IN LIEU OF
DIRECTORS’ MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2013

I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR

III. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

PARKS AND RECREATION
1. Memo from Parks and Recreation Director Lynn Johnson regarding issuance of a License for Placement of Artwork for a cast bronze sculpture to be placed at the Children’s Museum.

PLANNING COMMISSION

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1. Planning Assessment Survey available online through April 8th.
2. Administrative approvals by the Planning Director from March 26, 2013 through April 1, 2013.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
   a) Letter from Marcee Brownlee, Lincoln Assistant City Attorney, denying claim against the City of Lincoln made by Black Hills Energy.
CITY OF LINCOLN
COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS
Thursday, April 11, 2013
4:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers, 555 South 10th Street

AGENDA

I. Roll Call
II. Approval of Minutes of March 28, 2013 Commission Meeting
III. Approval of Agenda for April 11, 2013 Commission Meeting
IV. Case Dispositions
   A. Reasonable Cause/No Reasonable Cause
      1. LCHR No.: 12-0706-029-E-R
      2. LCHR No.: 12-0911-044-E-R
      3. LCHR No.: 12-0926-047-E-R
      4. LCHR No.: 12-1019-051-E-R
      5. LCHR No.: 12-1024-053-E-R
      6. LCHR No.: 12-1115-056-E-R
   B. Administrative Closures
      a. Notice of Right to Sue
         1. LCHR No.: 12-0813-033-E-R
      b. Withdrawal
         2. LCHR No.: 12-1115-055-E-R

V. Old Business
   A. Civil Rights Conference April 23-24, 2013
   B. LB 485 Update

VI. New Business

VII. Public Comment**

VIII. Adjournment

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

April 2, 2013
TO: City Council Members
FR: Lynn Johnson, Parks and Recreation Director
RE: Issuance of a License for Placement of a Sculpture at the Lincoln Children’s Museum
Cc: Mayor Beutler

The purpose of this memo is to let you know that a license agreement is being issued pursuant to Chapter 14.50 of the Lincoln Municipal Code for installation of a sculpture titled “First Solo” on a concrete beam associated with the second floor balcony on the southeast corner of the Lincoln Children’s Museum. The sculpture is by Nebraska artist Mark Kuzara, and is life-size cast bronze artwork depicting a child at play. The sculpture is about seven feet long, four feet wide, and 42 inches in height. The artist describes the sculpture as follows: “The sculpture depicts a little boy, placing his beloved teddy bear in the pilot seat of a pedal plane and then pushing it along a makeshift ramp and off into the great blue beyond for the first solo flight.”

The sculpture has been reviewed by the Lincoln Partners for Public Art Development (LPPAD) and the group has recommended approval of placement of the sculpture at the Lincoln Children’s Museum as requested. It is anticipated that the sculpture will be installed in April 2013. The following is a photo depicting the proposed location of the sculpture at the Lincoln Children’s Museum, and photos of the sculpture.

A copy of the license agreement is available for your review by contacting me by phone at 402-441-8265, or by email at ljohnson@lincoln.ne.gov.

Proposed location for placement of the “First Solo” is on concrete beam at the level of the balcony on the second floor in the southeast corner of the building.
Photos of cast bronze sculpture “First Solo”
NOTICE: The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 3, 2013, at 1:00 p.m., in Hearing Room 112 on the first floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, Nebraska, on the following items. For more information, call the Planning Department, (402) 441-7491.

**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 or County Board by filing a Notice of Appeal with the City Clerk or County Clerk within 14 days following the action of the Planning Commission.

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

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2013

[Commissioner Francis absent]

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held March 20, 2013. **APPROVED, 5-0 (Weber, Corr and Sunderman abstained; Francis absent)**

1. REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL: (See Item 2.1 below)

2. PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:

    PERMITS:

    2.1 County Special Permit No. 13011, to allow a temporary mobile home for residential occupancy during construction of a permanent residence, on property generally located at NW 112th Street and W. Rock Creek Road. ***FINAL ACTION***

    Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval, with Continued Public Hearing on April 17, 2013

    Staff Planner: Paul Barnes, 402-441-6372, pbarnes@lincoln.ne.gov

    Had public hearing.

