coming back for his second season and will make inspections within the city. Shawn is completing his sophomore year at UNL.

Ashley McAllister will be a city inspector this year. She served 4 years in the U.S. Air Force and is working on her BA at UNL in Fisheries and Wildlife. Ashley was recommended to us by her professor at UNL.

Jacob Jensen will be our inspector for the northwest part of the county. Jacob served 4 years in the U.S. Army and is currently studying Respiratory Therapy at Southeast Community College in Lincoln. Jacob’s school schedule will allow him to work the entire growing season and will be able to help out other inspector’s in their areas.

Barry Eitzmann will be a city inspector and is a recent graduate of Concordia University where he played football for the Bulldogs. Barry currently teaches at Raymond Central High School and plans to get married in April.

February Planned Activities

- Insert for Water Bill
- Commons Meeting Annual Report & Plan
- 5 Rivers WMA
- Invasive Species Council
- 14-17 NWCA Conference @ Kearney
- 17 Mid Year Budget Review
- 21 Holiday
- 22 LPWMA
- 24 Problem Resolution Team
- 25 Monthly activity report
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for General Council

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Address: 2101 Old Glory Road
City: Lincoln, NE 68521
Phone: 4024196553
Fax: 
Email: kimberly.sykes1@us.army.mil

Comment or Question:
To whom it may concern,
I am writing this letter to inquire about possibly getting a traffic light installed around 24th and Superior. There is an elementary school about 23rd and Superior and a daycare just off of 24th and Superior. I went to pick up my daughter at her daycare and sat at this intersection for 30 minutes due to heavy traffic coming from Superior Street and the elementary school. I also watched cars coming from the elementary sit there for 5 to 15 minutes before being able to turn. I understand there is a lot that goes into installing a light and configuring the flow of traffic. I have heard many parents complain about the same situation and not being able to turn east or west from the time periods of 3 to 5. I know this is an incredibly busy time for the entire city with school zones, but I think there must be some way to help resolve this situation. I think the traffic flow in Lincoln is generally very smooth and the city has done a very good job making sure it stays that way. This is just a suggestion that I would really appreciate your time in considering. Thank you!
telephone message 02.02.11  9:51 a.m.

Evette Galanis - The Blend, owner

1. City wants businesses to locate at least one block off of a main street.

2. In order for businesses to remain open when complying the roads have to be cleared at the intersections. Customers are getting stuck at the intersections.

3. Reported that a couple of businesses were pushing parking lot snow into streets.
As a regular rider of the Star Tran buses, I want to thank you for continuing to support the city bus system. Many people depend on the buses, especially in the cold months. I really appreciate the service, and I hope you will continue to support and improve the city buses in Lincoln. Thank you.

Todd Cuddy
4400 High Street
Lincoln, NE 68506
I. CITY CLERK

II. CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE MAYOR & DIRECTORS

MAYOR
1. NEWS RELEASE. Residents reminded to clear sidewalks.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Civil Rights Conference set for March.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor Beutler’s public schedule for the week of February 5th through February 11, 2011.
4. NEWS RELEASE. Parking services to handle non-moving traffic violations.
5. NEWS RELEASE. Open house set for new section of Antelope Valley Parkway.

CITIZENS INFORMATION CENTER
1. City of Lincoln parking ban update, Thursday, February 3, 2011, 4:45 p.m. Residential parking ban lifted at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, February 3, 2011.

DIRECTORS

PARKS AND RECREATION
1. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting agenda for Thursday, February 10, 2011.

III. COUNCIL MEMBERS

IV. CORRESPONSE FROM CITIZENS TO COUNCIL
1. Patricia Ramsay’s comments on West Haymarket zoning referencing Kansas City “old town” area.

V. INVITATIONS
See invitation list.
RESIDENTS REMINDED TO CLEAR SIDEWALKS

Citizens are reminded that City ordinance requires property owners to clear snow and ice from sidewalks by 9 a.m. the day following the end of the snow storm. Sidewalks must be kept clear of snow and ice during the day. The entire width of the walk must be cleared, along with any adjoining wheelchair ramps or curb cuts. For more information or to report locations not cleared, contact the Public Works and Utilities sidewalk office at 441-7541.

If a property owner does not clear the walk and a complaint is received by the City sidewalk office, notice will be given to the owner. City ordinance requires written notice to be left on the front door or other conspicuous place on the property. If an unresolved problem is reported again, the City may hire a snow removal contractor, and the owner is responsible for the charges.

It is illegal to push or blow snow into or on any street, alley or sidewalk. Violators are subject to a fine.

