IN LIEU OF
DIRECTORS’ MEETING
SEPTEMBER 3, 2012

I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR
   1. NEWS RELEASE. Kahoo play structure to be removed.
   2. NEWS RELEASE. Watch for cracks on Murdock Trail.
   3. NEWS RELEASE. City-County food bank drive a success.
   4. NEWS RELEASE. 21 Sports announces Nebraska Wesleyan football telecast schedule.
   5. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will hold a news conference on Thursday, August 30th, at bus shelter on Q Street between 12th and 13th Streets to announce a milestone in StarTran service.
   6. NEWS RELEASE. StarTran reaches two-million rider mark.

WEST HAYMARKET JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY
   1. The West Haymarket Joint Public Agency will meet on Thursday, September 6, 2012, 3:00 p.m., in Room 303. The agenda and documents posted on line.

III. DIRECTORS

   PLANNING DEPARTMENT
   1. Administrative Amendment No. 12033 approved by the Planning Director on August 24, 2012.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

V. MISCELLANEOUS

VI. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
   1. InterLink correspondence from Gene Loucks regarding South 38th Street, describing some of the level of activity that constantly occurs.

VII. ADJOURNMENT
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 28, 2012
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Dave Bomberger, Parks and Recreation, 402-441-6051

KAHOA PLAY STRUCTURE TO BE REMOVED

The Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department will remove the wooden play structure at Kahoa Park, 78th Street and Leighton Avenue, Wednesday, August 29. The structure has deteriorated beyond repair and no longer meets safety standards. The swings and other playground equipment will remain.

More information on Parks and Recreation is available at parks.lincoln.ne.gov.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 29, 2012
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Terry Genrich, Parks and Recreation, 402-441-7939

WATCH FOR CRACKS ON MURDOCK TRAIL

The Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department is urging users of the Murdock Trail to use extreme caution between 56th and 84th streets due to severe cracking caused by the drought. Natural Resource Manager Terry Genrich said it is difficult to close the section of trail because it has multiple access points.

Genrich said the City has been monitoring the condition of the Murdock Trail as well as the Salt Valley Levee and Jamaica North trails. All three are constructed from limestone shavings. He said the Salt Valley Levee and Jamaica North trails remain in good condition, but trail users should be aware that cracking is a possibility under dry conditions.

More information on Parks and Recreation is available at parks.lincoln.ne.gov.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 29, 2012
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Minette Genuchi, County Board, 402-441-7447

CITY-COUNTY FOOD BANK DRIVE A SUCCESS

Mayor Chris Beutler and Lancaster County Commission Chair Deb Schorr today commended City and County employees for donating $25,072 and more than 4,575 pounds of food and personal items to the Food Bank for Lincoln. Food Bank Director Scott Young said the annual City-County Food Bank Drive is a key part of the annual Campaign Against Hunger.

“The Food Bank of Lincoln is so grateful to the faithful workforce and leadership of Lancaster County and the City of Lincoln,” said Young. “Again this year, the City-County Campaign Against Hunger is leading the way to alleviate hunger in southeast Nebraska. The food and dollars gathered during this year’s campaign give us great momentum going into what should be our busiest fall ever. Their support will enable us to feed thousands of individuals and families in Lincoln and Lancaster County.”

The City-County campaign was coordinated by Minette Genuchi in the County Commissioners Office and Elaine Severe at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department.

“It was great fun to see the creativity and synergy displayed by the various City and County departments this year,” said Severe and Genuchi in a joint statement. “From donating food to attending department fundraisers, we could not achieve the success we do without the support of our department directors and elected officials. Even during the downturn of our economy, monetary contributions continue to increase.”

Genuchi and Severe said the numerous fundraisers included bakes sales, a silent auction, bingo, ice cream sundae sales, an employee picnic and a rummage sale. Lincoln City Libraries held a competition to see who could build the most creative sculpture from the donated food items.

More information on the Food Bank of Lincoln is available by calling 402-466-8170 or visiting lincolinfoodbank.org.

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21 SPORTS ANNOUNCES NEBRASKA WESLEYAN FOOTBALL TELECAST SCHEDULE

For the eighth year, 21 SPORTS will carry all Nebraska Wesleyan University (NWU) Prairie Wolves home football games this season on a tape-delayed basis. 21 SPORTS is part of the educational access channel on Time Warner Cable channel 21 in Lincoln. NWU games also will be available LIVE online at www.nwusports.com

21 SPORTS will carry the following NWU football games:
• Saturday, September 1 vs. Saint Mary
• Saturday, September 15 vs. Morningside
• Saturday, September 29 vs. Northwestern
• Saturday, October 20 vs. Concordia (homecoming)
• Saturday, November 3 vs. Dakota Wesleyan

Viewing times can be found at lincoln.ne.gov by clicking on the 5 CITY-TV logo. NWU games will air on 21 SPORTS the Saturdays of the game at 6:30 and 10 p.m., the Sundays following the games at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., as well as various other times throughout the week. Games also can be viewed through video-on-demand this year on the 21 SPORTS/NWU YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/user/21sportsnwu.