    Planning Commission voted to 8-0 to defer, with CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION scheduled for Wednesday, April 17, 2013, 1:00 p.m., in order to satisfy advertising requirements in adjoining counties.
2.2 Special Permit No. 13012, for the authority to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises associated with a restaurant, on property generally located at S. 50th Street and O Street. *** FINAL ACTION ***

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Brian Will, 402-441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov

Had public hearing.
Planning Commission ‘final action’: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated March 20, 2013, 8-0 (Francis absent).
Resolution No. PC-01325.

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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:

1. County Change of Zone No. 12038, from AG Agricultural District to AGR Agricultural Residential District, on property generally located at NW 126th Street and W. Bluff Road.
(2-20-13: Planning Commission voted 8-0 to continue public hearing on April 17, 2013 at the request of the applicant.)

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

The Planning Commission agenda may be accessed on the Internet at http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/pca agenda/index.htm
TO : Mayor Chris Beutler  
Lincoln City Council  

FROM : Jean Preister, Planning  

DATE : April 3, 2013  


Please be advised that on April 3, 2013, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission adopted the following resolution:  

Resolution No. PC-01325, approving Special Permit No. 13012, with conditions, requested by 50th & O St., LLC, for authority to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises of a restaurant generally located at Noodles and Company, 5001 “O” Street.  

This is final action unless appealed to the City Council by filing a notice of appeal with the City Clerk 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. SP13012). The Resolution and Planning Department staff report are in the “Related Documents” under the application number.
Don’t forget! The Planning Assessment Survey will be accessible until April 8th, 2013. If you have not yet taken the opportunity to voice your thoughts and opinions on planning in Lincoln in general, and the service provided by the Planning Department in particular, you only have 1 week left!

To share your thoughts regarding the growth of Lincoln and Lancaster County, and the service provided by the Planning Department, please fill out an online survey at http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/long/survey_pas.htm. A paper survey is also available at the Bennet Martin, Anderson, Gere, Eisley, or Walt branches of the Lincoln City Libraries.

Please forward this email to any interest groups to which you belong, or any friends or family who would like to participate in this conversation. The survey will be available online through April 8th.

For more information contact the Planning Department at 402-441-7491 or plan@lincoln.ne.gov.

Sara S. Hartzell
Planning Dept.
City of Lincoln and Lancaster County
555 S. 10th St
Lincoln, Nebraska 68510
402-441-6371
Memorandum

Date: ♦ April 2, 2013

To: ♦ City Clerk

From: ♦ Jean Preister, Planning Dept.

Re: ♦ Administrative Approvals

cc: ♦ Teresa McKinstry

This is a list of the administrative approvals by the Planning Director from March 26, 2013 thru April 1, 2013:

**Administrative Amendment No. 13006** to Special Permit No. 270, approved by the Planning Director on March 26, 2013, requested by Architectural Innovations, to revise the layout of the existing parking, eliminate one driveway onto S. 50th St. and update the landscape plan, on property generally located on the northeast corner of S. 50th St. and N St.

**Administrative Amendment No. 12069** to Special Permit No. 1674, Cheney Ridge Community Unit Plan, approved by the Planning Director on April 1, 2013, requested by Southview, Inc., to revise the apartment layout, to increase the maximum apartment building height to 43 feet and to show the original apartment lot divided into one lot for the apartment complex and an outlot to be owned and maintained by Lincoln Christian School, on property generally located on the northwest corner of S. 84th St. and Cheney Ridge Rd.

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Marcee,

Upon further investigation I found that the second gas line referred to in your response letter was not located correctly. BHE will void the charges.

I apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Dave Micek
Lincoln Operations Supervisor
Black Hills Energy
P.O. Box 83008
Lincoln, NE. 68502-3008
Office (402)437-1761
Cell (402)613-7684
Fax (402)437-6761

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March 25, 2013

Black Hills Energy
P.O. Box 6001
Rapid City, SD 57709-6001

RE: Claim Against the City of Lincoln, NE

Please be advised that this office is responding to the above-referenced claim for gas loss at the location of 1601 Cushman, Lincoln, Nebraska, on October 19, 2012, as shown on the enclosed billing. We have reviewed the billing and our records. On that date, the Lincoln Water System was repairing a broken water main. One Call was utilized and the locator from Black Hills Energy did respond to mark the gas lines at this location. There were two gas services in this area, one service was properly located and marked, however, the Black Hills locator failed to locate the second gas line that is the subject of this claim. As it appears that the cause of the gas loss was due to the failure of Black Hills to properly locate and mark the gas line, I am referring this matter to the Lincoln City Council with a recommendation that they deny this claim.

The Lincoln City Council will consider this claim at its regularly scheduled meeting on April 15, 2013, at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 555 South 10th Street, Suite 112. You may contact the City Council in writing prior to that date by emailing the City Council, at council@lincoln.ne.gov.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Marcie A. Brownlee
Assistant City Attorney

MAB/skb/Enclosure
DIRECTORS’ AGENDA
ADDENDUM
MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2013

I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR & DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

MAYOR
1. NEWS RELEASE. Help StarTran “Stuff the Bus” for Friendship Home.
2. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler’s public schedule for the week of April 16, 2013 through April 12, 2013.

III. DIRECTORS

PARKS AND RECREATION
1. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting agenda for April 11, 2013.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1. Meeting agenda for the Joint Meeting of Lancaster County and City of Lincoln Board of Zoning Appeals, Friday, April 12, 2013.
2. Urban Design Committee meeting agenda for April 10, 2013.

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES/ENGINEERING
1. ADVISORY. Citywide Arterial Street Rehabilitation. South 17th Street; Van Dorn Street - South Street. State Project No. LCLC-5228(4), Control No. 13138, City Project No. 540022.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JONATHAN COOK
1. Letter from Marlin Hupka regarding vagrants in the downtown area.

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

1. Lincoln Electric System, Laura Kapustka, Vice President and CFO, regarding Monday’s pre council and data on LES’ revenue adjustment mechanism.
   a) Thank you from City Council Woman DiAnna Schimek on presentation.
2. Letter from Dave Connely referencing fireworks after sporting events. Last fireworks display late in the evening.
3. Correspondence from Marcia Malone, representing John E. Baker, on his Lincoln Water Department Claim.
HELP STARTRAN “STUFF THE BUS” FOR FRIENDSHIP HOME

The public is invited to help StarTran “Stuff the Bus” by donating new items needed by women and children at the Friendship Home, a 24-hour emergency shelter for women and their children experiencing domestic violence.

From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 13 and Sunday, April 14, StarTran buses will be parked at these locations:

• the Wal-Mart and Sam’s Club stores at 27th and Superior
• the Wal-Mart and Sam’s Club stores at 87th and Highway 2
• the east Wal-Mart at 84th and Adams

Items needed include diapers, toilet paper, towels, sheets, pillows, kitchenware, pots and pans, toiletries, laundry and cleaning supplies, batteries, hair care products, laundry baskets, lamps, vacuum cleaners and other small appliances. Cash donations also are accepted, and raffle tickets can be purchased for $1 for a chance to win prizes.

Friendship Home provides safe, confidential shelter, support and services that help equip women and children to start new lives free from violence. “Stuff the Bus” is cosponsored by Three Eagles Communications and Wal-Mart/Sam’s Club.

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Date: April 5, 2013
Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule
Week of April 6 through April 12, 2013
Schedule subject to change

Monday, April 8
• Mayor’s Neighborhood Roundtable meeting - 5:30 p.m., Mayor’s Conference Room, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.