Residents are encouraged to clear snow from fire hydrants.
CIVIL RIGHTS CONFERENCE SET FOR MARCH

The theme of the 2011 Civil Rights Conference March 22 and 23 in Lincoln is “Investing in People.” The Lincoln Commission on Human Rights (LCHR) hosts the annual conference in partnership with other local and state organizations. The conference includes the following events:

• On March 22, the Real Estate Association of Lincoln is sponsoring a session entitled “Fair Housing for Realtors®” presented by Alphonso Eason, Attorney-Advisor for the U.S. Dept of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Realtors® can earn three Continuing Education hours.

• Sessions on March 23 include a welcome by Mayor Chris Beutler, and remarks by Derrith Watchman-Moore, HUD Great Plains Regional Administrator.

• Topics for the March 23 breakout sessions include legal updates for fair housing and equal employment; the social stigma of mental illness; fair housing and the public housing authority; recruiting and engaging a diverse workforce; affirmatively furthering fair housing; embracing differences in housing; and protection by prevention policies.

• The luncheon on March 23 will include the presentation of the Gerald Henderson Human Rights Award and the Fair Housing Award. The keynote speaker will be Jim de Jong, Director of the Great Plains ADA Center in Columbia, Missouri.

The conference fee of $50 includes registration, materials, lunch and breaks. Registration brochures are available by calling 441-7624, downloading from the website at humanrights.lincoln.ne.gov or e-mailing lchr@lincoln.ne.gov. Realtors® attending the March 22 session must register by March 18 with Liz Bruce at 441-3621.

LCHR’s conference partners include the Nebraska Department of Economic Development; the Greater Lincoln Workforce Investment Board; the Lincoln Urban Development Department; the Nebraska Housing Developer’s Association; the Realtors® Association of Lincoln; B&R Stores, Inc.; Baylor Evnen, LLP; the Fair Housing Center of Nebraska and Iowa; and the Omaha Human Rights and Relations Department.

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Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule
Week of February 5 through 11, 2011

Schedule subject to change

Monday, February 7
• Testify at public hearing on LB482 (Commission of Industrial Relations) before the Legislature’s Business and Labor Committee - 1:30 p.m., Room 1524, State Capitol

Tuesday, February 8
• City-County Common Meeting - 8:15 a.m., room 113, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.
• Mayor’s Multicultural Advisory Committee - 4 p.m., Mayor’s Conference Room, County-City Building.

Wednesday, February 9
• “Face the Chamber,” remarks - noon, Country Club of Lincoln, 3200 S. 24th St.

Thursday, February 10
• 4-H Achievement Night, remarks and proclamation - 6:30 p.m., Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road

Friday, February 11
• Meeting with Andy Clark, Director of the League of American Bicyclists - 7:30 a.m., Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department, 3140 “N” St.
• News conference, “Let’s Move” campaign - 10 a.m., UNL Child Care Center, 2225 “W” St.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: February 4, 2011
FOR MORE INFORMATION:  Ken Smith, City Parking Manager, 441-6097
                          Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

PARKING SERVICES TO HANDLE
NON-MOVING TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS

Beginning Tuesday, February 8, 2011, parking tickets and citations for other non-moving traffic violations will be handled by the Parking Services Division of the City Urban Development Department. This includes but is not limited to tickets issued during parking bans for snow removal.

Those who want to contest tickets issued on or after February 8 will use a new Parking Services administrative review process explained on the ticket. The City Attorney’s office will only handle contested tickets issued before February 8.

This change moves the administration duties previously held by the Violations Bureau in the City Finance Department to the Parking Services Division. The transfer is another step in Mayor Beutler’s consolidation of parking-related duties under a single division to more effectively manage the entire parking program. The duties of enforcement, meter maintenance and collections were previously handled by three other departments. These duties are now assigned to Republic Parking, a private firm which operates the off-street, on-street and enforcement responsibilities under the direction of the City’s Parking Manager in the Urban Development Department.

For more information on downtown parking, call the Parking Services Division at 441-PARK (7275) or visit parkandgo.org. E-pay services include pre-paid, reserved event parking; monthly billing; the purchase and re-loading of iPark cards; and the payment of parking tickets.
The public is invited to an open house Thursday February 10 on construction of the Antelope Valley Parkway from “K” to “P” streets. The meeting is from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at 2143 “O” Street and is sponsored by the Joint Antelope Valley Authority (JAVA).

The project includes a new roadway along 19th Street from “K” to “P” street and the reconstruction of “O” Street between 17th and 21st streets. Demolition of several structures has begun, and roadway construction is expected to begin in early March, with completion in late 2012.

