DIRECTORS’ MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2013
555 S. 10TH STREET, ROOM 113
2:00 P.M.

I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR
2. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will discuss the development of the community’s Solid Waste Management Plan at a news conference Thursday, August 1, 10:00 a.m., at 555 S. 10th, Room 303.
6. NEWS RELEASE. Input sought on Solid Waste Management Plan.

WEST HAYMARKET JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY
1. The West Haymarket Joint Public Agency public meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 8, 2013 has been canceled due to a lack of agenda items. Next meeting, Thursday, August 22, 2013, 8:00 a.m., in Council Chambers.

III. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

CITIZENS INFORMATION CENTER
1. The Cable Advisory Board will have a special meeting at 4:00 p.m., Thursday, August 15, 2013, 555 S. 10th Street, Room 303, to discuss several Time Warner issues, including the move of the Public, Education, and Government access channels to digital.

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES/ENGINEERING

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP
1. Correspondence from Chris Wagner regarding the intersection of 70th and South Street. Reply from Councilman Camp, with copy to Public Works.
   a) Message from Miki Esposito, Public Works & Utilities Director, stating the traffic section will follow up.
V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
1. InterLinc correspondence from Steve Schwab stating consideration should be given to selling Mahoney Golf Course.
2. Memo from Stan Brown, with two photos showing noxious and outlot park weeds, stating park maintenance reduced over the last few years, causing parks to be overgrown and full of weeds. Not a good practice. (Sent to Parks and Recreation Department for possible solution)
   a) Noxious weeds photo
   b) Outlot weeds photo
3. Reply from Lynn Johnson, Parks & Recreation Director, (Related to Items #2, #2a and #2b above) He will contact Mr. Brown regarding the City’s mowing policy. Specifically will check on the status of the area east of Rickman Run.
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Mayor/CIC ___________________________ DATE: July 29, 2013

NEED

Transfer funds from the Abe Lincoln Celebration Project to the Lincoln Collection Project. When funding was solicited for the Abe Lincoln Celebration donors were told the proceeds in excess of expenses would be donated to the art project.

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SOURCE OF REVENUES: donations

DIRECTOR: Jane Gonzalez DATE: 2-30-13
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SOURCE OF REVENUES: This box should contain the name of the fund the action is required for.
DATE: July 31, 2013
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

Mayor Beutler will discuss the development of the community’s Solid Waste Management Plan at a news conference at 10 a.m. Thursday, August 1 in Room 303, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street.

The Mayor will announce opportunities for the public to comment on options to increase waste reduction and recycling in the community.
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Lincoln Fire & Rescue / Emergency Services

DATE: 07/25/2013

NEED: Lincoln Fire Department is requesting to reallocate 3.22 FTE budgeted along with the cost incurred year-to-date for fiscal 2012-13 in the General Fund to the EMS enterprise Fund. When the 6\textsuperscript{th} medic unit was placed in service, the personnel costs were covered by the general fund. The previous 5 years of historical data for fire and EMS services show medic units respond to ambulance calls at least 75\% of the time. The reallocation is needed in order to more accurately cover personnel costs from the appropriate fund.

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SOURCE OF REVENUES AMBULANCE FEES- EMS Enterprise Fund Balance

DIRECTOR [Signature] DATE 7/29/13
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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Lincoln Fire & Rescue / Emergency Services

DATE: 07/25/2013

NEED: The estimate for the floor coating in the Logistics Shop of LF&R will ensure the safety of employees for years to come. The concrete flooring is rough and has cracks and unstable areas. This would ensure that we have a good working condition. It would also help prolong the floor area and eliminate costly repairs.

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: City Law Department   DATE: July 22, 2013

NEED

We have 11 support staff chairs that are in need of replacement. Several of them have had the pneumatic lift give out, one caster consistently falls out while she is sitting in it, the arms are cracked and broken, and limited adjustability. The chairs were purchased in June, 2000, and quite honestly have reached the end of their useful life. The longevity and health of our staff dictates the importance of having quality chairs to avoid back, shoulder, and neck issues.

FUTURE IMPACT: ☐ Ongoing  ☒ Limited  Projected Completion Date: Upon Delivery of Chairs

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Vacancy Savings:
08/30/2012 – 11/19/2012 Recruiting process to fill position held by Janice Folkner
08/16/2012 – 12/10/2012 Recruiting process for new Paralegal

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SOURCE OF REVENUES: General Fund – Current Year Law Dept. Budget

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INPUT SOUGHT ON SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Mayor Chris Beutler today encouraged residents to attend an open house and to participate in an online town hall to share their comments on the Solid Waste Management Plan for Lincoln and Lancaster County. Solid Waste Plan 2040 will provide a guide for policy decisions regarding solid waste management systems, facilities and programs for the next 30 years.

The open house is from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, August 13 at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD), 3140 “N” Street. The online town hall is available August 6 through 20 at the project website, lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: solid waste).

“The plan will address waste reduction, household hazardous waste management, recycling and composting – issues residents deal with every day,” Beutler said. “Our goal is to create a comprehensive, integrated system to provide secure long-term disposal and reduce the amount of material going to the landfill.”

