I. CITY CLERK

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3. NEWS RELEASE. Community invited to Earth Day events.
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III. DIRECTORS

CITIZENS INFORMATION CENTER
1. Cable TV Advisory Board meeting agenda for Thursday, April 28, 2011.
   a) Cable TV Advisory Board Minutes of meeting on October 28, 2010.

CITY LIBRARIES
1. Firefights with Lincoln Fire and Rescue will be guest readers at preschool storytimes this spring. Schedule of firefighter visits listed.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1. Long Range Transportation Plan Open House Tuesday, April 19, 2011 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and again from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at 555 S. 10th Street, Room 113.
2. Long Range Transportation Plan open house a great success. Looking for input from the public with web link included for taking the survey and reviewing transportation materials.

PLANNING COMMISSION

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VI. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
1. Email from Anonymous Citizen pointing out the building permit for the fraternity house under construction on 17th and R Streets issues for $2 million.

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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 18, 2011
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

MAYOR PRESENTS 2010 AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Mayor Chris Beutler today presented the Mayor’s Award of Excellence for 2010 to City Recycling Coordinator Gene Hanlon of the Public Works and Utilities Department. The award recognizes City employees who consistently provide exemplary service and work that demonstrates personal commitment to the City. It was presented at the beginning of today’s City Council meeting.

All monthly award nominees and winners are eligible to receive the annual award, which comes with a $500 U.S. savings bond, two days off with pay and a plaque. The Mayor also presented Hanlon with the Mayor’s Medallion.

Hanlon has worked for the City since 1987. He earned the October Mayor’s Award of Excellence for his coordination of the successful recycling efforts during the Special Olympics USA National Games in Lincoln last summer.

The 2010 Honorable Mention Award went to StarTran bus operators Colin Clark and Toni Kent. After their shift, they used Clark’s personal vehicle to help a man reach his mother in a nursing home.

The categories in which employees can be nominated are customer service, productivity, safety, valor and loss prevention. Consideration may be given to nominations that demonstrate self-initiated accomplishments or those completed outside of the nominee’s job description. All City employees are eligible for the award except for elected and appointed officials. Individuals or teams can be nominated by supervisors, peers, subordinates and the general public.

Nomination forms are available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: personnel) or from department heads, employee bulletin boards or the Personnel Department, which oversees the awards program. All nominations are reviewed by a committee, which includes a representative with each union and a non-union representative appointed by the Mayor.

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Mayor Chris Beutler will announce a new development for the City’s ACTION center at a news conference at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 21 in the Mayor’s Conference Room, third floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th.

The interactive online ACTION system at lincoln.ne.gov allows residents to request services and report concerns as well as track the status of the City’s response.
COMMUNITY INVITED TO EARTH DAY EVENTS

Mayor Chris Beutler encourages the public to attend the City’s Earth Day Celebration Saturday, April 23. The day includes morning fun runs at Wilderness Park, a free celebration from noon to 6 p.m. in Antelope Park, and Earth Night activities at the Bourbon Theatre.

“Lincoln has a proud history of environmental stewardship, and Earth Day reminds us all that by working together, we can effectively tackle the challenges we face,” Beutler said. “I want to thank the Lincoln Earth Day Coalition and all those who have worked so hard to make our celebration fun and motivational. Everyone can do more to preserve our natural resources, and participating in Earth Day is a great way to find out how you can contribute to a healthier planet.”

Mayor Beutler will speak at 2 p.m. at the Antelope Park Bandshell. Afternoon activities include entertainment, a rain garden demonstration, nature walks, tricycle races, yoga, an alternative transportation exhibit and bike safety checks. At the top of every hour speakers will make five-minute environmental presentations at the bandshell as part of Lincoln Ignite: Earth Day. A farmer’s market with fresh and local foods will include Hollenbeck Farms, Venue, Gelato to Go, Community Crops and Groovy Guru Granola.

At 6 p.m. participants are invited to bike as a group to the Bourbon Theatre, 1415 “O” Street. Earth Night’s free entertainment begins at 7 p.m. and will include Son of ’76, Jarana, the Betties and DJ Spence. Select locally produced beverages will be on special, and food can be purchased from Schy’s Pies and Open Harvest Cooperative Grocery. Local eco-friendly art will be on display. Attendees must be age 18 or accompanied by a legal guardian.