Tuesday, April 9
• Mayor’s Multicultural Advisory Committee - 4 p.m., Mayor’s Conference Room
• Lincoln Fire and Rescue awards ceremony - 5:30 p.m., Firefighters Reception Hall, 241 Victory Lane

Thursday, April 11
• Fair Housing Month proclamation - 1 p.m., Mayor’s Conference Room

Friday, April 12
• Grand opening for Educare of Lincoln, remarks - 4 p.m., Belmont Elementary School, 3435 N. 14th St.
• University of Nebraska College of Law reception for incoming students, remarks - 4:30 p.m., Grand Manse, 129 N. 10th St.
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION SET FOR APRIL 20

Lincoln and Lancaster County residents are encouraged to clean out unwanted chemicals by bringing their household hazardous waste to a collection event from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 20 at Wal-Mart, 87th and Highway 2.

Accepted items include pesticides, paint thinners, stains, polishes and waxes, turpentine, oil-based paint, pool cleaning chemicals, flea and tick powders, rodent poison, charcoal starter fluids, mixed or old gasoline, items containing mercury such as thermometers, upholstery cleaners, CFLs, grease removers and brake or power steering fluids. A complete list of accepted items is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: household).

Items NOT accepted include latex paint, motor oil, gas grill cylinders, pharmaceutical waste, electronics and batteries. For information on recycling these and other materials, check the “Guide to Recycling” at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: recycle).

This event is for households only. Business waste will not be accepted. Wal-Mart is offering reusable shopping bags to collection participants while supplies last. Wal-Mart stores also accept a variety of items for recycling including button batteries, plastic bags, empty medicine vials, cell phones, tires and up to five quarts of used oil.

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department recommends taking care of these hazardous materials now to make your home safer over the summer when school is out and children spend more time at home.
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Public Works & Utilities

DATE: March 26, 2013

NEED:
Business Office has computers that are ranging in age from 7 to 10 years old. The computers run very slow and we have trouble adding new software when needed. CEIS recommends they be replaced. We are requesting the purchase of 19 new computers and associated software for a total cost of $22,000. We have not hired an Assistant Public Works & Utilities Business Manager and would like to use the savings from that to purchase the computers.

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SOURCE OF REVENUES: Water – Sewer Revenue

DIRECTOR

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WHEN TO USE FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

1. Requesting transfer of operating appropriations.
2. Requesting increase in personnel (full time equivalents) appropriations.
3. Requesting transfer of capital improvement appropriations.
4. Requesting operational change not authorized during the budget process.
5. Requesting appropriations based on receipt of additional funds from outside sources.
6. Requesting use of Contingency funds.

HOW TO USE FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

**NEED:** There should be a detailed explanation of why a change to the previously approved budget is necessary. If the change will have any impact beyond the current fiscal year, it should also be noted.

**FUTURE IMPACT:** One of the boxes should be checked. An example of an item with ongoing impact would be a request for additional fee authorization that will also be requested in upcoming budgets. This would necessitate filling out the "Next Fiscal Year Annualized" column. An example of an item with limited impact would be asking for authorization to use salary savings for the one time purchase of equipment. If "Projected Completion Date" applies, please fill in.

**REVENUES GENERATED:** Please note if the request will affect current and future revenues.

**LEGISLATIVE CHANGES:** These boxes should be marked yes or no. Some of the actions this form is used for (transfer of capital improvement appropriations, Contingency Funds) require a City Council ordinance.

**PERSONNEL (full time equivalents):** Please note the number of FTE’s the request involves, if applicable.

**PERSONNEL (cost), SUPPLIES, OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES, EQUIPMENT:** All entries in these boxes must have the business unit, object code, and object code description along with the dollar amount. Negative amounts must be indicated by brackets.

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES:** This box should contain the sum of the dollar amounts in the various expenditure categories.

