I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR
1. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler, Alice Dittman, and other community leaders will hold a news conference on Thursday, July 28th, at 10 a.m. in Room 303 of the County-City Building to announce the creation of a new micro-lending fund to help under-served entrepreneurs.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Alice Dittman gives $1 million to Lincoln Community Foundation for Entrepreneurial Loan Program.

III. DIRECTORS

FINANCE/BUDGET
1. Memo on breakdown of the split between Street Construction Funds and Wheel Tax Funds, that have been the source of funding for the Snow Removal Fund.
   a) Snow Removal Fund Revenue History.
2. July sales tax reports reflecting May activity:
   a) Actual Compared to Projected Sales Tax Collections;
   b) Gross Sales Tax Collections (With Refunds Added Back In) 2005-2006 through 2010-2011;
   c) Sales Tax Refunds 2005-2006 through 2010-2011; and

PLANNING COMMISSION

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1. Administrative Approvals from July 19, 2011 through July 25, 2011 approved by the Planning Director.

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES/ENGINEERING
1. Ordinance amending Ordinance 18214, which amended Ordinance 17366, regarding preparation of detailed plans and specifications for widening, reconstruction, and improvement of Old Cheney Road from Highway 2 to South 88th Street.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP
1. Letter from Thomas L. Miller. Do not break the City budget by adding medians and turn lanes and confounding the snow removal process on Old Cheney from 70th to 84th Street.
2. Correspondence to Deloyd Larsen regarding water drainage needs which he testified to at the last City Council meeting.
a) Reply to Mr. Deloyd Larsen regarding concerns on drainage and water flow through the Edenton HA outlot from Craig Aldridge, Public Works & Utilities, Engineering.
b) Memo from Miki Esposito, Public Works & Utilities, Compliance, regarding Mr. Larsen’s concerns. Watershed Management will follow up on his inquiry regarding the drainage issues in the Edenton area.

3. Correspondence thanking Craig Aldridge from Councilman Camp on information to neighbors as to what type of overflows they can expect.
4. Correspondence from James Drake expressing thanks for putting solutions/suggestions on the table.
5. Jack Baillie in support of Councilman Camp’s proposal on widening Old Cheney Road.
6. Katie Halperin agreeing with Councilman Camp’s analysis regarding widening of Old Cheney Road.
7. Correspondence from Craig Aldridge with further review of drainage calculations, additional information on the impact of a 10-year storm event.
   a) Councilman Camp’s thanks and appreciation for the information.

V. MISCELLANEOUS - None

VI. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
1. Darlene Moore. Support the 6+1 amendment to maintain our parks, and stop wasting money on plants in street islands.
2. Tim K. Johnson. Support Jonathan Cook’s 6+1 to help our parks and trees.
3. Rolmsted. Do not raise the wheel tax, we pay ridiculously high auto taxes as it is.
4. Linda. Please do not cut hours at the public libraries or layoff staff.
5. Kathryn Westwood. Possibly a conflict of interest in the Mayor’s budget.
6. Peter W. Katt. Very disappointed with the only decision made by a majority of the council was how to spend more money than Mayor recommended.
7. Peggy Sintek-Hall. In favor of keeping parks, pools, libraries open, and the bus schedules remaining the same as now. Raise our taxes to keep this way.
8. Linda Pabst. Many people in Lincoln depend upon the handivan for transportation.
9. Alan More. Mr. Camp had ideas to save money, which were all rejected. Rainy day fund should be used to decrease taxes.
10. Brian L. Kamler. Don’t let selfish, special interests dominate your decisions.
11. Maggie Higgins. Some Council members think it is important to raise taxes to keep pet services. Kudos for not increasing the wheel tax and parking fines.
12. Jim Crawford. Yesterday’s Council meeting was a slap in the face to the people of Lincoln, most of you are afraid to speak against the Mayor.
13. Jack Bewley. Our family supports Jonathan Cook’s 6+1 amendment to maintain parks, pools, and playgrounds.
14. Rita Metcalf. Opposed to raising taxes before more cuts are made, with suggestions.
16. Bryan Block. When you are operating at a deficit you must cut back on spending. Some cuts may be painful but we are not an ATM machine.
17. Russ Guill. Proposed ideas to reduce or eliminate a tax increase were disregarded by some Council members.
18. Dennis Walls. Why are we funding a loss in the city retirement fund? Clean up old standing mistakes.
20. H. Arnold Wassenberg. Rethink tax increases. Wages have not increased but you take more of our remaining income every year.
22. Garry Zager. Four Council members passed an opportunity to hold the line on higher taxes. Problem is the spending and growth of government.
23. Peg Reutzel. We have to make cuts in our budgets to pay for all the increases in taxes.
24. Ron Mellen. Can’t believe you want to raise taxes but not cut any services. Where are we suppose to get more money, we’re retired and can’t make ends meet now.
25. Steve Bowen. Establish a budget to limit the size of the City government. No need to raise taxes. Correct the budget so no property tax increase becomes necessary.
26. Anne Deterding. Hope Council and the Mayor will do the right thing and reconsider this tax hike and this budget, change your priorities.
27. Armen Badeer. Find alternatives to tax increases, and find ways to reduce government spending, even if it causes some difficulties in the short term.
28. Cathy Lohmeier. In favor of increasing property taxes in lieu of closing pools, libraries and needed public services.
29. Jim and Lori Johnson, UPS Store 3345. As small business owners vehemently oppose raising taxes without first exploring other options.
30. Any Ringsmuth. Reduce city employees retirement match, increase their health care to their share being 50%, and we should have significant savings to deal with the budget.
31. Alan and Donna Hersch. Do not compromise on the widening of Old Cheney Road. Build as recommended by the City Engineers.
32. Kathy Berger. Political split on the Council should be put aside for the good of the City as a whole. Stand by your commitments and vote against a property tax increase.
33. Kathy Danek. Her family can afford the small investment proposed to protect our quality of life.
34. JL Exteriors, Inc. Look at creative ways to help with the budget besides raising taxes.
35. Sabrina Ehmke. Work against laying off Lincoln’s library staff positions.
36. Joseph Prai. Make cuts, live within our means, and don’t raise taxes and fees to generate money.
37. Carolyn Brandle. Consider Jonathan Cook’s 6+1 suggestion, and also we could increase taxes as proposed by the Mayor.
38. Ardel Harger. Support the Mayor’s budget including proposed increase in property taxes.
39. Rick Urwiler. We need strong public safety, parks, libraries, pool and also street repairs.
40. Rebecca Gaston-Wise. Support the Mayor’s proposed budget.
41. Karl Reinhard, Irvingdale Neighborhood Association Board, supporting property tax increase to keep our quality of life.

VII. ADJOURNMENT
DATE: July 27, 2011  
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Chris Beutler and Alice Dittman, former President and CEO of Cornhusker Bank, will be joined by other community leaders to announce the creation of a new micro-lending fund to help underserved entrepreneurs at a news conference at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 28 in Room 303, third floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.
NEWS RELEASE

FOR RELEASE: Immediately

CONTACT: Barbara Bartle, Lincoln Community Foundation, 402-474-2345 or
         Erica Wassinger, Bailey Lauerman, 402-514-9433.

ALICE DITTMAN GIVES $1 MILLION TO LINCOLN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR
ENTREPRENURIAL LOAN PROGRAM

ALICE’S INTEGRITY LOAN FUND TO PROVIDE NEEDED CAPITAL TO OVERLOOKED
ENTREPRENUERS

Lincoln, Neb. – Today, Alice Dittman announced a $1 million gift over three years to establish Alice’s
Integrity Loan Fund—a micro-lending program that enables underserved entrepreneurs to take
advantage of a low-interest loan to grow their business. Former president and CEO of Cornhusker
Bank, Mrs. Dittman is also well-known as the first woman to preside over the Community Bankers
Association (a division of the American Bankers Association) the local and state chambers of
commerce, as well as the Nebraska Bankers Association.

“My career was made through people who took a chance on me at a time when women were not
influential in business,” shared Mrs. Dittman. “There are plenty of great business plans with smart
entrepreneurs that have been overlooked much like I could have been. So many small businesses are
started with credit card debt. I want to give these entrepreneurs a chance by providing support and
seed money necessary for success.”

Mrs. Dittman partnered with the Lincoln Community Foundation (LCF) to make her philanthropic vision
a reality. Mrs. Dittman and LCF identified Community Development Resources (CDR) to administer the
program—from selection of loan recipients, to training and mentorship throughout their first year. CDR
is a 501(c)(3) that provides financial products and services to businesses underserved by traditional
financial institutions.

“Alice Dittman has already contributed so much to this community, and this new loan fund adds to her
considerable legacy,” said Lincoln Mayor Chris Beutler. “The impact of her generosity will ripple
throughout our local economy. In addition to providing start-up funds, Alice’s Integrity Loan Fund will
provide an opportunity for more seasoned business professionals to step up and mentor the next
generation of civic and business leaders.”

Created through Mrs. Dittman’s prudent financial approach to her life, the Alice’s Integrity Loan Fund
intends to teach recipients self-discipline and social responsibility. Applicants will be evaluated on their
character, ability to carry out their business idea, and commitment to repay the loan. Qualified recipients
will receive up-to $5,000 to be repaid within 36 months.

“Helping Alice establish this fund has been our honor,” shared Barbara Bartle, Lincoln Community
Foundation president. “She felt the need to step up and do more and hopes that others will join her.
Bringing that vision to life was the fun part and will change lives one loan at a time.”
Interested individuals may apply at cdr-nebraska.org.

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**ABOUT THE LINCOLN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

The Lincoln Community Foundation was founded on April 11, 1955, with the goal to secure gifts to perpetually enrich and improve our community and the lives of all its citizens. Today, the Foundation, which is governed by a Board of Directors drawn from community volunteers, manages nearly $65 million and works with individuals, families, non-profits and businesses to support a multitude of charitable organizations. To learn more about the Foundation, visit lcf.org.

**ABOUT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES**

Community Development Resources (CDR), formerly Self Employment Loan Fund of Lincoln (SELF), was established in 1994 to fill a gap in access to capital resources, technical assistance and training for low-income, minority and women business owners. Initially, through a peer-group lending model, and then in 1999, SELF initiated its Direct Loan Program. In 2001, CDR became an independent 501 (c)(3) private non-profit organization with a governing board of directors and began a plan to increase its community impact and presence.
Attached is a breakdown of the split between Street Construction Funds and Wheel Tax Funds (requested by Councilman Camp) that have been the source of funding for the Snow Removal Fund from the beginning of the fund through the current fiscal year. In the first year, 1992-93, the wheel tax amount was low because the extra $4 of the wheel tax was not implemented until January of that fiscal year.

Jan Bolin
City of Lincoln Budget Office
402-441-8306
# Snow Removal Fund Revenue History

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Actual Compared to
Projected Sales Tax Collections

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Actual collections through July are 2.58% above projections for the year.
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### GROSS SALES TAX COLLECTIONS
*(WITH REFUNDS ADDED BACK IN)*
### 2005-2006 THROUGH 2010-2011

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CITY OF LINCOLN  
SALES TAX REFUNDS  
2005-2006 THROUGH 2010-2011

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NOTICE: The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 27, 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, (402) 441-7491.

The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, July 27, 2011, from 11:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. in Room 113 of the City-County Building, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, Nebraska, for a workshop on the “Draft” 2040 Comprehensive Plan and the “Draft” 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

**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, JULY 27, 2011

[Commissioner Gaylor Baird absent]

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held July 13, 2011. **APPROVED, 8-0 (Gaylor Baird absent)**

1. CONSENT AGENDA
(Public Hearing and Administrative Action):

PERMITS:
1.1 Special Permit No. 11019, for a craft brewery under the special permit for L-1 District, on property generally located at SW 5th Street and W. South 01 Street. ***FINAL ACTION***
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Christy Eichorn, 441-7603, ceichorn@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission ‘final action’: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated July 14, 2011, 8-0 (Gaylor Baird absent). Resolution No. PC-01244.
2. REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL: (See Item No. 5.1 below)

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: None.

4. PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:

CHANGE OF ZONE:
4.1 Change of Zone No. 11025, amending Section 27.35.020 of the Lincoln Municipal Code relating to Permitted Uses in the B-4 Lincoln Center Business District to prohibit sexually oriented live entertainment establishments in all areas of the B-4 zoning district; and repealing Section 27.35.020 of the Lincoln Municipal Code as hitherto existing.

Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Steve Henrichsen, 441-6374, shenrichsen@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, 8-0.
Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 15, 2011, 3:00 p.m.

PERMITS:
4.2 Special Permit No. 1114E, an amendment to the Pheasant Run Addition Community Unit Plan, relating to the construction and location of the sidewalk along Pheasant Run Lane, on property generally located at Old Cheney Road and Pheasant Run Lane.

Staff recommendation: Denial
Staff Planner: Brian Will, 441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission ‘final action’: DENIAL, 6-2 (Esseks, Francis, Larson, Lust, Cornelius and Sunderman voting ‘yes’; Partington and Taylor voting ‘no’; Gaylor Baird absent).
5. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:

CHANGE OF ZONE:

5.1 Change of Zone No. 11019, amending Title 27 of the Lincoln Municipal Code, the Zoning Code, by amending Chapter 27.03 to add the definition of “Entertainment Restaurant” as Section 27.03.218 and to renumber existing Section 27.03.218 (Existing Urban Area) as Section 27.03.219; amending Sections 27.31.040, 27.33.030, and 27.37.025 to allow entertainment restaurants as a conditional use in the B-2, B-3, and B-5 zoning districts, respectively; amending Section 27.47.020 to prohibit an entertainment restaurant as a permitted use in the I-1 Industrial District; and repealing Sections 27.03.218, 27.31.040, 27.33.030, 27.37.025, and 27.47.020 of the Lincoln Municipal Code as hitherto existing.

Staff recommendation: Approval, as revised
Staff Planner: Brian Will, 441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov
Applicant’s request for additional four-week deferral granted, with CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION scheduled for Wednesday, August 24, 2011, 1:00 p.m.

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

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PENDING LIST:

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.

(6-11-11: Planning Commission voted 8-0 to place on pending, no date certain, at the applicant’s request.)

2b. 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).

(6-11-11: Planning Commission voted 8-0 to place on pending, no date certain, at the applicant’s request.)
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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
PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION
NOTIFICATION

TO : Mayor Chris Beutler
     Lincoln City Council

FROM : Jean Preister, Planning

DATE : July 28, 2011


Please be advised that on July 27, 2011, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning
Commission adopted the following resolution:

   Resolution No. PC-01244, approving Special Permit No. 11019, requested by B&J
   Partnership, for a craft brewery in the I-1 Industrial District on property generally located
   at S.W. 5th Street and West South Street.

Please be advised that on July 27, 2011, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning
Commission voted 6-2 to deny the following request for resolution:

   Special Permit No. 1114E, an amendment to the Pheasant Run Community Unit
   Plan, requested by the developer and the Home Owners Association for Pheasant Run,
   to allow the sidewalk required along one side of Pheasant Run Lane to remain as it is
   constructed, with one-half on either side of the street, generally located at Pheasant Run
   Lane and Old Cheney Road.

This is final action unless appealed to the City Council within 14 days of the action by the
Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission Resolution may be accessed on the internet at www.lincoln.ne.gov
(Keyword = PATS). Use the “Search Selection” screen and search by application number (i.e.
SP11019). The Resolution and Planning Department staff report are in the “Related
Documents” under the application number.
Memorandum

Date:  July 26, 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 July 19, 2011 thru July 25, 2011:

**Administrative Amendment No. 11030** to Pre-Existing Special Permit No. 38, Lancaster Manor, approved by the Planning Director on July 21, 2011, requested by Lancaster Manor Real Estate, LLC., to create a site plan for a pre-existing special permit that shows both the existing conditions, easements, buildable area, two proposed additions and new general notes, on property generally located at S. 10\textsuperscript{th} St. and South St.

**Administrative Amendment No. 11033** to Special Permit No. 450P, Madonna Health Center, approved by the Planning Director on July 21, 2011, requested by Madonna Centers, to revise the site plan to add parking stalls near the South Street main entrance, on property generally located at S. 56\textsuperscript{th} St. and South St.

**Administrative Amendment No. 11034** to Use Permit No. 101A, approved by the Planning Director on July 21, 2011, requested by Professional Park North Partners, LLC., to remove the fenced in areas, add three parking stalls on Lot 5 and add Note 25, on property generally located at N. 26\textsuperscript{th} St. and Ticonderoga Dr.

**Administrative Amendment No. 11025** to Pre-Existing Use Permit No. 9S, Edgewood Shopping Center, approved by the Planning Director on July 22, 2011, requested by Craig Gies, to revise the site plan to change the use designation on Area F (the old Kmart site) from retail to commercial, on property generally located at S. 56\textsuperscript{th} St. and Highway 2.

**Waiver No. 11022** to Final Plat No. 04041, approved by the Planning Director on July 25, 2011, requested by Northern Lights, LLC., to extend the time for two years to install street trees and sidewalks for Northern Lights 14\textsuperscript{th} Addition. The improvements shall be completed by July 25, 2013. Property is generally located at N. 84\textsuperscript{th} St. and Northern Lights Dr.
ORDINANCE NO. ____________

AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance 18214, which amended Ordinance 17366, which authorized and directed the Department of Public Works and Utilities to proceed with the preparation of detailed plans and specifications for the widening, reconstruction, and improvement of Old Cheney Road from Nebraska Highway 2 to South 88th Street to acquire necessary right-of-way and easements relating thereto: and to proceed with construction thereof.

WHEREAS, Ordinance 18214, which amended Ordinance 17366, provided that “In the event of any significant changes in conditions prior to construction, the Director of Public Works and Utilities shall advise the Council and shall request appropriate amendments to this authorizing ordinance” and

WHEREAS, significant changes have occurred prior to construction of the roadway improvements described in Section 1 of Ordinance 18214, which amended Ordinance 17366, and the Director of Public Works and Utilities is requesting appropriate amendments to Section 1 to authorize changes to the improvements in Old Cheney Road from Nebraska Highway 2 to South 88th Street and to revise the listed improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska:

Section 1. That Section 1 of Ordinance 18214, which amended Ordinance 17366, be amended to as follows:

Section 1. The Department of Public Works and Utilities is now hereby authorized and directed to proceed with the preparation of detailed plans and specifications for the above street widening, reconstructions, and improvements. Such plans and specifications
shall provide for:

d. Construction of a roadway with four through lanes with left turn lanes and raised medians in Old Cheney Road from the east leg of Highway 2 intersection to approximately 900 feet east of the centerline of Highway 2, then transitioning to four through lanes with a TWLTL to approximately 250 east of the above described point, then continuing with the TWLTL to a point approximately 1207 feet west of the intersection of South 70th Street, then transitioning to a cross-section with four through lanes and left turn lanes at a point 547 feet west of the intersection of South 70th Street, then continuing with four through lanes with left turn lanes, right turn lanes, and raised medians to approximately 1450 feet east of the intersection of South 84th Street.

The typical roadway cross-section will provide four 12 foot wide through driving lanes with a 20 foot wide median. It will also provide a 6 foot greenspace, behind the outside curbs, in non-retaining wall sections and will provide a 5 foot greenspace, behind the outside curbs, in retaining wall sections, as well as 12 foot wide right turn lanes for the stretch of Old Cheney Road from 70th Street to 82nd Street. Total out-to-out width of the proposed roadway sections shall be approximately 72 feet. The minimum right-of-way width required for the roadways is 106 feet. To provide flexibility for intersection improvements, a 113 foot right-of-way width shall be established for approximately 400 feet in advance of each major arterial intersection.

The Public Works and Utilities Department shall include in the plans and specification provisions for the design, installation, and maintenance of appropriate landscaping and plantings in the median areas, together with soils appropriate to provide long-term support for the selected plantings.

Section 2. Pursuant to Article VII, Section 7 of the City Charter, this ordinance shall be
posted on the official bulletin board of the City in lieu of and in place of newspaper publication
with notice of passage and such posting to be given by publication one time in the official
newspaper by the City Clerk. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its
passage and publication as herein and in the City Charter provided.

Introduced by:

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AYES:
NAYS:

Approved as to Form and Legalility: Approved:

______________________________
City Attorney                     Director, Public Works & Utilities

Approved as being in conformance
with the Comprehensive Plan:

______________________________
Planning Director
July 25, 2011

Mayor Chris Beutler
555 South 10th Street
Lincoln, NE, 68508

Dear Mayor Beutler:  Re: $1 Million Street Replacement Costs

Just like 10+ years ago when Old Cheney from Highway 2 to 70th street designs were in discussion the issue of extra costs for medians and turn lanes was a major one emanating from the traffic engineers.

Norma and I have lived off Old Cheney throughout the construction and used the street every day from our Pheasant Run home ever since. Thankfully the City at that time gave up the idea and the unnecessary extra costs involved. The middle turn lanes work just fine.

From 70th to 84th street does not need to break the City budget by adding medians and turn lanes and confounding the snow removal process. A four lane road with a fifth lane for turns and reasonable maximum speed will provide the best degree of safety and improved traffic flow from highway 2 to 84th.

Save the $1 million plus in your budget and spend it better elsewhere.

Sincerely,

Thomas L. Miller

bcc: Councilman Jon Camp
Deloyd Larsen
5401 S. 73rd Street
Lincoln, NE 68516
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DL31109@windstream.net

Deloyd:

Thank you for your testimony at last evening’s City Council public hearing. In particular, you raised some good points about the water drainage in this vicinity.

I am copying Miki Esposito, Craig Aldridge, Ben Higgins, Mayor Beutler and my City Council colleagues on this email, because I want to ensure your points are understood.

Please remain vigilant on the water drainage needs, especially because the Old Cheney project will be finalized very soon. As you testified, another reason for DELETING the right turn lanes and raised medians would be to allow more side areas for drainage, whether those areas are public right-of-way or private property. An Autobahn-width Old Cheney would result in more “concrete” that facilitates flooding, not slower drainage and absorption

I look forward to responses to you and me from Public Works. Please give my regards to Nancy.

Best regards,

Jon

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Mr. Larsen:

I just wanted to follow up and thank you for your testimony as well. I believe we spoke on the phone a few months ago regarding some of the concerns in your letter (attached). I apologize for not sending an official response regarding your letter but when we spoke my thought was that I didn’t want to send you anything in writing until we had ironed out the parameters of the design currently being debated. I apologize if I did not convey this to you better. With that being said.....I can address a couple of the things you brought up the other night at City Council:

1) Edenton HA would like a more gradual 4:1 slope off of the roadway for ease of mowing.
   a. A 4:1 slope is currently what we have designed for this Outlot (per your request). This is the only area on the project that we have deviated from the 3:1 slope we are proposing everywhere else.
2) Drainage and Water Flow through the Edenton HA Outlot (Increased Flow)
   a. In the current design we do show that a large portion of the underground drainage system will be reconstructed at Old Cheney and Cross Creek. This includes about 65 feet of the low flow liner on the north side of Old Cheney. This system (along with the low flow liner) has been analyzed based on the current standard of a 10-year rain event and that analysis indicates that our current design is sound. We also took a look at downstream impacts to the Outlot. Based on a 10-year storm we found that stormwater would breach the low flow liner but would be contained within the Outlot. I know you mentioned the other night that you have seen flows over (or nearly over) a walking bridge in the Outlot. It is possible that these flows came from a storm that was more intensive than the 10-year event, but I don’t know for sure. I would like to stop out there sometime after we get a hard rain and take some pictures and see it first-hand though.