Volunteers are still needed to fill two-hour shifts for all events. Volunteers must be at least age 16, and groups are welcome. Registration is available online at lincolnearthday.org and will be open until all shifts are filled. Lincoln Earth Day is organized by Mayor Beutler’s Cleaner Greener Lincoln initiative, the Nebraska League of Conservation Voters and a team of volunteers. (Note: Fun runs begin at 8 a.m. at Wilderness Park, and registration has closed.)
RESIDENTS CAN USE MOBILE PHONE APP TO REPORT ISSUES TO CITY

Mayor Chris Beutler announced today that residents can now send photos to the City’s ACTION center using mobile phones with Android technology. Since the fall of 2005, residents have been able to request non-emergency services or express concerns online using the interactive ACTION center on the City’s home page at lincoln.ne.gov. With the free new Android application, photos sent to the ACTION center will automatically include GPS (global positioning system) information.

“Residents who want to report graffiti, high weeds, a pothole or any other problem can now use their phones and the free app to snap a picture and send it directly to the ACTION center,” Mayor Beutler said. “City employees will be able to identify the location using the GPS information. The goal is easier reporting for the public and faster and more coordinated response by the City.”

The free application can be found in the Android Market (search for “Lincoln Action Center”). The Information Services Division of the City Finance Department developed the application in partnership with Information Analytics, Inc., a local firm specializing in information technology and software as well as Web design and hosting.

“Information Analytics and the City originally formed a partnership in the mid-1990s to develop and host the City’s first official website,” said Steven Henderson, the City’s Chief Information Officer. “Information Services would like to thank Mark Dahmke, Vice President of Information Analytics, Inc., for his donation of time and effort to help deploy this new application and for his continued support in Internet related projects.”

City officials caution the new application should never be used while driving, and residents should never put themselves in danger to take a photo for the ACTION center. ACTION should only be used for non-emergency inquiries. Those reporting emergency situations should always use 911.
The ACTION (Acting with Citizens to Improve our Neighborhoods) system was created by the City in partnership with neighborhoods and includes a list of about 88 topics. Once a topic is selected, the user has access to the City ordinance involved, a layman’s version of the ordinance, a contact list and a description of the process involved. When a request is submitted, it is automatically routed to the departments or divisions in charge of the issues. Each inquiry is assigned a number that the resident can use to track the requests.

City Ombudsman Lin Quenzer said ACTION processed about 5,000 service requests and concerns in 2010. “The ACTION center provides residents with 24-hour-a-day access to information and an easy way to submit their concerns without calling the City or going to City offices,” Quenzer said. “This new application gives the public another quick and easy way to reach us.”
MEETING NOTICE
Cable TV Advisory Board
4 pm, Thursday, April 28, 2011
County-City Building
Room 303, 3rd Floor Conference Room
Lincoln, NE 68508

AGENDA
Call to Order

1. Introduction of board members and guests
2. Election of Officers
3. Approval of Minutes
4. OLD BUSINESS
   a. Committee Reports
   b. Status of PEG channels
5. NEW BUSINESS
   a. Impact of Time Warner Cable lineup changes
   b. Identify potential board members
6. Reports from City
7. Reports from Time Warner Cable
7. Public Comments

Adjournment

BOARD MEMBERS:
If you cannot attend this meeting
Please RSVP to Dr. Art Zygielbaum, Chairman
aiz@ctwsoft.com
402-472-3424 (wk)

Schedule of Regular Meeting Dates:
(Quarterly on 4th Thursdays)

UPCOMING MEETINGS in 2011
April 28, July 28, October 27
January 26, 2012 (annual meeting)
Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by chair Art Zygielbaum.

Minutes from the April 2010 meeting were read. Jaeger moved approval, Herres seconded, minutes approved as read.

OLD BUSINESS

Status of PEG Channels

We had a discussion of the PEG channels. Gonzolas said that there are changes needed to the rules for the channel, but staff time is needed to prepare them and they haven’t had enough time to complete work on those yet. In response to a question, she said that the rules for public access are controlled by Time Warner Cable, while the rules for the City PEG channels are controlled by the City. She suggested that the Cable Advisory Board might look at setting up a subcommittee to figure out what to do with cable Channel 10, or it might be interesting for the full board to look at some options. Hoffman asked for information about Channel 10; Gonzolas gave a brief history.