**SOURCE OF REVENUES:** This box should contain the name of the fund the action is required for.
TO: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Mayor, City Council, City Clerk, Media
FROM: Lynn Johnson, Director, Lincoln Parks & Recreation Department
MEETING DATE: April 11, 2013
LOCATION: Parks & Recreation Dept. (Large Conference Room)
TIME: 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
CHAIR: Anne Pagel

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Recognition of ‘Open Meetings Act’

2. Approval of Minutes: * March 14, 2013 meeting

3. Comments from Public for Items Not Listed on the Agenda

4. Committee Reports:
   A. Fees & Facilities Committee – Susan Deitchler (Chair) 488-4224
      * Recommendation regarding vacation of alley along western boundary of Irvingdale Park

   B. Futures Committee – Bob Ripley (Chair) 471-0419 or 488-5131
      No Report. Continuing review of development of proposed 10-year facilities and programs plan.

   C. Golf Report
      Rounds and Revenue Report

   D. Executive Committee – Anne Pagel (Chair) 402-540-9194
      Parks and Recreation Advisory Board representatives on Lincoln Municipal Golf Committee

5. Staff Report
   * Recommendation re: opening public comment period on conversion of property at 21st and N Streets
   Review of Budget Indicators for FY 2011-12

6. Announcements:
   Rededication of Sherman Field at Sampson Park at 2nd and South Streets, 4:00 pm on Wednesday, April 17th
   Dedication of “Jan’s Emma” sculpture at Jan Pitsch Green at Sheridan Boulevard and West Summit Boulevard (southwesterly of Sheridan Boulevard Bridge west of 33rd Street), 2:00 pm on Sunday, April 21st
   Natures Market at Pioneers Park Nature Center, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm on Saturday, April 27th
   “Wake Up The Beds” volunteer planting project at Sunken Gardens, 8:30 am to 12:00 noon on Saturday, May 11th

* Denotes Action Items
JOINT MEETING OF
LANCASTER COUNTY AND CITY OF LINCOLN
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the LANCASTER COUNTY and CITY OF LINCOLN BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS will hold a joint public hearing on Friday, April 12, 2013 at 2:30 p.m. in Conference Room 210 on the 2nd Floor of the County-City Building, 555 So. 10th Street, on the following item. For more information, please contact the Planning Department at (402) 441-7491.

AGENDA

April 12, 2013

1. Introductions/Overview
2. Discussion of Proposed Amendments
   A. Chapter 27.75 and Bylaws
   B. Article 19 and Bylaws
3. Planning Department Focus Group Discussion
4. BZA new member orientation (see attached agenda)
URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE will be held on Wednesday, April 10, 2013, 3:00 p.m., in Room 214, Second Floor, County/City Building.

For more information, please contact the Lincoln City/Lancaster County Planning Department, 441-7491.

AGENDA
April 10, 2013

1. Adoption of meeting records from the UDC meetings of February 13 and 28, 2013.

2. Introduction to and preliminary review of mixed-use project at South 21st Street (N to L Streets) and at Antelope Valley Parkway, K to L Streets (Urban Development Dept./Hoppe Homes)

3. Indoor shooting sports range: proposal for Boosalis Park (Lincoln Parks & Recreation Dept./ADA/Nebr. Game & Parks Commission)

4. Invitation to meet jointly with Historic Preservation Commission April 18th, 1:30 p.m., Room 214, to discuss improvements to former Track 1 & Track 2 area west of Lincoln Station, at request of Mayor Beutler.

5. Staff report/misc.: Letter from Mayor to JoAnne Kissel, etc.
Citywide Arterial Street Rehabilitation
South 17th Street; Van Dorn Street - South Street
State Project No. LCLC-5228(4)  Control No. 13138
City Project No. 540022

The City of Lincoln proposes to mill and overlay South 17th Street from Van Dorn Street to South Street beginning on April 15, 2013, weather permitting. The existing asphalt pavement will be milled off and overlaid with new asphalt and pavement markings. Pedestrian curb ramps along 17th Street will be reconstructed to meet ADA standards.