Again I apologize for not sending an official response to your letter. Once we have clear direction on which roadway section we are proceeding with I will make sure to answer all of the concerns (attached) in a letter response of my own. Thanks again and please let me know if you have any further questions.

Thanks.

From: Jon Camp [mailto:JonCamp@lincolnhaymarket.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 26, 2011 6:26 PM
To: dl31109@windstream.net
Cc: Miki Esposito; Craig E. Aldridge; Ben J. Higgins; Mayor; Mary M. Meyer
Subject: Edenton/Old Cheney Area--Drainage Problems

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Councilman Camp -

I wanted you to know that Mr. Larsen and I spoke after the hearing on Monday. Watershed Management will follow up on his inquiry regarding the drainage issues in the Edenton area. Ben and I will speak about this today and get back to Mr. Larsen shortly. I'll be sure to keep you copied on the response. Thank you for being in touch with him as well.

Miki

Deloyd Larsen
5401 S. 73rd Street
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402.483.6767
Dl31109@windstream.net

Deloyd:

Thank you for your testimony at last evening’s City Council public hearing. In particular, you raised some good points about the water drainage in this vicinity.

I am copying Miki Esposito, Craig Aldridge, Ben Higgins, Mayor Beutler and my City Council colleagues on this email, because I want to ensure your points are understood.

Please remain vigilant on the water drainage needs, especially because the Old Cheney project will be finalized very soon. As you testified, another reason for DELETING the right turn lanes and raised medians would be to allow more side areas for drainage, whether those areas are public right-of-way or private property. An Autobahn-width Old Cheney would result in more “concrete” that facilitates flooding, not slower drainage and absorption.

I look forward to responses to you and me from Public Works. Please give my regards to Nancy.

Best regards,

Jon

c: Miki Esposito  
   Craig Aldridge  
   Ben Higgins  
   Mayor Chris Beutler  
   Members of the Lincoln City Council
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From: Craig E. Aldridge [mailto:caldridge@lincoln.ne.gov]  
Sent: Wednesday, July 27, 2011 6:57 AM  
To: Jon Camp; dl31109@windstream.net  
Cc: Miki Esposito; Ben J. Higgins; Mayor; Mary M. Meyer  
Subject: RE: Edenton/Old Cheney Area--Drainage Problems

Mr. Larsen:

I just wanted to follow up and thank you for your testimony as well. I believe we spoke on the phone a few months ago regarding some of the concerns in your letter (attached). I apologize for not sending an official response regarding your letter but when we spoke my thought was that I didn’t want to send you anything in writing until we had ironed out the parameters of the design currently being debated. I apologize if I did not convey this to you better. With that being said.....I can address a couple of the things you brought up the other night at City Council:

1) Edenton HA would like a more gradual 4:1 slope off of the roadway for ease of mowing.
   a. A 4:1 slope is currently what we have designed for this Outlot (per your request). This is the only area on the project that we have deviated from the 3:1 slope we are proposing everywhere else.
2) Drainage and Water Flow through the Edenton HA Outlot (Increased Flow)
a. In the current design we do show that a large portion of the underground drainage system will be reconstructed at Old Cheney and Cross Creek. This includes about 65 feet of the low flow liner on the north side of Old Cheney. This system (along with the low flow liner) has been analyzed based on the current standard of a 10-year rain event and that analysis indicates that our current design is sound. We also took a look at downstream impacts to the Outlot. Based on a 10-year storm we found that stormwater would breach the low flow liner but would be contained within the Outlot. I know you mentioned the other night that you have seen flows over (or nearly over) a walking bridge in the Outlot. It is possible that these flows came from a storm that was more intensive than the 10-year event, but I don’t know for sure. I would like to stop out there sometime after we get a hard rain and take some pictures and see it first-hand though.

Again I apologize for not sending an official response to your letter. Once we have clear direction on which roadway section we are proceeding with I will make sure to answer all of the concerns (attached) in a letter response of my own. Thanks again and please let me know if you have any further questions.

Thanks.
Hi Jon,

Attending the first part of the meeting tonight and really wanted to reach out to you and say Thank You for at least putting solutions/suggestions line-by-line on the table. The balance of your fellow council members need to maybe start looking in the mirror and see what they really look like. Believe you me, sitting in the audience it about makes you sick to see all the inappropriate body language and gestures. It quite frankly made me so depressed and saddened by the events, I had to get up and leave the meeting.

I guess the group of 4 are the party of "NO". Do they ever think using their own mind. It is very hard to think that after all the suggestion you put on the table, that not one of them would have said, "Gee, maybe we should look at that a little closer". The classic of the night was the reason why we can't attack IT Spend after we lost one of its customers, is because we have a really good web site. But, we are probably still eating lunch and dinner off the floor at Experian..... Lots of good ideas, that took some priority and out of box thinking that should have received support. I agree, we don't need credit card investment in our meters downtown.

I have been involved in running businesses both locally, nationally, and internationally and have had to face difficult budget decisions. It is never fun to make cuts and find the money to live within the budget. Maybe it is time for the Members of NO to bring some ideas to the table to address this run away spending machine. Quite frankly, finding 1.5% on the Fire, Police, EMS budget shouldn't be the difficult. Maybe not fun, but not difficult.

Thanks again and I hope you get some other members quickly who start to contribute positively to the solution, versus always just saying NO.

James Drake
2011 Scotch Pine Trail
Lincoln, NE  68512
Dear Mr. Camp:

I sent the letter below to each of the other city council members urging their support of your proposal that appeared in Sunday’s paper concerning the widening of Old Cheney Road. I hope they will all seriously consider what you are suggesting, rather than voting to support what city bureaucrats are asking for. Thanks for your continued support for the taxpayers of Lincoln.

Jack Baillie
Copy of Letter, individually addressed to each council member:

Dear Mr. Cook--

I know the City Council is faced with major budget decisions that will have to be made soon, many of which call for cutting or curtailing services to residents. Sunday’s Lincoln paper had an article by Councilman Camp that proposed modifying the widening project slated for a vote on Monday. I want you to know that I am in full support of that proposal, which is contradictory to what your city traffic department is proposing. I have grandchildren that live in a home that backs up to Old Cheney, and their home and property would be severely and negatively affected if the traffic departments plans are accepted.

I really question the need for the expensive program the city has proposed for your consideration. This is the same department that incorrectly measured for the widening of Cornhusker Highway at 27th Street, so their research on traffic patterns in Lincoln needs to be questioned. Lowering the number of traffic accidents by 4 would cost taxpayers $250,000 each. This appears to be a very high expense for limited benefits. The city traffic department seems to have a “want” list, rather than a “need” list when they come up with projects.

Please vote to restrict the raised medians and turn lanes that are being proposed on Old Cheney Road. There are many more urgent and needed services that the city of Lincoln can and should support, instead of putting an unnecessary burden on local property taxpayers in this declining economy. The taxpaying residents of Lincoln will thank you for your support.

Thank you for your consideration on this topic.

Jack Baillie
2215 Hanover Court
Lincoln, NE 68512
402-423-9212
Hi Jon,

We live in your district.
My husband, Lou, and I agree with your analysis published in today’s (7/24) LJS, regarding widening of Old Cheney.

For what it’s worth...

Katie Halperin, Broker, MBA
Nebraska Home Sales
KPH@NebHomeSales.com
402-429-8111
From: Craig E. Aldridge  
Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2011 1:00 PM  
To: 'Jon Camp'; dl31109@windstream.net  
Cc: Miki Esposito; Ben J. Higgins; Mayor; Mary M. Meyer  
Subject: RE: Edenton/Old Cheney Area--Drainage Problems  

Councilman Camp:  

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Please let me know if you have any other questions or concerns regarding this matter.  

Thanks.  

From: Jon Camp [mailto:JonCamp@lincolnhaymarket.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, July 27, 2011 10:04 AM  
To: Craig E. Aldridge; dl31109@windstream.net  
Cc: Miki Esposito; Ben J. Higgins; Mayor; Mary M. Meyer  
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Craig:

Thanks for the additional information. I am sure Deloyd Larsen will be especially interested.

Jon

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From: D Moore [dlminthevine@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 26, 2011 7:32 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: 6+1 amendment

City Council

I support the “6+1 Amendment To Maintain Our Parks” which will provide 6 million dollars for roads and 1 million dollars for vital ongoing maintenance for our Parks Department.

I also would like to see the waste of money stop on the planting and sprinkler systems, maintenance and repair on the street islands such as O Street between 48Th and on and they never should have planted anything there or anyplace else in the middle of the street that needs care on regular bases...more tax dollars spent. That money could be used on our parks and pools.

Thank you for your time,

Darlene Moore
3333 Mohawk Street
Lincoln, Ne 68510
To All City Council Members,

Please note that I am in support of the amendment by Jon Cook, 6 + 1 to help our parks and trees. To attract and keep new businesses and families in those businesses I say that parks are an important asset for us to enjoy our lives when not working. Thanks

Tim K Johnson
Lincoln
483-0425
PLEASE DO NOT RAISE THE WHEEL TAX BY THE RECOMMENDED $10 PER VEHICLE. WE PAY RIDICULOUSLY HIGH AUTO TAXES AS IT IS!!!!!
Even in today's world a library is an important function in our society. So please don't cut hours of the public library and don't layoff staff. Put a hiring freeze on so as people leave or retire they aren't replaced which is what a great many business's have done but don't layoff staff as they become another statistic of unemployed. The city of Lincoln does not need more unemployed. Please think carefully about your decision and the effect you will make on peoples lives. Thank you.
Message from:

Kathryn Westwood
07.26.11  8:05 a.m.

Regarding the Mayor’s budget is there the possibility of a conflict of interest? The Mayor and Mumgaard are associated with the Appleseed Organization and we should check to see if in the Mayor’s budget we’re helping illegals when helping this organization.
Mary M. Meyer

From: Council Packet
Subject: Disappointed with the Recommended City Council Budget

Dear Council Members:

I am sorely disappointed that the only decision a majority of the council could agree upon yesterday was how to spend more money than the Mayor recommended to you and gave no public indication of any effort to make changes that might eliminate some of the proposed tax increases. I am hopeful that along with your commitment to increase the wheel tax, you will also be willing to provide greater oversight and accountability for the choices made by Public Works in spending the road construction dollars that it receives. I do not think our community has been provided the value it deserves from the limited street construction funds we have available.

Peter W. Katt
6400 Artisan Way

From: Peter W. Katt
Sent: Sunday, July 24, 2011 10:04 AM
To: 'council@lincoln.ne.gov'
Cc: 'mayor@lincoln.ne.gov'
Subject: City Budget Discussion

Dear Council Members:
As you begin deliberations on next year's City budget I would ask that you bring in a budget with no property tax increase. Further, I do not support any increase in the wheel tax until better choices are made with the expenditures of current road funds by the City's Public Works Department. I would encourage you to not put any additional funds within the reach of that Department to spend on building roads until the planned for audit of that department is completed. Should any of you want any specific examples, I would be happy to provide them to you. I have mentioned many of them to you over the years. The current Old Cheney road widening project that you have been battling that Department over is only the most recent manifestation of its approach and attitude to meeting our community's transportation needs.

As to no property tax increase, please see the attached. According to the Nebraska Department of Revenue, over the past five years, the property tax base in Lincoln has increased by 16.65% and taxes levied by 18.92%. The property tax portion of the City's revenue had kept pace with the City's needs. If there have been revenue short falls in other areas of the budget, those shortfalls should be replaced with cuts to spending rather than increases in property taxes.

I understand that there are hard choices to be made when available revenue is not projected to meet what many would like the City to do in the coming year. I ask you to make the hard choice and cut spending even if it means eliminating those City services and benefits that I may want or even need. I do not share the propaganda that has been pushed that the only available choices are the cuts proposed by the Mayor. There are choices to be made other than cutting parks and libraries. I understand that proposing cuts to those services (and fire stations) are the most likely to encourage the public to rally around tax increases; however, we know that those are not the only options available to balance the budget within the available revenue. Thank-you for taking my thoughts into consideration as you do what you think is best for our community and its future.