Zygielbaum suggested that we might look at putting some kind of a video blog on the channel.

Gonzolas said that KZUM has been partnering with the channel for awhile; it’s been suggested that we could air some KZUM interviews on Channel 10. She said that it’s also been suggested that we could do some programming in languages other than English.

Hoffman said that the board might want to take a look at the rules.

In response to a question about how the channel came to exist, Huggenberger said that the federal government allows cities to mandate that franchisees allow airing of government programs.

We discussed allowing underwriters, similar to what PBS does for some of their shows.

Gonzolas said that for a future meeting the staff will try to get together a list of proposed rule changes for channels 5 and 21; possibly also channel 10. City is keeping options open for channel 10 right now but she would appreciate any input that we can give.

Zygielbaum asked for volunteers for a subcommittee to discuss channel 10, and appointed Andy Pollock, Ed Hoffman, Herb Friedman, and Art Zygielbaum to the subcommittee.

Jaeger commented that his experience is that you need an authority figure to get things done. Gonzolas said that Bill Luxford from the City’s TV studio would be involved. Friedman suggested that you could put a request for input on PEG channels. Gonzolas said that she would like to target groups of citizens.

Hoffman asked if UNL has a group of people that work with the access channels; Gonzolas said yes; Luxford has worked with people from the University. She said that there were several UNL students who worked on programming about the Special Olympics in July. Voges asked if LPS has video in their curriculum; Gonzolas said yes.

NEW BUSINESS None.

REPORTS FROM THE CITY

Gonzolas distributed her report. She said that educational institutions are stepping up more on programming for Channel 21 than they have sometimes in the past.

REPORTS FROM TIME WARNER CABLE

Brandy Johnson distributed copies of the access channel report which had been prepared by Jamie Wenz, TWC access coordinator.

Zygielbaum asked Johnson about a complaint that he had forwarded to TWC from Doug Pfeiffer; he wondered if it had been resolved. Johnson said that she would check.

Johnson said that their corporate structure had changed again; the TWC Lincoln office is now headed by a person named Scott Miller, who works out of Kansas City but is responsible for both Kansas City and Lincoln.
She said that the “Connect a Million Minds” program for school students was very successful. She thanked board members who were able to attend the presentation about the program earlier in the year, and particular thanks to Zygielbaum for working with them on a Public Service Announcement about the program.

Johnson said that this past Monday, the TWC corporate office had announced that at an upcoming November 17 town hall meeting, hosted by Al Gore, one of our Lincoln “Connect a Million Minds” students, Mary Pinnell, has been invited to ask a question.

She said that TWC now offers a “Remote DVD Manager” which lets subscribers program their DVD via the Internet.

She announced that several sports networks are now available on TWC — the Big Ten Network, ESPN Goal Line, and ESPN3.com. They have also launched “Metro Sports,” a channel managed by TWC that is run from Kansas City but open to Nebraska programming as well. They have aired a Crete vs Pius football game, as well as live pregame shows before some of the Husker games.

They’re offering “Whole House on Demand” service, where you can switch from a DVR in one room to another in a different room during a program.

Regarding the highly publicized dispute with KLKN-TV, Johnson passed on a message from Ann Shrewsbury that TWC had tried to keep the Cable Advisory Board informed on the status of negotiations.

Hoffman asked how subscribers would know that they can call the City if they have complaints about service. Gonzolas said that often people call the Mayor’s office, or sometimes they call the Better Business Bureau.

Adjournment

Friedman moved adjournment, Hoffman seconded. Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for January 27 at the City County Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Johnson, secretary
Firefighters with Lincoln Fire and Rescue will be special guest readers at preschool storytimes at Lincoln City Libraries this spring.

Battalion Chief, Jeanne Pashalek, says, “A large part of our job is the interactions we have with the community at various levels, not just emergency services. We take pride in our commitment to public education and this is just one example of how we can reach out and impact people of all ages in the community. Lincoln Fire & Rescue looks forward to the opportunity to read to the preschoolers at our local libraries.”

In honor of the visits, the preschool storytime will feature a firefighter theme.

Lincoln City Libraries’ preschool storytime is a half-hour of books and activities for children ages three, four and five, presented free of charge. Preschool storytime supports early literacy by offering vocabulary development, experiences with a variety of literature, and participation in language-related activities. Pre-registration is not required. Newcomers are always welcome!