Pavers Inc. will be the contractor. They propose to perform the work under lane closures. Access to side streets and to driveways may be limited for short durations during the milling and asphalt operations. Pavers may elect to perform the milling and asphalt operations under a total street closure lasting no more than three days. If this should occur, they will coordinate with local businesses and residences to maintain access as much as possible.

If a business or residence has a sprinkler system in close proximity to the existing curb ramps, they are asked to flag the sprinkler heads to aid the contractor in minimizing damage.

Information on the Lincoln Citywide Street Rehabilitation Project is available on the City’s website at www.lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: projects). If you have questions or comments, please contact one of the following people:

Zach Becker, Project Manager
City of Lincoln - Engineering Services
(402) 613-3763
zbecker@lincoln.ne.gov

Mike Tidball, Project Manager
Pavers Inc.
(402) 875-1469
Jonathan Cook  
Lincoln City Council  
555 So. 10th  
Lincoln, NE 68508  

Dear Mr. Cook,

I work in downtown Lincoln but live in your SW district.

I think there is a problem with vagrants lying on the sidewalks, sleeping on benches and panhandling in the downtown area. Taxpayers are paying millions of dollars for improvements to the downtown area and we have this element to distract from it. I am not a heartless person and I realize there are social problems that leave people homeless but the vast majority of what I see look perfectly capable of working. I also think it is funny that they panhandle while smoking cigarettes that I hear are upwards of $6 a pack! I think if the police would just keep them moving and not let them sprawl out on the sidewalk like I saw at 13th and "O" today it would make it uncomfortable for them. If we don't have a panhandling law we should. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Marlin Hupka  
5641 Tipperary Trail  
Lincoln, NE 68512
City Council members –
During our discussion Monday regarding the revenue adjustment mechanism, Councilman Camp asked what percentage of retail revenues are provided through the customer charge. At that time an estimate of 5-10% was provided. Actual data from the 2004 to 2013 timeframe reflects that the customer charge represented between 7 and 8% of retail revenues.

Thank you again for your time on Monday and please let me know if you have additional questions.

Regards,
Laura

Laura L. Kapustka
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Lincoln Electric System
1040 O Street, Lincoln, NE 68501-0869
Office: 402.473.3300
Mobile: 402.657.4558

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And thanks to you for a very concise, yet informative presentation. Good job!

Please see below.

City Council members –
During our discussion Monday regarding the revenue adjustment mechanism, Councilman Camp asked what percentage of retail revenues are provided through the customer charge. At that time an estimate of 5-10% was provided. Actual data from the 2004 to 2013 timeframe reflects that the customer charge represented between 7 and 8% of retail revenues.

Thank you again for your time on Monday and please let me know if you have additional questions.

Regards,
Laura

Laura L. Kapustka
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Lincoln Electric System
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Fireworks Complaint

TO: City of Lincoln Mayor & Councilmen

Reference: Fireworks after sporting events

In my opinion, fireworks are not safe under any condition and circumstance and if the mayor and city council did any research before approving fireworks after a baseball game especially at 12:00 PM (midnight), as the display of a huge barrage of fireworks that took place on Good Friday after Nebraska’s winning baseball game.

Most Veterans of Foreign Wars including myself, a two term Vietnam veteran does not appreciate being awakened at midnight with a display of bomb sounds and cracking. When I finally realized what it was and went outside to see where the action was coming from only to be followed by neighbors toting weapons and asking what was going on. At that time I figured I was not the only one disturbed by the tremendously loud racket and I live about one half mile north from the Haymarket Park Baseball Field and Oak Lake Park on NW 8th Street. I can’t even imagine what residents that live closer must have thought. At the same time, all the dogs within a mile or more erupted in barking and further awakening residents.