The open house will not include a formal presentation, but those attending will be able to review the proposed improvements and discuss the project with representatives from JAVA, the construction management team and the contractor.

The meeting room is accessible for persons with disabilities. Those requiring additional special accommodations are asked to call Kris Humphrey at 441-7711.

Antelope Valley is a flood control, traffic improvement and community revitalization project in the core of the City. More information on the Antelope Valley Project is available by calling Humphrey at 441-7711 or visiting lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: antelope).
RESIDENTIAL PARKING BAN TO BE LIFTED AT 8 P.M. TONIGHT

Mayor Chris Beutler has announced that the residential parking ban will be lifted at 8 p.m. tonight (Thursday, February 3). At that time, parking will again be permitted on both sides of the street in residential areas.

A parking ban for the new snow removal districts will be in effect from 2 a.m. to 7 a.m. Friday, February 4. In these districts, parking will be banned on both sides of the street. In these areas, snow is plowed into windrows, loaded into trucks and hauled out of the area. A map of the eight snow removal districts is available on the City website at lincoln.ne.gov. The districts include streets in the following areas: Downtown, University Place, Havelock, Bethany, College View, 11th and G, 17th and Washington and 25th and Sumner.

City street crews are currently putting the finishing touches on plowing and sand spreading efforts in residential areas.

Please stay informed on the status of snow operations in Lincoln. Additional information is available on the City website at lincoln.ne.gov and in your Windstream phone directory. If you have questions, you may call the Public Works Snow Center at 441-7644.

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PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
February 10, 2011
4:00 – 5:30 pm
County/City Building
Room 113

1. Call to Order and Recognition of Open Meetings Act
2. Approval of Minutes: January 13, 2011 *
3. Public Comments for Items not Listed on the Agenda
4. Committee Reports
   A. Fees & Facilities Committee – Susan Deitchler (Chair) – 488-4224
      - Recommendation regarding proposed changes to facility use permit regulations*
      - discussion regarding guidelines for co-sponsoring of events by the Parks and
        Recreation Department
   B. Futures Committee – Bob Ripley (Chair) – 488-5131
      - No Report
   C. Golf Report
      - No report.
   D. Executive Committee – Joe Tidball (Chair) – 484-0061

7. Staff Reports
   Summary of meeting with the ECCO Neighborhood Association Board regarding miniature golf
   course proposal at ECCO Park.

8. Announcements
   • Great Plains Trails Network annual meeting with guest speaker, Andy Clarke, President of the
     League of American Bicyclists Washington, D.C., Sunday, February 13 at 1:00 p.m. at Bryan-
     LGH College of Health Sciences, Room 204, 5035 Everett Street

   • Open House regarding proposal by Tom Madsen for development of a miniature golf course on
     the ECCO park site, Thursday, February 17 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm at Madsen’s Bowling and
     Billiards, 4700 Dudley
Dear Ms. Hicks:

Your article in the Journal Star (2-1-11) was very timely.

It may interest you to know that when we lived in Kansas City, Mo in the early 70's the city had a very pleasant and lively "old town" area called the River Quay down by the water front. We enjoyed it very much and were dismayed to find that the area had deteriorated very badly some years later when we visited Kansas City. I don't know whether the preponderance of bars was the reason---some people said that the organized crime element in KC may have been more to blame.

I don't know the condition of the river area now, but it might be worth checking into, for the sake of our own Haymarket Area. We visit the Hay Market area often and want to keep it a pleasant and prosperous area. I would agree with the consultants that limiting the number of bars is a good idea. I would like to see more restaurants and shopping.

Patricia J. Ramsay
4610 A St
(402) 489-2067
Present:   Gene Carroll, Vice Chair  
            Doug Emery  
            Jayne Snyder  
            Adam Hornung

Absent:   John Spatz, Chair  
            Jon Camp  
            Jonathan Cook

Others:   Joan Ross, City Clerk  
            Rod Confer, City Attorney  
            Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff  
            Trish Owen, Deputy Chief of Staff

Vice Chair Carroll opened the meeting at 1:06 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Law.

I. CITY CLERK
Ross stated which items on the agenda would be called together, and which items had Motions to Amend. Carroll asked if the Motion to Amend Number One on Item 21 was approved and Ross replied yes and today contained corrected language.