The schedule of firefighter visits this spring is:

Walt Branch Library, 6701 So. 14th Street
Wednesday, April 20 at 10:30 am
Tuesday, April 26 at 10:30 am

Bennett Martin Public Library, 14 & N
Thursday, April 28 at 10:15 am

Anderson Branch Library, 3635 Touzalin
Wednesday, April 27 at 10:30 am
Tuesday, May 3 at 10:30 am

South Branch Library, 2675 South St.
Wednesday, May 4 at 10:30 am
and 2:00 pm

Eiseley Branch Library, 1530 Superior
Wednesday, May 4 at 10:30 am
Thursday, May 5 at 10:30 am

Williams Branch Library, NW 48th St. & W. Cuming
Monday, April 25 at 4:15 pm

Gere Branch Library
Tuesday, May 10 at 10:30 am
Thursday, May 12 at 10:30 am

The full schedule of preschool storytimes is available at the library’s website, www.lincolnlibraries.org

Barbara Hansen  Lincoln City Libraries
Administrative Aide  402-441-8512
Friends of LPlan 2040,

Just a quick reminder of the Long Range Transportation Plan Open House tomorrow (Tuesday, April 19) from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm and again from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. The event will be held on the first floor of the County City Building at 555 S. 10th, in Room 113.

The building is wheelchair accessible, has a bike rack on the 10th Street side, is across the street from the 10th and Lincoln Mall transit stop, and has a parking garage accessible from 10th Street or K Street for which you will receive a parking voucher.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please call 402-441-7491 or email plan@lincoln.ne.gov.

Hope to see you there!

Sara S. Hartzell
Planning Dept.
City of Lincoln and Lancaster County
555 S. 10th St
Lincoln, Nebraska 68510
402-441-6371
The Open Houses held yesterday (Tuesday, April 19) were a great success and we thank all those who were able to come and share their thoughts. If you weren’t among the attendees, you can view materials from the open house on our website, http://lplan2040.lincoln.ne.gov.

Please remember that we are looking for input from the public through April 27th. If you have not already taken the online survey, please go to http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/lplan2040/plan.htm, review the transportation materials, and take the survey!

If you belong to other email lists that you think might be interested in the topic of transportation in Lincoln and Lancaster County, please forward this email!

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NOTICE: The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 20, 2011, 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 LPlan Advisory Committee will meet on Wednesday, April 20, 2011, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., in Room 113 of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

**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, APRIL 20, 2011

[Commissioners Larson and Lust absent]

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held April 6, 2011. **APPROVED, as amended, 7-0 (Larson and Lust absent)**
1. **REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL:**

1.1a Change of Zone No. 11009, amending Section 27.63.500 of the Lincoln Municipal Code relating to Zoning Code Special Permits for Scrap Processing Operations, Salvage Yards, and Enclosed Disassembly Operations, to allow outdoor salvage material to be located closer than 500 feet from certain entrance corridors if land forms or screening completely obstructs the view by the traveling public of the salvage material, and to authorize the City Council to decrease the 500-foot setback under limited circumstances; and repealing Section 27.63.500 of the Lincoln Municipal Code as hitherto existing.

**Staff recommendation:** Continue public hearing until May 4, 2011 at the request of the applicant

Staff Planner: Christy Eichorn, 441-7603, ceichorn@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission voted 7-0 to grant applicant’s request for two-week deferral, with CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION scheduled for Wednesday, May 4, 2011, 1:00 p.m.

1.1b Special Permit No. 11006, for a scrap processing operation and to allow salvage material kept outside a building to be located closer than the 500 feet to the West “O” Street entrance corridor, on property generally located at West O Street and Sun Valley Boulevard (545 West “O” Street).

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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
To whom it may concern,

While Councilperson Camp belabored the point at yesterday's Council meeting that all Greek houses on UNL's campus are assessed in the half million dollar range, he neglected to mention the only comparable property to the proposed fraternity on the Council's agenda: the fraternity house under construction on the southwest corner of 17th & R. The building permit for it was issued on October 22, 2010 for **$2 million**.