Jeff Motz will again call the play-by-play with Lucas Mohrman providing analysis.
DATE: August 29, 2012
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

Mayor Chris Beutler will announce a milestone in StarTran service at a news conference at 10 a.m. Thursday, August 30 near the bus shelter on the north side of “Q” Street between 12th and 13th streets.
STARTRAN REACHES TWO-MILLION RIDER MARK

Mayor Chris Beutler today announced that StarTran served more than two million patrons in the 2011-2012 fiscal year ending August 31. It was the first time StarTran hit the two-million mark since 1990. The two millionth rider was Jodi Newman, and she received a prize package from Mayor Beutler and StarTran Advisory Board Chair Kim Phelps at a celebration this morning.

“Two million riders would fill Memorial Stadium 25 times,” Beutler said. “By taking the bus instead of a car, the savings they generated in dollars and fuel is significant. Taking public transit instead of driving also prevents pollution from entering the atmosphere. Reaching two million riders is a great accomplishment for StarTran and for our community. I want to thank the StarTran employees for their great work and the patrons who chose to ‘get on board.’”

To thank patrons for a successful year, Mayor Beutler announced a five-day sale on 20-ride passes. From September 10 through 14, regular and senior (age 62 and up) 20-ride passes will be $8 (regularly $33). The 20-ride passes for those eligible for Handi-Van Service will be $16 (regularly $66). The passes will be available during regular business hours at the StarTran offices, 710 “J” Street. They also will be sold from noon to 2 p.m. at these locations:
• Monday, Sept. 10 - Aging Partners, 1001 “O” Street
• Tuesday, Sept. 11 - State Office Building, 14th and “M” streets
• Wednesday, Sept 12 - County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street

Beutler also reminded the public that new fares go into effect October 1 for the 31-consecutive day passes. The price for regular 31-consecutive day passes will drop from $45 to $17, and the price for 31-consecutive day Handi-Van passes will drop from $90 to $34. Prices for the low-income 31 consecutive day passes remain the same.

“I am pleased we were able to include these new lower fares in the City’s first biennial budget so residents can now save even more by riding StarTran,” Beutler said. “A new contract with UNL also was approved as part of the budget. We hope that increased student service as well as the lower fares for the 31-consecutive day passes will help us to increase ridership 6 percent this fiscal year.” As part of the contract with UNL, StarTran will increase service on the #24 Holdrege route from four to eight buses starting in January 2013.

More information on StarTran, including Bike and Bus and the Big Red Express, is available by calling 402-476-1234 or visiting startran.lincoln.ne.gov.
The West Haymarket Joint Public Agency will meet on Thursday, September 6, 2012 at 3:00 P.M. in the Room 303.

The agenda and documents are now posted at http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/finance/account/jpa-mtgs.htm
Memorandum

Date: August 28, 2012
To: City Clerk
From: Teresa McKinstry, Planning Dept.
Re: Administrative Approvals
cc: Jean Preister, Planning Dept.

This is a list of the administrative approvals by the Planning Director from August 21, 2012 thru August 27, 2012:

Administrative Amendment No. 12033 to Change of Zone No. 05054A, Prairie Village North Planned Unit Development, approved by the Planning Director on August 24, 2012, requested by Legacy Homes, LLC, to revise the location of Windmill Drive and the site layout for a convenience store south of Windmill Drive, on property generally located southeast of N. 84th St. and Windmill Dr.
Good Morning

I am writing concerning the 2200, 2300 and 2400 block of So 38th St. In the past six months there have been Police called for vandalism and theft of property.

On the night of 08/28 around 5:30PM Police were again called for a suspicious person running from a house at 2440 So 38th and was observed entering the driveways of the houses on the east side of 38th St. He came down our driveway and entered the back yard but was scared away by our dog. Our neighbor from across the street was on a 911 call to the Police and was informing them of his actions and where abouts till they arrived and spotted him on the 3800 block of Sewell St. Refer to the 911 call for more info.

The house at 2440 So 38th is a known drug house and has been raided many times before. With the advent of a long week-end the "stop and go" traffic will increase as it does on most holidays.

The sidewalk in front of the house is unsafe to walk on as it is never cleaned of tree branches and dirt or snow and ice in the winter.

The tenants also have a pit bull which the owner of the dog has been seen training him with a protective sleeve on his arm and having the dog attack him.

I feel the owners of the property, who live in Omaha, and the tenants should have penalties invoked against them as the house is only 3 blocks from Southeast High School and many students pass this way every day.

Thank you for your time.

Gene Loucks
402-489-7200