Peter W. Katt
6400 Artisan Way
Dear City Council,
I strongly feel that keeping our parks, pools and libraries open as we know them today would be a wise investment for our city. I also am in favor of having the bus schedules remain as they are, or our most vulnerable citizens will suffer even more. Please, please raise our taxes. Many families cannot afford private pools or the drive out of town to enjoy other cities’ offerings. We have a beautiful city. I urge you to raise taxes to keep it that way.

Sincerely,
Peggy Sintek-Hall
Messages Received:

1. Linda Pabst  07.26.11, 11:25 a.m.

Many people in Lincoln depend upon the handivan. Seems like every year the mayor cuts the bus system.

2. Alan More  07.26.11, 1:19 p.m.

At last night’s meeting Mr. Camp had ideas to save money, all rejected. The rainy day fund should be used to decrease taxes. All his recommendations were denied. Only Camp and Hornung are looking out for citizens. Others didn’t even discuss.
Most of you never saw a government program you didn’t like. You know who I’m addressing this to. I realize that the fire department and some of you are attached at the hip for many reasons, mostly selfing, but come on, look at the big picture, not the little one. Government equals waste...personally been there, done that. Think with your brain. Don’t let selfish, special interests dominate your decisions. Bottom line, pretend you that you have stockholders and act accordingly.

Brian L. Kamler
To Council Members Carroll, Snyder, Eskridge and Cook:

I must be missing something or have misunderstood that the City of Lincoln is struggling to bring in more businesses, to create jobs in the private sector, families members out of work and more families going on welfare. We have four City Council Members who think it is important to raise taxes to keep their pet services. As a City Council Member it is your duty to do the hard work to find efficiencies in government. Many of you promised that when you ran for office. That is why you were elected and that is what the citizens expect.

Have you ever taken a hard look that the Tax Forecloser Listing that the County Treasurer prints every year? Many of these listings are of folks that have just been getting by to put food on the table and pay their engery bills. Yes, I know that the City's portion of tax requirements is not the largest, however, it still makes a difference when the budget requests has increased. Don't give me, "It is only so many dollars and cents on a home valued at $100,000". It is still an increase.

We citizens are not blind. When the City wants something like a new building or project, the City never seems to struggle to find the money for that do they? I am very disappointed in the four City Council Members who have vote to retain programs that the Mayor has put on the table, rather than cut spending. Tax and spend, tax and spend still holds true for liberal politicians.

I commend Council Members, Hornung, Camp and Emery for standing their ground and not voting to eliminate the proposed cuts. I believe in giving kudos to the City Council for not increasing the wheel tax and parking fines. At least you realized that this is another form of tax increase.

Sincerely,
Maggie Higgins
Taxpayer and Concerned Citizen
I feel that yesterdays council meeting was a slap in the face to the people of Lincoln that most of you are to afraid to speak against the Mayor. What does he have hanging over your heads. Again I feel this was a total disgrace to every person in the city of Lincoln. A group of third and fourth graders would have better forsight than that. 4 to 2 votes, How Childish?
A very concerned business man and citizen of Lincoln
Jim Crawford
City Council,

I am writing to assure you that my family and I support Jonathon Cook's 6+1 amendment to the proposed city budget so that Lincoln's parks, pools and playgrounds are maintained and the residents of Lincoln continue to enjoy an excellent quality of life.

Jack Bewley
1021 So. 37 th St.
I am opposed to raising taxes before more cuts are made. Library hours can be cut, do all of them need to stay open? It seems as though the one on 27th and South is never very busy.

Maybe up the charge for swimming pools? Maybe the people using these facilities will have to pay for the privilege.

Charge more for parking tickets or a larger fine if not paid within a week.

Our taxes are high enough in the city now so please exhaust ever effort to avoid taxes.

There has to be more creativity in this.

Thank you for your work on this.

Rita Metcalf
Interrlinc: City Council Feedback for General Council

Name: Alan More
Address: 1027 Garfield st 5
City: Lincoln, NE 68502

Phone:
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Email: mralanmore@yahoo.com

Comment or Question:
Council Members,

After a year and a half of watching the city council meetings on ch 5 I can clearly see why Lincoln taxes are so high and has so many. After watching the Budget meeting I could not stand silent anymore without telling you that most of you DO NOT deserve to be sitting and making decisions for Lincoln tax payers. It would have been nice to see how Emery would have voted his grade so far is a c- and could do better. It's an outrage that you have no concern about how many taxes we are already paying and have no second thought about hiking it up and adding more to it or coming up with a new name for another tax.. It's an outrage to see when others like Camp, Hornung spend time to come up with great money saving Idea's to save tax payers from paying more in these very hard times that the 4 selfish inconsiderate irresponsible council members Carroll, Snyder, Cook, Eskridge don't have time to mess with it's just easier to raise their taxes thinking and Your Not Even Willing To Try To Save Tax Dollars And It's Disgusting that you sit on that chair you should do the Lincoln tax payers a favor and save us money by resigning your position. if I didn't have to work late to pay all these taxes you have know problem raising I would come in person & say it to your face... You 4's Performance this last year and a half is An F-That's Failing & you should resign.. To Mr Camp And Mr Hornung you get an A + Mr Camp you should run for mayor Sir you have what it takes and you clearly see whats going on and where we could save money.. The Statement That was Made: EARN THE TRUST OF THE TAX PAYERS OF LINCOLN!!! ITS CLEAR YOU 4 MENTIONED IN THIS LETTER NEED TO LEARN HOW TO DO THAT BUT THEN AGAIN YOU SHOW YOU DON'T CARE ABOUT LINCOLN CITIZENS THATS WHY I SAY RESIGN.

Alan More
I fail to understand why such a simple principle is so difficult to understand for national, state, and local leaders who presumably were elected to their positions because of their business acumen and leadership ability. When you are operating at a deficit you must cut back on spending. Some of those cuts may be painful and many of the cuts won’t be popular. But we are not an ATM machine able to hand out money to every good and worthy cause... some of them simply must rely on the donations of the general public to operate. And if they are indeed a good and worthy cause they will be able to do so.

I have looked at other libraries' schedules across the state and the nation – the proposed cuts in hours were minimal compared to many cities and if we were to be in line with many libraries we would have reduced hours a couple weeknights and closed entirely one or both weekend days. We cannot be all things to all people and it does not make financial sense to have the libraries open late on a Sunday evening when the traffic through the building simply doesn’t warrant such hours.

There are many good organizations to which I donate – both church and civic. When more of my discretionary income is relegated to operations I do not agree with that simply means there are some good organizations I donate to which will be cut out of my monthly budget because you are taking the dollars I had set aside for that use. Good non-profit organizations will suffer and shut down because of your unwillingness to reign in the run-away spending.

Bryan K. Block
4600 A St, Lincoln NE  68510
402-484-6334
I understand that some proposed ideas to help reduce (or possibly eliminate) a tax increase were completely disregarded by some members of the city council. I'm curious as to why. As a person who will potentially be paying more in taxes for my house, my two modest cars, my water and sewer, and my electricity, I'd like to know why some members of the council (especially one who is supposed to represent me - Eskridge) are hell-bent on raising taxes. I sure think we could do without being involved with ICLEI - that would be a start. A quadruple whammy of increases is ridiculous!

I know we'll never be able to cut our way towards a balanced budget, but having an open mind towards other creative ways to keep tax increases down is appreciated.

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Russ Guill
ruugguill@gmail.com
Why are we funding a loss in the city retirement fund? No one is refunding my or any of the people that I know of who lost money in their 401 k’s. Why should city employees be any different than us. Please do not tell me we have no choice. While we are at it lets get down to a 100 percent match on employees retirement. We can do a lot of things besides raise taxes by cleaning up old standing mistakes that have been made. Thank you for your time and please pass this on. Dennis Walls
Greetings,

I would love to mow the city parks at $9/hr please consider offering me a job.

Please consider some other alternatives before raising taxes.

By raising taxes are you saying to the public that you know how to better allocate resources, better than that of the individual of which you will take such resources. Yet we are in a deficit? How can this be?

Best Regards

Ben McEntarffer
Dear Councilmen: It seems you care more for the health of the government than you do the well being of the taxpayers of this community. You make us all poorer by continually confiscating our hard earned wages in the name of the public good. Our wages have not increased but you take more of our remaining income every year. Please rethink your tax increases.

Sincerely,

H. Arnold Wassenberg
8101 Dundee Dr.
402-489-0544
Dear City Council:

I listened yesterday to Mr. Camp offer amendment after amendment as options to lower our taxes or offer debate about alternative budget ideas. But only to hear the Democrats vote down, with haste I might add, everyone of Mr. Camps options. It sounded like stubborn little kids not willing to even listen to ideas. I have never been so discussed with government and all the politics that you guys play. How you are not even ashamed of yourself is beyond me. And where are all the people that what to pay more taxes. I own a business and we are taped out. I have 13 employees and we have been taking benefits away from them because the company can't absorb the cost anymore. Next time at least humor us and act like you care enough about the citizens of Lincoln and not just your party. Don't give up Mr. Camp.

Sincerely:
Phil Epp

http://www.eset.com
I was appalled as I listened to your votes yesterday on KLIN Drive Time. There are four of you that passed an opportunity to hold the line on higher taxes. You didn’t even hesitate when better options were put before you. Bigger government is the reason our economy is in the state it is in. I’m sure the four of you were thinking it’s just a little tax increase. What you didn’t think of is that this increase will be her with us from here on. I would encourage the four of you who voted to have the increase, will reconsider. As with the federal government, our problem is the spending and growth of government that is the problem. Correct that and the revenue problems will take care of themselves. I am about as disgusted with you as I am with the House and Senate and our great leader that hasn’t a clue how to lead. Garry Zager
I am so tired of politicians raising taxes when they can’t think of something more creative to do. How many of us can go to our employers and just tell them “Sorry, our budget just isn’t working and I need more money or I demand more money”. However, WE can’t do that. We have to make cuts in our budgets to be able to pay for all the increases in taxes, food, gas, etc.

If you are like me and your office was closed after 28 years, you are now on a fixed income and praying all your hard work and savings will be enough.

You need to think of the average tax payer here. If people want to pay more, then let them. Let them put their money where their mouths are.

Sincerely,

Peg Reutzel
Can't believe you want to raise taxes but not ever cut any services. Where are we suppose to get more money? We're retired and can't make ends meet now! Thanks for nothing.

Ron Mellen
6735 Aylesworth
Lincoln, NE
Council People,

For many years, the City of Lincoln Government as well as the Federal Government, has been philosophically going down the wrong path. In both cases the size and cost of government is growing much faster than the ability of the private sector to fund. Government does not fund itself.

Government is a necessary overhead of a free society. Too much overhead makes a society less free. There needs to be a proper balance.

History documents this with many similar civilizations. It is time to shrink the size of government, and to limit its size to a manageable state.

To that end, please establish a budget that begins to limit the size of the City Government. There should be no need to raise taxes; property or any other kind. Please correct the budget so that any property tax increase becomes unnecessary.