Anonymous Citizen of Lincoln
I. CITY CLERK

II. CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE MAYOR & DIRECTORS

MAYOR
1. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler and the Parks and Rec Department will promote physical activity for young people at 11:30 a.m., Friday, April 22nd when the Kids Bowl Free Bus Tour is at Belmont Recreation Center, 1234 Judson.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor urges young people to be physically active.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor Beutler’s public schedule for the week of April 23rd through April 29, 2011.
4. NEWS RELEASE. Section of Pioneers Boulevard to close for six weeks.

DIRECTORS

CITIZENS INFORMATION CENTER
1. Time Warner Cable’s explanation on changes to channel lineup.

FINANCE/TREASURER
1. Investment Report for the quarter ending November 30, 2011.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1. Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Committee meeting agenda for Tuesday, April 26, 2011, 1:30 p.m., County-City Building, Room 113.
2. City Board of Zoning Appeals scheduled for Friday, April 29, 2011 has been canceled.
3. Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission meeting agenda for Thursday, April 28, 2011.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP
1. Councilman Camp’s request for response on Antelope Valley ROW streetscape, sod specifications.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS TO COUNCIL
1. Email from Bob Thiem asking Council to make recommendation to pay his claim against the City for damage due to a snowplow.

INVITATIONS
See invitation list.
DATE: April 21, 2011
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

Mayor Chris Beutler and the Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department will promote physical activity for young people at 11:30 a.m. Friday, April 22 when the Kids Bowl Free Bus Tour is at Belmont Recreation Center, 1234 Judson. The Mayor will issue a proclamation for the Kids Bowl Free program, which provides two free games of bowling for children every day this summer at participating bowling centers.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 22, 2011
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

MAYOR URGES YOUNG PEOPLE TO BE PHYSICALLY ACTIVE

Mayor Chris Beutler today welcomed the Kids Bowl Free Bus Tour to the Belmont Recreation Center and urged young people to engage in physical activity every day. The bus is touring the nation to promote the Kids Bowl Free program, which provides two free games of bowling to children every day throughout the summer, courtesy of participating bowling centers and other organizations.

“Active kids are healthy kids, and regular physical activity helps prevent children from becoming overweight and putting themselves at risk for lifelong health problems,” said Mayor Beutler. “Research shows children and adolescents should get one hour of exercise every day. Bowling is a great way to get kids moving. We also are fortunate to have many free and low-cost activities available through our Parks and Recreation Department, and I urge families to explore those opportunities to keep their kids active.”

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department says nearly one-third of local children are overweight or obese, putting them at risk for diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease and many other chronic conditions.

Participating in the Kids Bowl Free program can help young people earn the Presidential Active Lifestyle Award, which requires a daily commitment to physical activity for six out of eight weeks. The award is part of the Let’s Move! initiative promoted by First Lady Michelle Obama. The City of Lincoln is a participant in Let’s Move Cities and Town. More information is available at letsmove.gov.

“Bowling continues to be American’s most popular participation sport,” said Bob Davis of Hollywood Bowl and Parkway Lanes. “It’s great exercise and a perfect way for families to do things together. We are proud to continue to make our sport affordable and accessible to Lincoln’s families.” Other Kids Bowl Free sites in Lincoln are Champions Fun Center and Sun Valley Lanes. More information is available at kidsbowlfree.com

City Parks and Recreation Director Lynn Johnson reminded residents that many park amenities are free for the public. They include parks, trails, disc golf courses, tennis courts and many of the activities at recreation centers. Johnson said the City keeps fees for other activities like golf, swimming and day camps as low as possible. More information is available at parks.lincoln.ne.gov.
Date: April 22, 2011
Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule
Week of April 23 through 29, 2011
Schedule subject to change

Saturday, April 23
• Earth Day celebration, remarks - 2 p.m., Antelope Park Bandshell

Tuesday, April 26
• Corrections Joint Public Agency (JPA) meeting - 9 a.m., Council Chambers, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.
• KFOR - 12:30 p.m. (pre-recorded)
• Young Professionals Group annual luncheon, remarks - 11:45 a.m., Cornhusker Marriott Hotel, 333 S. 13th St.