II. MAYOR
1. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will announce a new gift ban for City employees at a news conference on February 1, 2011, 10:45 a.m. at 555 S. 10th Street, Room 303. City officials will also discuss City snow operations.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor bans City employees from accepting gifts.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Tree mulch now available.
4. NEWS RELEASE. Residents urged to recycle old license plates.
5. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will hold a news conference on Thursday, February 3, 2011, 10:00 a.m. at 555 S. 10th Street to discuss legislative bills, including those dealing with the Commission of Industrial Relations (CIR).
6. Clarification on City of Lincoln snow parking bans.
7. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor says legislative action could increase local property taxes or lead to major cuts.
No comments

CITIZENS INFORMATION CENTER
1. City of Lincoln parking ban update, Monday, January 31, 2011, 3:30 p.m.
2. City of Lincoln snow removal update, Tuesday, February 1, 2011, 5:00 a.m.
3. City of Lincoln parking ban update, Tuesday, February 1, 2011, 4:15 p.m.
4. City of Lincoln parking ban update, Wednesday, February 2, 2011, 4:45 p.m.
III. DIRECTORS

CITY LIBRARIES
1. Lincoln City Libraries and Doane College are co-hosting the 6th Annual African American-Read-In at the Bennett Martin Library on Wednesday, February 16, 2011 at noon.
No comment

FINANCE/TREASURER
No comment

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1. Administrative Approval by the Planning Director from January 25, 2011 through January 31, 2011.
No comment

WEED CONTROL AUTHORITY
No comment

IV. COUNCIL RFI'S/CITIZEN CORRESPONDENCE TO INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

V. MISCELLANEOUS
Hoppe stated Mayor Beutler is at the Legislature before the Business and Labor Committee testifying on LB 482, dealing with comprehensive changes to the CIR statute. Hoppe commented his testimony focuses on the City’s retirement situation. When testifying about the CIR we have numerous items to discuss, but have only three minutes to testify, so we coordinated and focused on one of our concerns, the retirement issue. When coordinating through the Leagues of Municipalities Mayor Beutler chose this subject. We’ll see what goes forward from the Business and Labor Committee after today’s testimony.

Hornung stated it was reported the Paige Union had not agreed to retirement adjustments which was the reason it was not included in CIR discussions, can you explain why? Hoppe stated when it came on your agenda to take action, Paige filed with the CIR and asked for a status quo order. The status quo order was granted and essentially locked the 2 to 1 match in place before consideration of the issue by the actual body. Hornung questioned because of the status quo order, we’re unable to ask the CIR about the issue?

Confer replied the CIR has taken the position that they don’t have jurisdiction to require a particular type of plan. Hornung asked, because of the status quo order we can’t bring up the 2 to 1 with the CIR? Or because they don’t address retirement plans? Hoppe replied they will not order a structural change to a retention plan. With the quo order they’re probably not going to make any ruling with significant plan changes. Confer agreed.

Hornung stated with this subject there’s a lot of confusion. Think part of the CIR problem is that there is a lack of precedent and understandable guidelines for the City to follow. We have a major issue on our
retirement benefit package, and hard to have a consistent understanding of what the law is, and how it’s going to be interpreted, or if at all, by the CIR. Several contractual issues have come before us, which we were told are subject to the CIR, including management decisions like hours and dress. With these topics the CIR passed judgement on and used conditions of employment. Now we’re talking about clearly a condition of employment, pension, and they’re not able to rule. Hornung stated his opinion is the system is terribly broken, incredibly insufficient, with a lack of consistent applications, which has cost the City and the State millions.

Confer added with the Legislature having it’s hearing on the CIR now, could have Taute come next week and try to clear up.

Hopped stated as part of LB 482 we would like to see retirement become a permissive subject to bargain as opposed to a mandatory subject to bargaining. By calling it a mandatory subject to bargaining doesn’t necessarily mean the CIR will take up any structural change.

Emery stated Council has dealt with three different counsels, each giving different advice, which points to the conclusion as there’s no expert on the CIR. None of the counsels meant to lead us astray, but we didn’t necessarily ask the right questions, or go far enough. Would agree with Hornung, need to force someone to discuss a change on the 2 to 1 issue, if they present an opportunity.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
1. InterLinc correspondence from Kimberly Sykes inquiring about possibly having a traffic light installed around 24th and Superior Streets.
2. Telephone message from Evette Balkus, The Blend. If the city wants businesses to locate at least one block off a main street they need to clear the intersections in order for people to reach the businesses.
3. Email from Todd Cuddy thanking Council for continuing to support the City bus system, which many people depend on, especially in the cold months.

No comment

V. COUNCIL MEMBERS
Snyder No comments
Hornung No comments
Emery No comments
Carroll No comments

VII. ADJOURNMENT
Vice Chair Carroll adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.