Thank you,

Steve Bowen
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Lincoln, NE 68526
(402) 610-8880
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for General Council

Name: Anne Deterding
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Email: dings@aol.com

Comment or Question:
Council Members,
Listening to some of your comments regarding various issues on "Drive Time Lincoln" with Coby Mach has left me frustrated with your priorities. Anyone who has any experience with business knows that a community who wants to stay vibrant must attract and keep quality businesses. Why would you people want to cut $200,000 from the Chamber of Commerce's program that attracts new business? If jobs are created, it broadens the tax base......thus alleviating many of the problems that we as a city face. Instead, your priority over that would be an ineffective city IT department that does not create revenue but is an expense. It does not produce ANYTHING! You choose to fund that at full capacity when it is losing customers. That makes no sense to me! Raise taxes even though sales receipts coming in are way higher than expected and instead sneak in more funding for parks and RECREATION while roads are sadly in need of repair. These are your priorities.....Really? Your liberal positions for a conservative community are speaking volumes about you. This community was reassured that when we voted for the arena the restaurant tax would be temporary. Here we go again....more creative accounting, ie moving light bulb maintenance to LES....they will pass it down to us (which translates to a tax), higher wheel tax(more tax), and higher fees and parking tickets (higher tax) perhaps designed or hidden so its easier to swallow...maybe people won't notice. What makes you people think that you are entitled to our hard earned money? My husband and I have made the sacrifices over the years that many others have not so that we could get ahead, just so you and the federal government can require us to give it to you. What incentive do we have to work hard anymore? So we can hand it over to you people to make these pathetic decisions and never be accountable to anyone? We need to get back to the basics....no frills approach and restore faith with the taxpayer. When I drive around the city, I see all these fancy projects being done while the sewers and roads fall apart. More bond issues! I ask again, where are your priorities? Are you going to kill the golden goose? Then who will you go to take money from? I guarantee that my husband and I could make way better decisions than this sad council can make with the good citizens' tax money. Would you go to your neighbor and ask them for money for a trip to Vegas while your children went without shoes? First, if you borrowed money from a neighbor, you would be careful how you spent it. Second, your priority would not be a frivolous trip to Vegas. It would be to provide the necessities first. I hope you council members and the mayor will do the right thing and re-consider this tax hike and this budget. Another thing that is maddening is that you always go to closing the libraries, the pools, just like LPS always used to threaten to cut buses when they wanted more money. I guarantee those items are drops in bucket designed only to upset and coerce people into agreeing to higher taxes. Shame on you people. This is not leadership.....it is the opposite of leadership. The same goes for Mayor Chris Buetler and all his little surveys and polls. Its
sad really. And I ask again, where are your priorities? You were elected to do a job, so stop being complacent and get in there and fight for us, the little guy, the people who pay all the taxes. Quit fighting for big government. By the way, my husband works for big business (who some might consider evil). I have never considered big business evil. Its allowed us to have a good life and has allowed Lincoln to stay vibrant. Change your perspective, won't you? Change your priorities. We, the silent majority, are watching.
I am a 32-year old husband and father of two, born and raised in and around this community. I've owned two homes. When we purchased our last home, we bought an older home that needed work and was less valuable than our previous home. We didn't do this because our incomes decreased, but the high property tax rates certainly played a factor. Continued increases in the already extraordinary wheel and property taxes will only serve to chase people like me out of the community, and I can point to numerous peers who have left over the last few years and gone to other markets in surrounding states where taxes are lower.

I've never contacted the council before. I vote, and I pay attention, but I normally have better things to do with my time. The near-universal campaign message of 'property tax relief' from council members is once again revealed to be a false promise when it comes time to make a hard decision to reduce spending.

People like me are your current and future tax base, your source of investment and economic growth in the community, and we aren't going to nag you about keeping your promises every day. We're just going to go elsewhere, and leave you wondering what happened to your tax revenue.

I strongly encourage you to find alternatives to these tax increases, and find ways to reduce government spending, even if it causes some difficulties in the short term. Thank you for your time.

Armen Badeer
Dear City Council,

I will be out of town on August 8th so I cannot attend the budget hearing but I am in favor of increasing property taxes in lieu of closing pools, libraries and discontinuing needed public services. I’m not sure of all the reasons for this gap in the budget, but I definitely believe a modest increase in property tax after an 18 year hiatus is in order.

I can’t imagine 90 parks closed with overgrown weeds and undesirables loitering around them. Kids will still try to go there, they won’t understand.

Having seen the incredible effort needed to put out the huge downtown fire in the bitter cold of January, I don’t see why we would even consider cuts of 12 more firefighters. Why would anyone want to do that?

We need our swimming pools! Three generations of my family have grown up splashing in them and keeping cool in these dog days of summer. Not everyone is fortunate enough to have central air conditioning and a private pool to enjoy.

You can’t stop buses. People depend on those to get to work, get their groceries, go to doctor appointments. An elderly person can’t walk in 90 degree heat or sub zero temperatures for that matter. And speaking of our elderly, I can’t understand how slashing programs for them would be smart. They need help to stay active and healthy which in turn helps keep healthcare costs down and improves their quality of life. They paid their dues and supported this beautiful city and to pull the rug out from under them at their time of greatest need is low, really low.

Our roads have to be fixed! Last winter was devastating. I could barely drive down some streets the pot holes were so bad. I felt like I was driving a covered wagon down the Oregon Trail. Is that the image we want visitors to have ingrained in their minds, that we live in a second rate town with no idea how to keep up our roads and protect our expensive automobiles.

I could live with one less day of library services but of course that can’t be a Saturday or Sunday. Those are the busiest days. In fact, the whole matter may be a wash since closing one day will only increase foot traffic on the other days which may require more staff to address.

The list goes on and on.

If the property tax increase is as low as $3.50 per month for a $150,000 house, then I say go for it. It’ll be cheaper than getting my car realigned every year if nothing else.

Sincerely,

Cathy Lohmeier
Lincoln, NE 68510
as small business owners, we vehemently oppose raising taxes WITHOUT FIRST exploring other options. It has become far too easy to use tax increases to solve our budget woes, e.g. CONGRESS, the FEDERAL RESERVE, etc. jim and lori johnson
Mary M. Meyer

From: Andy Ringsmuth [andyring@inebraska.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 27, 2011 11:18 AM
To: Council Packet; Mayor
Subject: Budget process

City council members:

I participated in the budget forum a month or so ago and while I found it informative, I also thought it was considerably closed-minded and biased towards steering people into supporting increased taxes. No matter what the level of government, any time money is tight, be it the federal government on down, the mantra is always the same - police/firefighter/teachers. Granted, this discussion excludes teachers, but I assume you get my point.

It seems to me that our City Council is just nickel-and-diming this budget process because, quite frankly, you don't have the cojones to attack the real problem - wages and benefits.

Here is my proposal - reduce the retirement match for ALL city employees to AT LEAST a 1:2 match (city pays 50% match) or 1:3 (city pays 33.3% match) and health care benefits paid at 50 percent (employee pays half, city pays half). I bet the cost savings there would be quite significant, and probably easily enough to cover our shortfall without closing fire stations, pools, etc.

If I were king-for-a-day, I would tell the various unions to take this offer or else I'd fire every unionized employee and re-hire them as a non-union employee for the same job but with the above described benefits package. THAT is leadership. To hell with this CIR crap and union members riding high while those paying their wages/benefits (us taxpayers) take it in the shorts.

It absolutely disgusted me that at Monday's city council meeting, every single one of Mr. Camp's budget ideas was immediately voted down by the same four (Democrat) council members. That alone is rock-solid proof that you are NOT serious about this whole process, and that you view the only solution as yanking even more money out of my increasingly thin wallet.

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Mary M. Meyer

From: ahersch@neb.rr.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 27, 2011 12:36 PM
To: Council Packet; Mayor; Greg S. MacLean
Subject: Old Cheney

July 27, 2011

Dear Mayor & City Council,

Please do not compromise on the widening of Old Cheney. Build the project as recommended by the City Engineers. That mile of road is not like other examples cited by opponents to the full project. We need right and left turn lanes for safety because of the schools north and south of the road. Many cars will need to move out of the traffic lanes to slow down, as cars will be zooming along at 45-50 mph. Jon Camp says "the citizens" favor the smaller project. NOT TRUE. Those "citizens" are a handful of people who built swimming pools and/or planted trees in the ROW.

We have lived in Edenton South for 23 years, and travel Old Cheney in both directions every day. Lincoln needs that thoroughfare. Thanks!

Alan & Donna Hersch
I am concerned about the discussions regarding the upcoming budget vote. From what I have heard on the news and read in the newspaper, it appears that there is a political split on the council that should be put aside for the good of the City as a whole. I really hope that when the budget vote comes up for ratification next week, each of you set aside this favoritism and be open minded to some alternative solutions to some very serious choices.

Each and everyone of the members on the council have stated openly to one group or another in public forums, that they would not add to the tax burden of the citizens of Linclon. As such, I am confident you will stand by your commitment to all of us and vote against a property tax increase, wheel tax increase or the like, when the final vote is taken.
The City Council is dealing with a very difficult budget year. I want to thank you all for looking at the budget and the services that they provide the citizens of our community.

I firmly believe the quality of life we all enjoy in Lincoln is worth fighting for - and I also believe that my family can afford the small investment that is proposed to protect our quality of life. Libraries, parks, recreation, public safety and roads all contribute to that quality of life.

Thanks so much for serving our city. Many times it is a thankless job, but your efforts on behalf of the citizens of Lincoln are greatly appreciated.

Kathy Danek
We feel that you should really sit down and take a look at this to see if there are any other creative ways to help with the cities budget besides raising taxes.
It is not the answer to everything.
Dear City of Lincoln Council Members,

I’m writing to express my sincere hope that you will work against the laying off of Lincoln’s library staff positions. As I’m sure you are aware, the libraries provide a great and essential public service to our community, and are often one of the best resources for otherwise under-served populations. Cutting these full-time staff positions will not only be a grave blow in an already difficult time for the librarians affected, but also weakens the quality of the libraries overall. Full time librarians are devoted and dedicated professionals who believe in the importance of their work. They have committed time and resources to securing an advanced degree to allow them to serve their community in this position. If displaced by budget cuts now, these professionals will be forced to seek other employment and may not return to the public libraries in the future, taking their talents and dedication elsewhere. I do appreciate that this is a challenging time and that the way forward requires unpopular decisions, but I hope that compromising the educational resources of our community is a sacrifice that we do not have to make at this juncture.

Thank you for your time, and for the work that you do on behalf of our city.

Sincerely,

Sabrina Ehmke
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for General Council

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Comment or Question:
Cut Cap and Balance. just like the feds are trying to do. Do it now before you run into big problems. Lets live within our means and sometimes it means cutting bus service, library hours, pools, park maintainance, closing fire stations that are not efficient,just to name a few. We need to cut and make citizens find different ways to get the job done!!! All this means is dont raise taxes, and fees, and anything else you can think of to generate money... cut!!!
As president of the Eastridge Neighborhood Association, I hope you will consider Jonathan Cook's 6+1 suggestion for tax increases. I would also like to add that I feel our taxes are not too high, and that we could increase them more than is being proposed by Mayor Beutler.

Thank you,
Carolyn Brandle
I am writing to support the Mayor’s proposed budget including the proposed increase in property taxes. The increase is nominal and the city’s tax levy is less than most of the larger cities in NE. It is a mistake to continue to use one-time funds to balance the budget. The mill levy is about half of what it was several years ago. Had the levy not been reduced so drastically in those years when the city was experiencing unusually large sales tax receipts, and instead been invested into infrastructure, we would be a better city today. We would not be so far behind in the infrastructure needs we now face. Instead, we pacified the “no tax” contingent and made political points for the mayor at the time by lowering the tax levy. We should have taken a longer view and taken advantage of the opportunity to invest in the city.

It is like a farmer having an exceptional year due to high grain prices. When the exceptional year, or period of years, comes along should he cut back on acres farmed because the great prices already provide enough income to meet expenses? Or would it make sense to continue to farm it all and use the additional income to reinvest in new equipment or put funds away for the rainy day? Seems like some thought the sales taxes would roll in forever and now the bar has been set too low for the City’s only other significant source of revenue, property taxes. Why is it that the rate that was thought right in the years of exceptional sales tax collections has become exactly the right amount for now? Is it because some are just obsessed with the thought of a “tax increase” and don’t really make an effort to determine what a reasonable tax rate for our city really is?
Don’t sell the citizens of Lincoln short. We want and need strong public safety services. Money spent on Parks, Libraries Pools and other quality of like services are not frills. Also street repairs are a priority.