Thursday, April 28
• Black Hills Energy workshop on natural gas vehicles, remarks - 8:30 a.m., Champions Club (west of Memorial Stadium)
• Arbor Day Celebration, remarks - 10 a.m., Rousseau Elementary School, 3701 S. 33rd St.
• BryanLGH Tribute to Trauma Champions, remarks - 6:30 p.m., Rococo Theatre, 13th and “P” streets

Friday, April 29
• Kiwanis Club luncheon, remarks - 11:30 a.m., Nebraska Club, U.S. Bank Building, 233 S. 13th St.
• International visitors from Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Greece, Norway, Portugal and Romania - 1:30 p.m., Mayor’s Conference Room, County-City Building
• Groundbreaking for Lied Commons - 4:30 p.m., just north of the Lied Center for Performing Arts, 12th and “Q” streets
SECTION OF PIONEERS BOULEVARD TO CLOSE FOR SIX WEEKS

Pioneers Boulevard from east of Allendale Drive to west of 40th Street will close Monday for rehabilitation and is expected to be closed to through traffic for about six weeks. On Wednesday, May 4 the road closure will extend to just east of 33rd Street. The street from 33rd to Allendale is remaining open through Tuesday May 3 to allow access to South Gate United Methodist Church, a longtime Lincoln voting site.

When this first phase of the Pioneers Boulevard rehabilitation project is completed in early June, work will begin on the replacement of the 33rd and Pioneers intersection.

Nebraska Highway 2 is the suggested alternate route during Pioneers Boulevard construction.

For more information on City street construction and rehabilitation projects, visit the City website at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: street projects).
As you are aware Time Warner Cable has recently made changes to our channel lineup including a new theme-based channel structure and carriage of analog channels in a digital format. I’m providing the talking points below in case you receive calls from customers or constituents. If you have any questions or concerns about these changes, do not hesitate to contact me by e-mail (ann.shrewsbury@twcable.com) or by phone (816-401-1751). You may also contact Doug Bauch, Executive Assistant, Government Relations, at douglas.bauch@twcable.com or 402-421-0396.

**Talking Points**

**Why is Time Warner Cable changing analog channels to a digital format?**

Time Warner Cable has decided to free up bandwidth by making select channels available in digital format only. The good news is that this will allow Time Warner Cable to provide its customers new, innovative services like thousands of On Demand choices, Look Back, Start Over, Music Choice channels, and more HD options. This change will also allow for faster Internet speeds. Following these changes, Time Warner Cable plans to add up to 10 new HD channels during the month of May.

As part of their efforts to continually ensure customers have access to the very best products and features the digital world has to offer, Time Warner Cable has made certain changes to its programming lineup.
Do I need a digital box to view some analog channels now?

Yes, digital equipment is now needed to view these channels: truTV, now on channel 74; Oxygen, now on channel 73; Travel Channel, now on channel 72; CSPAN 2, now on channel 78; ShopNBC now on channel 79.

Are these channels still a part of the Basic Cable package?

Yes, these channels will continue to be part of the Basic Cable package but will only be viewable with two-way digital cable-ready equipment, such as a digital set-top box or a CableCARD-equipped TiVo or Moxi HD DVR used in conjunction with a Tuning Adapter.

Two-way capable digital cable-ready equipment and a subscription to the Digital Tier package are now required to view Soapnet, which has moved to channel 213.

Have some of the other Basic Cable channels changed?

The following channels remain part of Basic Cable but have moved to new locations: Spike TV, now on channel 26; Fox News Channel, now on channel 44; MSNBC, now on channel 56; CNBC, now on channel 57; Univision, now on channel 68; Speed, now on channel 75.

Are there any special offers for Basic Cable customers?

In addition to other promotional offers, Time Warner Cable is offering one standard-definition digital set-top box and a remote at no charge until April 30, 2012. In addition to the digital set-top box and remote, Time Warner Cable will provide these customers with interactive program guide, multiple Music Choice channels, and access to On Demand programming.

This offer is limited to one box per home and only available to customers who do not already have a digital cable box in their home.

Are there other reasons why Time Warner Cable is making this change?

Time Warner Cable’s vision is to give customers the ability to access any available content, any time they want it, anywhere they are, and from any communications device. This vision directly influences every decision Time Warner Cable makes.

Why have the other channels on the lineup also changed?

Time Warner Cable feels the changes to its lineup will help customers simply and easily find the programming they want to watch by grouping together channels that offer similar content or themes. Kids & Family channels are grouped together as are Sports options and Lifestyle programs. This will also help customers find programming they want to watch and make them aware of other programming in similar genres they have been missing.