In 2012, the city passed a stronger ordinance against Lincoln residents lighting of fireworks around the fourth of July and for that matter any other time of the year, but for some unknown reason the City of Lincoln decided it was not necessary for the University of Nebraska and Salt Dogs baseball teams to adhere to the same ordinance that is placed on the city’s residents.

I am sure there is an ordinance against excessive noise in Lincoln also which the fireworks barrage that took place on Good Friday had to violate. Most people have to work for a living and need their rest and take offense of being awakened in the middle of the night. It seems that I read somewhere that there was a curfew time for fireworks for sporting events that mentioned 11:00 PM and if that is the case, it needs to be set back to 9:00 PM.

Why is it allowed that the baseball games can take this kind of action, but surprisingly enough you do not see it after a Nebraska football game. The celebration of a touchdown at a football game is a quiet display of airborne balloons. I suggest if the University of Nebraska and Salt Dog baseball players want to celebrate a win, you give them a bunch of sparklers and let them run around the bases.

Lincoln Resident & tax payer

Dave Connely
721 Glacier Trail
Lincoln, NE. 68521

Copies:
University Chancellor (Harvey Perlman)
News stations, Lincoln Journal Star
Honorable City Council Members,

I am writing this letter per the request of my father, John Baker. He would like you to read his letter of January 26, 2013 again. I attempted to explain to my father that he needed to go before the Council to provide them with an explanation of why it took so long to get his driveway fixed. He has severe spinal stenosis and walks bent over with a walker. He said “it too difficult an painful to go down there, let’s just write them like the attorney said we could do!“

He feels that there were (mitigating) circumstances that did not allow him to complete the needed repairs and that he had been waiting for someone to call him from the Water Dept.

The circumstances were 1) his & his wife’s health, and 2) his severe hearing loss and his lack of understanding of what needed to be done on his part. He continued to wait for someone to contact him until his children explained to him that he need to make the call to the Water Department and get the driveway fixed and submit the bill to the City as Mr. Fish suggested. There was never a question that the city had the responsibility to repair the drive.

My father said that no one ever indicated that there was a “statute of Limitations” for when he had to have the driveway fixed. He said that there were many phone calls to the city but they would “just send a different guy out and he would take pictures and then I would not hear from them again until I called. They would then send another guy out to take more pictures. The same routine each time. I had no idea of what to do until my daughter called Mr. Fish and then I got the repairs done”.

Please take into consideration the mitigating circumstances of this Claim and approve the $245 claim.

Thank you for your consideration,
John E. Baker (assisted by his daughter)
January 26, 2013

City clerk
555 South 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

RE: Lincoln Water System Claim
Date: Water main break on 1-07 2009
Address: 5730 Durham Court
Lincoln, NE 68516

I have Power of Attorney for my elderly father, John Baker, and he asked me to assist him with this claim that has been pending for some time.

On January 7, 2009, the water main in front of my father’s home broke. The main was fixed but the completion of the project could not be fixed (dirt fill & sod) until May 2009. Several sections of the drive way had sunk. He called the Lincoln Water Department to come out and look at the damage. Bill Fish came out to look at the damage and explained how a claim could be filed once he had repaired the drive way.

My father noticed that the drive way continued to sink and made several calls to the Water Dept. They came out with each call and took pictures which should be on file.

He had planned to repair the drive way in the fall of 2011 but because of health issues with him and my mother was not able to do so. In 2012, he was hospitalized three times and he had to place my mother in a Memory Facility. He called for estimates and had the drive way fixed on November 19, 2012.

The cost of the sunken concrete was $245.00. There is a three year guarantee on the concrete work. He is asking the city of Lincoln to reimburse him the cost of the drive way repair because the damage was caused by the initial water main break.

Thank you for your consideration of the claim.

Marcia Malone, POA

John E. Baker

Enclosures: POA Documentation
Concrete Doctor Inc. Invoice and drawings