Rick Urwiler  
3700 Calvert Street  
Lincoln, NE 68506
I support the Mayor's proposed budget & encourage the Council to support it.

Rebecca Gaston-Wise
To: City Council

I am writing on behalf of the Irvingdale Neighborhood Association Board. We have also taken into consideration the concerns of our adjacent neighborhoods of Everett and Near South. Specifically, the Irvingdale Neighborhood Association Board supports property tax increase to keep our quality of life. This is consistent with the desires of the Everett Neighborhood Association as expressed to you by Pat Anderson-Sifuentes, President, Everett Neighborhood Association.

The “Tough Decisions” (6-11-11) e-mail sent from the Mayor’s office makes it clear that Lincoln may have to adapt to austere conditions in 2012. At the city level, we face either increased taxes or a declining community quality of life. Already in 2011, we have seen a decline in pool hours to save money. The debate for 2012 is turning to the closure of pools and libraries. This letter represents the neighborhoods’ desire to support our communities by keeping our parks and libraries open in 2012 at the 2010 level.

The 80% reduction of pool hours in 2011 over 2010 has been debilitating for many families. It is frustrating to see the Irvingdale Pool closed on sweltering evenings as the heat index extends above 100 degrees. Climate change increases our evening temperatures and increases the duration of heat waves. In this new climate reality, public pools are a necessity for public health. More than ever, community pools are essential to cooling off in the evenings. It is ironic that in 2010 the evening pool family hours were reduced by 80% just when the impact of higher temperatures and heat waves were felt.

Beyond a health necessity, the pools are also a social necessity. The parks, and especially pools, represent natural places where families from bordering neighborhoods socialize. That socializing between neighborhoods strengthens the community as a whole. This is especially true of Irvingdale, Near South, and Everett. These neighborhoods increasingly represent distinct socioeconomic classes. As such, there is the threat that the neighborhood boundaries are becoming more than just lines on a map. The threat is that the lines represent socioeconomic barriers to cooperation between neighborhoods. This has been recognized by our three neighborhood associations. Our associations commenced joint meetings and activities in 2011 to overcome the socioeconomic barriers that are arising. We have discussed efforts between Irvingdale and Near South to support Prescott School development and street safety. Everett and Irvingdale have worked on joint neighborhood clean up and also on improvements to Rudge Park and Stransky Park. Irvingdale Park serves as the main attraction to our neighborhoods by virtue of its pool. The Lincoln Parks and Recreation staff have perennially maintained Irvingdale park and pool in wonderful condition. The aforementioned neighborhoods have come to rely on the Irvingdale Park and pool as the key recreation area in our immediate area. If our pool is closed, it will be a negative development for the surrounding neighborhoods and put an increasing burden on our neighborhood associations to find activities for our children in summer.

Closure of pools or reduction of hours has been threatened before and the community responded in 2002. In 2002, the Lincoln Parks and Recreation Foundation raised money to extend pool hours. In that year the Irvingdale Neighborhood Association initiated a "Keep ‘Em Wet" Campaign to extend the pool season at Irvingdale Pool and restore evening hours. The neighborhood raised $2,400 and City Council Member Jonathan Cook contributed $5,000 to the campaign. This shows that there is a history of community support for
the pool. In the current economy, repeating this community-based pool support will be a greater challenge, especially if the economic crisis continues for several years. It is simply impractical to for the city to walk away from its support for pools and parks.

   The libraries represent another important city contribution to our community. As the economic decline affects the family economics, libraries will become even more important in the coming years. Families in our neighborhoods rely on the public library as an important complement to the school libraries for our children’s assignments. For many families the library is an essential economic resource as well by providing internet or computer access and help with taxes. The weekend reading groups is another social function that supports cohesion across our neighborhoods. The availability of books, dvds and other media will be increasingly important to our families in more austere economic times.

   It would be ironic if economics forced the city to close our pools and library just as our neighborhood associations begin working together on common goals. These facilities are not expendable luxuries for our community. They are essential to many of our families and key places for the interaction between our neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

Karl Reinhard on behalf of the Irvingdale Neighborhood Association
2020 Smith Street
Lincoln 68502

Karl Reinhard
Professor, Environmental Archaeology and Forensic Science
Fulbright Senior Specialist, Botanical Archaeology
kreinhard1@mac.com
I. CITY CLERK

II. CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE MAYOR & DIRECTORS

MAYOR
1. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor Beutler’s public schedule for the week of July 30, 2011 through August 5, 2011.
2. NEWS RELEASE. “Lincoln Cares” celebrates completed projects.

III. DIRECTORS

FINANCE/TREASURER

CITY LIBRARIES
1. One Book - One Lincoln voting deadline near.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1. Urban Design Committee meeting agenda for Wednesday, August 3, 2011.

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES/ENGINEERING
1. Information from Thomas Shafer, Design/Construction Manager, on possibly removing the sidewalk on the south side of Old Cheney.
2. Correspondence from Thomas Shafer, Design/Construction Manager, regarding costs associated with right turn lanes and medians on the Old Cheney project.
3. Councilman Doug Emery’s responding to Thomas Shafer, No. 1 above, on the south sidewalk removal along the Old Cheney project.
4. Greg MacLean, Public Works & Utilities Director, commenting on Councilman Emery’s correspondence on the south sidewalk removal along the Old Cheney project.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT
1. David Landis, Urban Development Director, answering Councilwoman Jayne Snyder’s inquiry on CIP Project #0627 Parking Meters.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

GENE CARROLL
1. Marian Malone, seriously concerned on Mayor’s proposal to cut Saturday StarTran service. Please stand up for Lincoln’s most vulnerable citizens and save Saturday service.
JONATHAN COOK
1. Correspondence from Kathy Jackson, with photos, stating how city employees responded quickly and courteously when a large tree limb fell across two driveways. This is what tax dollars go for, the help of the city when citizens need help. City workers are appreciated.
2. V. J. Nelson. Thank you for your time and leadership. See discontent over what amounts to a very modest tax increase.

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS TO COUNCIL
1. Father Joseph Finn. Support a zoning change to ban sexually oriented businesses in downtown Lincoln.
2. Robert Ellis. Old Cheney Rod needs changing but don’t go to the ultimate extreme and waste a million dollars.
4. Mary Reeves. In support of the 6+1 amendment to support parks, pools and infrastructure.
5. J. R. Brown. Memo in regarding to Change of Zone #11024.
   a) J. R. Brown, President, North Hills Homeowner’s Association, writing in support of Change of Zone 11024, after raising a couple remaining concerns.
6. Lois Dam. Vote for the raised median and turn lanes on Old Cheney.

VI. INVITATIONS
See invitation list.
Date: July 29, 2011
Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule
Week of July 30 through August 5, 2011
Schedule subject to change

Sunday, July 31
• Quinn Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church 140th anniversary choir concert - 3 p.m., 1225 S. 9th St.

Wednesday, August 3
• “Chefs in the City” (Food Bank of Lincoln benefit), celebrity judging - 7 p.m., Schaefer’s Electronics, 4700 “R” St.

Thursday, August 4
• Lincoln Public Schools New Teacher Breakfast, remarks - 7:30 a.m., Embassy Suites, 1040 “P” St.
• News conference - 9:45 a.m, topic and location to be announced

Friday, August 5
• KFOR - 7:45 a.m.
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7511, fax 420-441-7120

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 29, 2011
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831
Lynn Johnson, Parks and Recreation, 402-441-8265
Susan Larson Rodenburg, Lincoln Cares 402-440-3227

“LINCOLN CARES” CELEBRATES COMPLETED PROJECTS

Mayor Chris Beutler today that three more Parks and Recreation projects have been completed with funds from Lincoln Cares, a community donation program which allows Lincoln Electric System (LES) customers to voluntarily add one dollar to their monthly bill payments for projects not included in the City budget. The projects are Smoke Signal restoration in Pioneers Park, Witherbee Park enhancement and the solar-heated pool demonstration project at Woods Pool.

“Since Lincoln Cares began eight years ago, LES customers have donated more than $577,000 through this public-private partnership,” said Beutler. “Direct donations, partnerships and matching funds have raised the total to more than a million dollars. This has had a huge impact on our Parks system and has added to the quality of life for everyone in our community.”

The Smoke Signal sculpture created by Ellis Burman in 1935 is a landmark in Pioneers Park. The 16-foot cast concrete piece sits on a Dakota Sandstone outcropping and depicts Chief Red Cloud sending a smoke signal with a blanket. The project included cleaning and sealing the concrete, enhancing the landscape, restoring the retaining wall and creating fiberglass feathers to replace those lost to vandalism. Lincoln Cares provided $20,000, which was matched with a $20,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts Access to Artistic Excellence Fund.

The enhancement of the Witherbee Park Play Area at 46th and “O” streets continues the City’s emphasis on providing outdoor play and activity areas in neighborhoods to help the development of social, physical and cognitive development in children. Lincoln Cares provided $20,000, which was matched with $6,000 from the Witherbee Neighborhood Association, $1,000 from a Modern Woodmen Good Neighbors Grant, donated materials including benches by TMCO, Inc., and a large volunteer effort.

Solar panels have been installed on the roof of the mechanical building serving Woods Pool at 33rd and “J” streets. Pool water is pumped to the panels where it is pre-heated by the sun's energy before passing through the traditional water heater powered by natural gas. The solar heating reduces the pool’s overall energy consumption. The system can be expanded to increase the water heating capabilities of the solar panels.

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The 2011 Lincoln Cares projects include Nebraska’s Centennial Mall; Sherman Field support facilities; the Jayne Snyder Trails Center at Union Plaza; street trees; Pioneers Park Nature Center endowment for animal care; a spectator seating shade structure at Densmore Park; and Parker’s Pals Scholarships. A complete listing of all Lincoln Cares projects is available at: www.lincolncares.org

“Thank you to everyone who contributes each month with their LES payment,” said Lincoln Parks and Recreation Director Lynn Johnson. “These important dollars are used to make needed improvements in our parks, and to provide scholarship opportunities for low-income youth to participate in a variety of recreation programs and activities,”

Lincoln Cares offers several donation options:
- LES customers can add one dollar to their bill payments each month.
- Those who pay LES through automatic bank billing can add Lincoln Cares to their payments each month by calling LES at 402-475-4211.
- Donations also can be mailed directly to the Lincoln Parks Foundation, 2740 “A” Street, Box 201, Lincoln, NE 68502
- Donations also are accepted online at LincolnCares.org.

More information on Lincoln Cares is available by calling 402-441-8264 or visiting LincolnCares.org
OFFICE OF TREASURER, CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

JULY 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 June 30, 2011:

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I also hold as City Treasurer, securities in the amount of $206,891,207.65 representing authorized investments of the City's funds.

**ATTEND:**

[Signatures]

Melinda J. Jones, City Treasurer
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:  July 29, 2011
CONTACT:  Barbara Hansen
E-MAIL:  b.hansen@lincolnlibraries.org
PHONE:  402-441-8512

One Book - One Lincoln Voting Deadline Near

The voting deadline for the selection of the 2011 One Book - One Lincoln title is near. Voting closes Sunday evening, July 31st. Ballots are available at all Lincoln City Libraries' locations or online at www.lincolnlibraries.org.

The title selected by this community vote will be announced September 6, 2011.

Barbara Hansen
Administrative Aide
Lincoln City Libraries
402-441-8512
URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE

Notice is hereby given that the URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE will hold a meeting on Wednesday, August 3, 2011 at 3:00 p.m., County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, in Room 214 on the 2nd Floor. For more information, please contact the Lincoln City/Lancaster County Planning Department, (402) 441-7491.