Since Time Warner Cable is taking channels away, why aren’t rates going down?

In general, customers don’t pay for television services on a per-channel basis. Costs often relate to the package of channels, the technology required to get this package to your home, and the service it takes to keep it up and running smoothly. These channels are still available to Time Warner Cable customers, but are offered in digital format only.
Approved the __________________ day of __________________, 2011

Don Herz, Finance Director

Approved:

INTRODUCED BY:

Lincoln, Nebraska:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF

RESOLUTION NO. A-
have continued to trend downward. Longer-term inflation expectations have remained stable, but measures of underlying inflation in consumer sentiment continue to be weak. Employment remains stubbornly low and job growth slow. Business sentiment and confidence remain strong, but caution is urged. Real GDP growth in the third quarter was revised upward to 3.3%, the same as in the second quarter. The unemployment rate fell to 3.5% in September. The Federal Reserve Board of Governors is scheduled to hold its next meeting in late October.

Taken from the December 14, 2010 Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System Press Release:

The Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) held the Federal funds rate target range at 0.0% to 0.25%.

The current Federal Funds Target range is 0% - 0.25%.

Yield Levels

A 2-year U.S. Treasury Note yield is 0.78%, a 5-year Treasury Note yield is 1.19%, a 10-year Treasury Note yield is 2.27%, and a 30-year Treasury Note yield is 3.63%.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury Note was 1.99% at the beginning of the third quarter. The yield on the 30-year Treasury Note was 3.63% at the beginning of the third quarter. The yield on the 10-year Treasury Note was 2.27% at the beginning of the third quarter. The yield on the 30-year Treasury Note was 3.63% at the beginning of the third quarter.

Porfolio Composition as of November 30, 2010:

- The Fed's core inflation portfolio is $2.7 trillion, up from $2.6 trillion at the end of 2009.
- The Fed's long-term inflation portfolio is $1.8 trillion, up from $1.7 trillion at the end of 2009.
- The Fed's short-term inflation portfolio is $0.9 trillion, up from $0.8 trillion at the end of 2009.

Investment Flows

- The Fed's investment flows into the U.S. Treasury market were $280 billion, up from $250 billion in the previous quarter.
- The Fed's investment flows into the corporate bond market were $150 billion, up from $120 billion in the previous quarter.
- The Fed's investment flows into the mortgage-backed securities market were $100 billion, down from $150 billion in the previous quarter.

Discussion

- The Fed's investment flows into the U.S. Treasury market have increased significantly, reflecting the Fed's commitment to supporting the U.S. economy.
- The Fed's investment flows into the corporate bond market have also increased, reflecting the Fed's efforts to support the corporate sector.
- The Fed's investment flows into the mortgage-backed securities market have decreased, reflecting the Fed's efforts to reduce its balance sheet.

Recommendation

- The Fed should continue to monitor the U.S. economy closely and be prepared to adjust its policy as needed.
- The Fed should continue to communicate its monetary policy decisions clearly to the public.

Background

- The economy remains weak, with unemployment at 9.6% and inflation at 1.7%.
- The Fed's policy of quantitative easing has helped to stimulate the economy, but more action may be needed to support growth.

DATE: November 30, 2010

FROM: Don H. Furman, Director

TO: City Council
In the face of lingering uncertainty about the economic outlook, many investors are still cautious. The Fed continues to support the economic recovery and to help ensure that inflation does not rise too quickly. The committee will continue to monitor the economic outlook and financial developments and will adjust its policy tools as necessary to support the economy.

The committee is prepared to use its balance sheet and other tools to support the economic recovery if needed. The committee will continue to implement its policy of maintaining the federal funds rate at 0 to 1/4 percent and its policy of purchasing Treasury and agency securities.
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Quarter Ending November 30, 2020
Investment Portfolio

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City of Lincoln

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**Note:** The above data is as of November 30, 2010.
City of Lincoln
Investment Portfolio Composition
Quarter Ending November 30, 2010

- NPAiT Time Deposit: 1.45%
- Treasuries: 5.14%
- Certificate of Deposit: 0.73%
- FFCB: 4.35%
- Money Market Funds Total: 3.66%
- FHLB: 33.22%
- Repurchase Agreement: 19.50%
- Inter Fund Investments: 3.73%
- FNMA: 16.74%
- FHLMC: 8.16%
A Technical Committee meeting is scheduled as follows:

DATE: April 28, 2011
TIME: 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 113, County/City Building

AGENDA

- Roll Call and Acknowledge the "Nebraska Open Meeting Act"

1. Review and action on the draft minutes of the March 24, 2011 Technical Committee meetings.
2. Review and action on a revision to the FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program to add the Bison Trail Bridge Replacement City of Lincoln Parks Department.
3. Briefing on the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update activities. This is a briefing on the planning activities including LPAC recommendations, public outreach, and community feedback. Discussion will also focus on activities and the schedule needed to complete the draft plan and any guidance from the Technical Committee members.
4. Other topics for discussion.
Due to lack of agenda items, the City Board of Zoning Appeals meeting scheduled for Friday, April 29, 2011 has been canceled.

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Please consider the environment before printing this email.
The Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission will hold a scheduled public meeting on Thursday, April 28, 2011. The meeting will convene at 8:00 a.m. in Development Services Center Room 214, 2nd Floor, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, to consider the following agenda. For more information, please contact the Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department at 441-7491.

Agenda of April 28, 2011

1. Approval of meeting notes of March 24, 2011

   Public Hearing and Action

2. Design update on plan for Centennial Mall (Design Team and Parks & Recreation Dept.)

   Discussion

3. Staff report/misc.
The City of Lincoln Historic Preservation Commission will hold a public meeting on Thursday, April 28, 2011. The meeting will convene at 1:30 p.m. in Room 210, 2nd floor, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, to consider the following agenda. For more information, contact the Planning Department at 441-7491.

April 28, 2011

1. Approval of meeting record of March 17, 2011.

2. Approval of meeting record of joint meeting with Urban Design Committee of February 24, 2011.

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

PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION

4. Application by Buzzard Billy’s for a Certificate of Appropriateness for work at 247 N. 8th Street, the H. P. Lau Building, in Haymarket Landmark District.

5. Application by William J. and Myrna L. Wood for a Certificate of Appropriateness for work at 720 S. 16th Street, the Yates House, a designated landmark.

6. Applications by Larry Buller for designation of 2943 Garfield Street, the former Hac Grocery/a.k.a. “The Chimes,” as a designated landmark in accord with LMC 27.53.120, and for a special permit for historic preservation to rehabilitate “The Chimes” as a duplex, with adjustments of a yard requirement and parking requirements.

7. Application by Anne Burkholder for a Certificate of Appropriateness for work at The Burkholder Project, 719 P Street in Haymarket Landmark District.

DISCUSS AND ADVISE

8. Staff Report

The Historic Preservation Commission agenda may be accessed on the Internet at http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/bdscom/hpc/index.htm

For further information on Historic Preservation in Lincoln, visit http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/hist/index.htm
Ladies and Gentlemen:

You will recall letters dated March 2, 2011 and April 5, 2011, written by Mr. Don Bowman on behalf of his client, Mr. Don Daringer d/b/a Nebraska Sod Company, in which concerns were raised about the specifications for “sod” in several Antelope Valley projects.

The bottom line was that the sod specified also contained a requirement that the sod meet a US Patent. Since only one grower has this patent, the bidding process was not competitive.

As I recall, Mr. Bowman’s April 5, 2011 letter was briefly discussed at our Directors’ Meeting on April 11, 2011, and was to be referred to a City Department/official. Since I do not recall the specific individual or department, I am including several key individuals on this email.

My request is that this matter be addressed as soon as possible and that all of my City Council colleagues be included on the response.

Finally, let me register my concern that the City of Lincoln needs to follow procedures, guidelines and specifications that ensure the citizens and taxpayers obtain competitive bids wherever possible.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Jon

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    Don Daringer, Nebraska Sod Company
    Don Bowman, Attorney for Nebraska Sod Company
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Comment or Question:
I recently filed a claim with the city. I have been informed by the city attorney's office that the council will review the claim at your May 2 meeting, with their recommendation to deny. Please consider the following:
My mailbox was constructed at the time my house was built, presumably in accordance with city guidelines and USPS regulations. This mailbox was damaged beyond repair due to negligence of a city snowplow operator. I am now being told the city bears no responsibility for my loss due to placement of the mailbox. I seriously doubt that any council member would accept this explanation if it happened to you. Please be fair about this.