AGENDA
August 3, 2011

1. Approval of meeting notes from the regular meeting of June 1, 2011 and July 6, 2011.
2. Design for Near South neighborhood sign at pocket park, NW corner of South 27th and South Street
3. Draft 2040 Comprehensive Plan, especially Chapter 4: "Placemaking."
4. Staff Report: Misc.
From: Thomas S. Shafer  
Subject: Old Cheney Information Request: South sidewalk removal

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Many numbers have been discussed in assessing potential changes to the Old Cheney project, including a $1 million figure. In order to ensure that decisions were being considered on actual costs, I have put together the following for the Council’s consideration.

1) **What is the true cost of adding a right-turn lane on the Old Cheney Rd. project?**

   a. CAD analysis indicates there are approximately 388 CY of concrete per turn lane + 2091 SF of ROW (Taking) + 1513 SF of Permanent Easement (PE).

   \[
   \begin{align*}
   388 \text{ CY} & \times 9" \text{ PCC w/Integral Curb} \times $30 \text{ per CY} = $11,640 \\
   2,091 \text{ SF} & \times $3 \text{ per SF} = $6,273 \\
   1,513 \text{ SF} & \times $2.70 \text{ per SF} = $4,085
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   **Total:** $22,000 (rounded) per turn lane for the six right turns into residential areas for a grand total of approximately $132,000

2) **What is the difference in costs between the raised (grassed) median and a Two-Way Left Turn Lane (TWLTL)?**

   a. A Two-Way Left Turn Lane would create higher initial costs
      i. Raised median- 6,600 feet of curb can be constructed for approximately $85,000
      ii. 2-way left turn lane- 14’ wide center turn lane of 9” PCC costs around $160,000
         ***Therefore, it would cost an additional $75,000 to change from a raised median to a two-way left turn lane, an 88% increase in costs.***

   b. A Two-Way Left Turn Lane would create higher on-going maintenance costs
      i. Pavement marking will be required with the center turn lane that must be refreshed periodically.
      ii. Additional street sweeping operations
      iii. Additional Snow Removal of the center turn lane
      iv. Less area between curb and sidewalk to place that additional snow means property owners on the south and city-taxpayers on the north must remove and then remove again snow as it is piled up fills the green space and then encroaches onto the adjacent sidewalk.
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Hi Doug,

I thought I better weigh in on this. I too have wondered about the west side of 70th St. north of Old Cheney, because it looks and feels like the wall is right up against the traffic lane. I must admit that I do not know all the particulars of how that section came to be constructed without a sidewalk, but I do know a few other things about it that deserve to be cleared up.

First of all, the section of 70th north of Old Cheney was constructed prior to 2000 and it was designed without an Ordinance that required turn lanes or medians. Ironically, the Ordinance we're working with today was put in place, at least in part, to solidify design parameters and avoid situations like what we have on the west side of 70th.

Secondly, there are no streets or sidewalks that connect to 70th on the west side between Old Cheney and Antler Dr. In fact, there are signalized pedestrian crossings at Old Cheney and just north of Antler Dr. where the sidewalks do connect with 70th. This is not the case on Old Cheney, where there are three streets with sidewalks that intersect Old Cheney on the south side. On 70th St it's not a perfect situation, and not a situation that PWU proposed or would recommend, but it is somewhat different than Old Cheney.

Finally, as I mentioned previously, my eyes tell me the wall is right up against the traffic lane too. However, I know that is not the case. After receiving your email, Thomas Shafer went out to the site to measure the distance. Thomas is 5'-7" tall (without his Engineer Hat on). He laid down with his head against the wall, and his heels went an inch past the back of the curb. Our curbs are 6" wide, so if you add 6" to Thomas' 5'-7" you get the 6' dimension. I've attached a photo of Thomas laying down so you can see the actual distance. (By the way, I don't recommend anyone else doing this, particularly if you are taller than 6'!)

So, the wall on the west side of 70th north of Old Cheney is really not an example that shows we can place a wall closer than 6' from the curb. In fact, I think it shows how a wall that is 6' away seems much closer than it really is.

You also mentioned that the proposed sidewalk on the south side of Old Cheney would not connect to sidewalks at either 70th or 84th streets. At 70th, there is an existing sidewalk on the southeast corner that will connect the proposed sidewalks and crosswalks in all directions. On the east end, the project ends at 82nd street where it connects to the existing full-width paving section. At this location, there is an existing sidewalk on the south side (and north side) that continues east along the north side of Lincoln Christian school to 84th St. In fact, there are existing sidewalks on both sides of the streets that connect to Old Cheney on the south side (80th, 77th, and Cross Creek). Pedestrians from the neighborhood south of Old Cheney must use these existing sidewalks to travel north and would have to cross Old Cheney to get to the proposed bike path on the north side, and only 77th street will have a signalized pedestrian crossing.

Finally, you mentioned the snow removal issue, and I agree that is a hardship. There are a couple of other possible solutions, but neither seem to be more palatable. The first option would be to construct the sidewalk on top of the wall with a handrail. This design would allow the property owners to access the sidewalk at their yard level, but unfortunately, it would require that the owner's fence (and property line) be 5 feet closer to their house...
and we'd still need the 6' at the base of the wall to the curb. It would also require extra space at the corners to allow the sidewalk to safely slope down to the street grade. Another solution would be to construct the project without the retaining walls and simply slope the grade back from the sidewalk until it matched grade in the adjacent property owners back yard. This move alone would save about $500,000 on the project, (minus $1,000,000 for walls and plus $500,000 for property) but would absolutely result in more lost yards, trees and in some cases, pools. So, even though the issue of access to the sidewalk to remove snow is legitimate, I hope you can see that it is a result of developing a design to minimize larger impacts to the adjacent properties. In other areas of town, homeowners associations typically contract to remove snow in these types of situations.

Sorry for the long email! Since we have heard many questions and concerns, I think it is very important that we thoroughly examine everything and explain all of our rationale. PWU is not emotionally attached to the design, but we certainly understand (and are sensitive to) property owners emotional attachment to their property. To that end, we have taken off our "engineer hats" many times through the design of this project, and the list of adjustments we've made so far proves it. We've lowered the design speed to change the grades, we've narrowed the parkways along the right turn lanes, and many more. Each of these adjustments required engineers to figure out how to make them work. My design team has worked overtime and been very creative to minimize the space needed to build the project as required. In the end however, state statute and our professional ethics require that we have our "engineer hats on" when the final plans are Sealed and advertised for construction.

We will be prepared to address any and all questions Monday.

Thanks,

Greg

From: Dougemerypm@aol.com [Dougemerypm@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2011 2:21 PM
To: Thomas S. Shafer; Council Packet; Eugene W. Carroll; Adam A. Hornung; Jon Camp; Doug Emery; Jonathan A. Cook; Carl B. Eskridge; Jayne L. Snyder; jcookcc@aol.com; Rick D. Hoppe; Greg S. MacLean; Trish A. Owen; Jsnyder2@neb.rr.com; ahornung@scudderlaw.com; JonCamp@LincolnHaymarket.com
Subject: Re: Old Cheney Information Request: South sidewalk removal

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City Council Members:

Thank you Councilwoman Snyder for your inquiry for additional information on Urban Development's CIP Project #0627 Parking Meters. The current parking meters are coming to the end of their life cycle. In the last 15 years since the current meters were purchased, there has been a technology change. Parts are still available for the existing meters but they no longer have software support and received the last technology update over two years ago. There was an option sixteen years ago when the current meters were purchased to allow the use of a prepaid card. This prepaid card similar to a gift card was specific to parking meters and was never a true credit card option. We could continue to purchase coin only meters for $400 each, solar meters for $500 each or multi-space meters which would cost thousands per meter. We have chosen to go the solar meter route with a credit card option which we feel reflects consumer choice. We will continue to re-use the current meters in outlying areas until funding is available to replace all 2,250 meters.

Sincerely,

Dave Landis
July 27, 2011

Gene Carroll
City Council Chambers
City County Building
555 S. 10th St
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Mr. Carroll:

I am writing to you because I am seriously concerned about Mayor Beutler’s proposal to cut Saturday Star Tran Service. For many of us, bus service is not a luxury but a necessity. Saturday service is just as important as service during the week. Many people who can’t or choose not to drive work on Saturday or use that day to complete important errands.

It really concerns me to learn that the City Council didn’t back the mayor up about closing any pools or libraries but seemed to agree with him about cutting back Star Tran service. While pools and libraries are nice, they are a luxury.

Even though I’m an avid bus rider, I’m not writing this letter entirely for myself. I do a lot of charity work, which forces me to come into contact with people who desperately need public transportation. Our city had better be sensitive to the needs of the elderly and disabled. In years to come, those two groups may make the larger part of our population. Cutting bus service on Saturday or any day would effect Lincoln’s most vulnerable citizens.

There are other ways the city could save money. Perhaps some bus routes could be tweaked. For instance, the Saturday Arapahoe bus wouldn’t have to go to South Pointe every trip. Many of us bus riders would be willing to pay a little more fare and not lose the service. I would gladly pay $5.00 more for my monthly bus pass.

Not only is the bus the most economical form of travel, it is also the most sensible. If more people used public transportation, there would be less pollution.

Please stand up for Lincoln’s most vulnerable citizens and do what you can to save Saturday service. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Marian L. Malone
5503 S. 31st, #10
Lincoln, NE 68516
All I hear about in the newspaper is everyone carping about property tax and sounding like all the city employees are pretty much bums on the dole. I just wanted to let you know how pleased I was with the response from the city to an incident on my block last night. Last evening a large tree limb gave way and fell across a couple of driveways, this was before any rain, wind etc so it just fell out of the blue. Fortunately for all it missed both cars and people. The Public Works guys were here first thing to cut up and carry away the limb and the Park & Recreation guys were here a couple of hours later to trim up the tree the limb came from. All the workers were really nice and answered questions. They made short work of both jobs and you wouldn't be able to tell that anything happened. That is what MY TAX DOLLARS go for, the help of the city when we need it.

Just wanted to let you know that city workers are appreciated.

Kathy Jackson
611 S 32
Lincoln, NE
July 29, 2011

Dear Councilman Cook,

Your leadership is so important at a time like this when grumbling over what really amounts to a very modest tax increase threatens to overtake public approval.

The city of Lincoln provides wonderful services for her citizens—parks, libraries, transportation and a safety net for those who need it most. We're proud of our representatives who know this comes at a cost and will defend the way of life that makes our community so special.

Thank you for your time and your leadership.

Very truly yours,

"VJ Nelson"
July 28, 2011

1420 K Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

City Council Office
555 S. 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear City Council Members:

I encourage you to support a zoning change that would ban sexually oriented businesses in downtown Lincoln. This would prevent businesses such as the Viper Room/Drunken Monkey from operating a strip club in the downtown area. Although I am a downtown resident, I do not want these businesses to be located anywhere.

Sexually oriented businesses have devastating effects. These businesses contribute to sexual addictions, sexual crimes, broken marriages, separation, and divorce. Sex offenders are drawn to these businesses. Women are treated as objects. The perverted activities degrade the dignity of marriage and human sexuality. The beauty of love is replaced by the degeneracy of lust.

Thank you for your service and your consideration.

Sincerely,

Father Joseph Finn

Fr. Joe Finn
1420 K St.
Lincoln, NE 68508
I have lived in Lincoln for over 80 years and now I have heard the worst idea yet in roads repair. I agree that changing Old Cheney Road from 70th to 84th is a good idea but to go to the ultimate extreme and waste a million dollars just because some engineer wants to go overboard on an wild idea of making an interchange that is not only stupid but ridiculous. Someone should tell the engineer that the city is short of funds. Don't you think that we should be a little more careful with our (the tax payers) money. I would be glad to show you some real goofs the engineering dept has made but now when the city is short of money doesn't it make sense to spread the money around. I know it is real easy to spend the tax payers money but just wasting it is a sin.

I don't live in the area but I have talked to some in the area –most have lived in the area for many, many years- none could see why you can justify wasting money. It seems to be only because some engineer wants it. Why don't someone explain to the engineer that the city don't have money to satisfy his desire to make a grand mistake. I have heard that it is just the democrats that want this to go through but I tell each of the democrats that I have been a democrat longer than any of you have been alive. I always thought the democrats were for saving money—not wasting it. How are some people that are out of work, trying to feed a family and pay their bills going to like the city wasting a million dollars and then have a raise on their property tax. I would guess the city council will hear from all the tax payers when they get the real story and then get a tax increase also.

I have travelled Old Cheney many a time when I lived in that area. The engineering dept told me years ago that they were going to fix south 56th street from where they left off and go on down to the railroad tracks and fix that intersection as soon as some money was available. Look at that and see how you like the looks of that and see how honest the engineering dept is. They told me that had a high priority. The keep their word!!!

Robert Ellis 825 No.Cotner Blvd 68505
Dear Council Members,

It is a fact that Impact Fees pay only about 30% of the cost to bring high quality water to new developments. The ratepayers (or taxpayers) are providing the remaining 70% which is a subsidy to the development/real estate community.

As you know, every year since 2003 there has been a water and wastewater rate increase and this year the Council will vote on a 5% increase. This is necessary to maintain our first class system of water to new developments. As you also know, nobody has ever protested these increases and acceptance is the order of day.

If Lincolnites are willing to incur higher water/wastewater expenses for something that they, probably, will never use, they certainly will pay higher property taxes (expense) to maintain services (i.e. buses, libraries, parks etc.) that they might use.

If you think the tax payers will not do that because they want their expenses kept low, then you must keep their expenses low by voting against the water/wastewater increases as contained in the CIP budget.

Russell Miller
Members of the council,
I want to inform you of my support for the 6+1 Amendment. We need to support our parks, pools and infrastructure.
Mary Reeves
3236 Dudley St.
Lincoln
Dear Council Members,

I apologize for not appearing in person in regard to Change of Zone 11024. Please see my attached letter on behalf of North Hills Homeowner's Association.

Sincerely,

J.R. Brown
President, North Hills Homeowner's Association

Ph. (402) 617-0439
July 31, 2011

Re: Change of Zone 11024

Dear City Council Members:

As the President of North Hills Homeowner’s Association and on behalf of our board of directors, I am writing in support of Change of Zone 11024 and urge your approval.

The developer’s attorney, Ms. Kalkowski has been very helpful in presenting this project to our neighbors and working with us to address our concerns. I believe this project as presented to you will be a unique type of residential development for north Lincoln and will complement our neighborhood by implementing the design standards previously agreed upon.

On behalf of our 450 homeowners I do want to share with you a few remaining concerns generally related to development in this area. These concerns are:

1. Street lighting: 14th – 27th & Fletcher Ave, classified as a minor arterial street, it does not currently have any street lights. This street is increasing in traffic and as residential areas are added and increase in density we believe this will become a safety issue.

2. Signalized light: 14th & Fletcher Ave, this intersection currently has peak time traffic flow problems in part stemming from its close proximity to the 14th street I-80 bridge which hampers visibility. We believe this intersection presents a current safety hazard and should be addressed as soon as possible.

I would kindly ask that the above concerns be addressed by City staff.

Thank you for your contribution to our community.

Sincerely,

J.R. Brown
President, North Hills Homeowner’s Association
Please vote for the raised median and turn lanes on Old Cheney. The reduction in the number of accidents is relatively small/year, but is large over the lifetime of the road. The cost of a critical accident is huge and of a fatal accident, especially if it is your family member, is immeasurable. Consider that there is a high school on the corner of 84th and Old Cheney with newly minted drivers.

I live two blocks north of Old Cheney. Please do consider grass rather than sidewalk on the south side of Old Cheney. Drainage for those of us north of Old Cheney is already a problem.

Those with property abutting Old Cheney had to have been aware that the road was an arterial and would eventually be widened. Common sense dictates building and planting far from potential right of way. We moved to our townhome in the 1990s and were very aware at that time that both 70th and Old Cheney would be widened.

Thank you for your consideration.

Lois R. Dam
5310 Thies Cove Drive
Lincoln, NE 68516
Present: Gene Carroll, Chair; Adam Hornung, Vice Chair; Jon Camp; Jayne Snyder; Jonathan Cook; Carl Eskridge; and Doug Emery

Others: Joan Ross, City Clerk; Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff; Mary Meyer, City Council Office

Chair Carroll Opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

I. CITY CLERK
Ross stated there will be extra announcements at the beginning of the meeting. She then listed items to be called together. There is a Motion to Amend on Items 16, 21, and 23, substitute ordinances, and when calling will also call related items. Cook asked if Items 17 through 24 would be together, as all are adjusting the date? Suggest on Items 35 through 39 to mention the public hearing on the 8th but action on the 10th. He will make a motion to have public hearing on Items 35 through 39 at the same time of public hearing on the budget resolution, Item 58, and people can speak to the entire package. Ross commented when publishing the agenda for the 8th, on line, will also have an agenda for the 10th, which will be published in the Sunday newspaper with the other, and would include the budget resolution. Cook wants to make sure it’s advertised as having public hearing together, as done in the past, with related items to the budget resolution. Ross stated it was discussed where the appropriate place would be to place the items, and decided it will be the upcoming announcement, Item 58.

II. MAYOR
1. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler, Alice Dittman, and other community leaders will hold a news conference on Thursday, July 28th, at 10 a.m. in Room 303 of the County-City Building to announce the creation of a new micro-lending fund to help under-served entrepreneurs.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Alice Dittman gives $1 million to Lincoln Community Foundation for Entrepreneurial Loan Program.

No comments

III. DIRECTORS

FINANCE/BUDGET
1. Memo on breakdown of the split between Street Construction Funds and Wheel Tax Funds, that have been the source of funding for the Snow Removal Fund.
   a) Snow Removal Fund Revenue History.
2. July sales tax reports reflecting May activity:
   a) Actual Compared to Projected Sales Tax Collections;
   b) Gross Sales Tax Collections (With Refunds Added Back In) 2005-2006 through 2010-2011;
   c) Sales Tax Refunds 2005-2006 through 2010-2011; and

No comments
PLANNING COMMISSION
No comments

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1. Administrative Approvals from July 19, 2011 through July 25, 2011 approved by the Planning Director.
No comments

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES/ENGINEERING
1. Ordinance amending Ordinance 18214, which amended Ordinance 17366, regarding preparation of detailed plans and specifications for widening, reconstruction, and improvement of Old Cheney Road from Highway 2 to South 88th Street.
No comments

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP
1. Letter from Thomas L. Miller. Do not break the City budget by adding medians and turn lanes and confounding the snow removal process on Old Cheney from 70th to 84th Street.
2. Correspondence to Deloyd Larsen regarding water drainage needs which he testified to at the last City Council meeting.
   a) Reply to Mr. Deloyd Larsen regarding concerns on drainage and water flow through the Edenton HA outlot from Craig Aldridge, Public Works & Utilities, Engineering.
   b) Memo from Miki Esposito, Public Works & Utilities, Compliance, regarding Mr. Larsen’s concerns. Watershed Management will follow up on his inquiry regarding the drainage issues in the Edenton area.
3. Correspondence thanking Craig Aldridge from Councilman Camp on information to neighbors as to what type of overflows they can expect.
4. Correspondence from James Drake expressing thanks for putting solutions/suggestions on the table.
5. Jack Baillie in support of Councilman Camp’s proposal on widening Old Cheney Road.
6. Katie Halperin agreeing with Councilman Camp’s analysis regarding widening of Old Cheney Road.
7. Correspondence from Craig Aldridge with further review of drainage calculations, additional information on the impact of a 10-year storm event.
   a) Councilman Camp’s thanks and appreciation for the information.
No comments

V. MISCELLANEOUS - None

VI. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
1. Darlene Moore. Support the 6+1 amendment to maintain our parks, and stop wasting money on plants in street islands.
2. Tim K. Johnson. Support Jonathan Cook’s 6+1 to help our parks and trees.
3. Rolmsted. Do not raise the wheel tax, we pay ridiculously high auto taxes as it is.
4. Linda. Please do not cut hours at the public libraries or layoff staff.
5. Kathryn Westwood. Possibly a conflict of interest in the Mayor’s budget.
6. Peter W. Katt. Very disappointed with the only decision made by a majority of the council was how to spend more money than Mayor recommended.
7. Peggy Sintek-Hall. In favor of keeping parks, pools, libraries open, and the bus schedules remaining the same as now. Raise our taxes to keep this way.
8. Linda Pabst. Many people in Lincoln depend upon the handivan for transportation.
9. Alan More. Mr. Camp had ideas to save money, which were all rejected. Rainy day fund should be used to decrease taxes.
10. Brian L. Kamler. Don’t let selfish, special interests dominate your decisions.
11. Maggie Higgins. Some Council members think it is important to raise taxes to keep pet services. Kudos for not increasing the wheel tax and parking fines.
12. Jim Crawford. Yesterday’s Council meeting was a slap in the face to the people of Lincoln, most of you are afraid to speak against the Mayor.
13. Jack Bewley. Our family supports Jonathan Cook’s 6+1 amendment to maintain parks, pools, and playgrounds.
14. Rita Metcalf. Opposed to raising taxes before more cuts are made, with suggestions.
16. Bryan Block. When you are operating at a deficit you must cut back on spending. Some cuts may be painful but we are not an ATM machine.
17. Russ Guill. Proposed ideas to reduce or eliminate a tax increase were disregarded by some Council members.
18. Dennis Walls. Why are we funding a loss in the city retirement fund? Clean up old standing mistakes.
20. H. Arnold Wassenberg. Rethink tax increases. Wages have not increased but you take more of our remaining income every year.
22. Garry Zager. Four Council members passed an opportunity to hold the line on higher taxes. Problem is the spending and growth of government.
23. Peg Reutzel. We have to make cuts in our budgets to pay for all the increases in taxes.
24. Ron Mellen. Can’t believe you want to raise taxes but not cut any services. Where are we suppose to get more money, we’re retired and can’t make ends meet now.
25. Steve Bowen. Establish a budget to limit the size of the City government. No need to raise taxes. Correct the budget so no property tax increase becomes necessary.
26. Anne Deterding. Hope Council and the Mayor will do the right thing and reconsider this tax hike and this budget, change your priorities.
27. Armen Badeer. Find alternatives to tax increases, and find ways to reduce government spending, even if it causes some difficulties in the short term.
28. Cathy Lohmeier. In favor of increasing property taxes in lieu of closing pools, libraries and needed public services.
29. Jim and Lori Johnson, UPS Store 3345. As small business owners vehemently oppose raising taxes without first exploring other options.

30. Any Ringsmuth. Reduce city employees retirement match, increase their health care to their share being 50%, and we should have significant savings to deal with the budget.

31. Alan and Donna Hersch. Do not compromise on the widening of Old Cheney Road. Build as recommended by the City Engineers.

32. Kathy Berger. Political split on the Council should be put aside for the good of the City as a whole. Stand by your commitments and vote against a property tax increase.

33. Kathy Danek. Her family can afford the small investment proposed to protect our quality of life.

34. JL Exteriors, Inc. Look at creative ways to help with the budget besides raising taxes.

35. Sabrina Ehmke. Work against laying off Lincoln’s library staff positions.

36. Joseph Prai. Make cuts, live within our means, and don’t raise taxes and fees to generate money.

37. Carolyn Brandle. Consider Jonathan Cook’s 6+1 suggestion, and also we could increase taxes as proposed by the Mayor.

38. Ardel Harger. Support the Mayor’s budget including proposed increase in property taxes.

39. Rick Urwiler. We need strong public safety, parks, libraries, pool and also street repairs.

40. Rebecca Gaston-Wise. Support the Mayor’s proposed budget.

41. Karl Reinhard, Irvingdale Neighborhood Association Board, supporting property tax increase to keep our quality of life.

No comments

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Carroll adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m.