Solid Waste Plan 2040 is being guided by LLCHD, the Public Works and Utilities Department and a 20-member Advisory Committee. The committee has identified “preferred paths” that include increased resource conservation, waste reduction and recycling. This information is included in a System Definition document that will serve as the basis for developing recommendations.

The average solid waste generation rate in the City and County averages more than seven pounds per person per day. It’s estimated that residents currently recycle about 18 percent of our residential solid waste, compared to a national average of almost 35 percent.

“These broad ‘preferred paths’ are pointing us to a future of significantly greater recycling efforts all across the community,” Beutler said. “The Advisory Committee is recommending that Lincoln join so many of our peer cities and require that curbside recycling be provided to every household, giving every resident the easiest way to recycle. There are many economic opportunities and jobs that could be created with increased recycling and waste diversion. And as ratepayers and taxpayers, we will save money delaying the need for new landfill space.”

Residents would be encouraged but not required to use the curbside recycling service if it were offered to all households.

- more -
In addition to the open house and online town hall, the public can comment through August 20th in the following ways:

- Send an e-mail to email@SolidWastePlan2040.com.
- Leave a message on the project information line at 402-441-7738
- Mail comments to Solid Waste Plan 2040, 2400 Theresa Street Lincoln, NE 68521.
- Sign up for the mailing list through the website or by e-mail, phone or mail.
- Attend an Advisory Committee Meeting. The schedule is available on the website.

The development of a solid waste management plan was identified as a key strategy in the Lincoln-Lancaster County 2040 Comprehensive Plan (LPlan 2040), adopted in October 2011. After the open house and online town hall, the Advisory Committee will develop recommendations and prepare the final plan which is expected to be presented to the Mayor by November. The plan will be submitted to the City-County Planning Commission, the County Board and the City Council for adoption as a subarea plan in LPlan 2040.
The West Haymarket Joint Public Agency (JPA) public meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 8 has been cancelled due to a lack of agenda items.

The next scheduled meeting will be at 8 a.m. Thursday, August 22 in Council Chambers, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St. Please note the early start time for the August 22 meeting.

David Norris
Citizen Information Center
City of Lincoln
(402) 441-7547
Subject: special cable board meeting

The Cable Advisory Board will have a special meeting at 4 p.m. Thursday, August 15 in room 303 at the County-City Building. The board will discuss several Time Warner issues including the move of the Public, Education and Government access channels to digital.

Diane

Diane Gonzolas
Manager, Citizen Information Center
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cell 402-525-1520
dgonzolas@lincoln.ne.gov
July 31, 2013

Roadway Resurfacing
Sun Valley Boulevard; North of West ‘O’ Street - North 11th Street
Project No. 701847

The City of Lincoln proposes to mill and overlay Sun Valley Boulevard from north of West ‘O’ Street to the westbound ramp at North 11th Street beginning Monday, August 5, 2013. The existing pavement will be milled off and overlaid with new asphalt and pavement markings. Pedestrian curb ramps along Sun Valley will be reconstructed to meet ADA standards. Project work will be completed by August 28, 2013.

Constructors Inc. will be the contractor. They propose to perform the work under daytime flagging operations reducing traffic to one lane only within the work zone. Work will begin from approximately West ‘P’ Street to north of Westgate Boulevard. Once this area is milled, work will progress north of Charleston Street. Access to driveways will be limited for short durations during the milling and asphalt operations. Constructors Inc. may elect to perform some of the work under a total street closure between the hours of 6:30 PM and 6:30 AM. Digital message boards will be posted in advance should a closure be scheduled. If a business has underground 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 City of Lincoln projects 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:

Tim Byrne
Project Manager
City of Lincoln – Engineering Services
402-416-5342
tbyrne@lincolne.ne.gov

Gregg Leber
Project Manager
Constructors Inc.
402-875-1469
Chris:

First, "hi, neighbor"! I live just on S. 66th one block south of South Street and understand your question well.

This will be brought to the attention of Public Works for review.

Please feel free to use my personal business email address as we work through this matter. I am copying Miki Esposito on this email--she is the Director of Public Works.

Best regards,

Jon Camp
Lincoln City Council

Name: Chris Wagner
Address: 6500 South St
City: Lincoln, NE 68506
Phone: 
Fax: 
Email: cdubrn@gmail.com

Comment or Question:
Mr. Camp,

I have been a resident of district 2 since 2000. I have serious concerns regarding the intersection at 70th and South St. Currently, there is a turning lane and signal for cars that are traveling east and west on South street. This allows them to make a turn either north or south on to 70th street. There is rarely a large amount of traffic that wait on this street. Currently, there is a turning lane for cars traveling north and south on 70th street and would like to make a turn east or west on to South St. However....there is NO turning signal. I have never understood the rationale for not having a turning signal on this extremely busy street. At busy times of the day (morning rush hour, school times, end of the business day, etc....) it is nothing to sit through 3 light sequences (or more) in order to make a left hand turn (heading west) on to South St. Often...a person has to proceed through a yellow/red light situation just to get turned. Tonight my daughter almost was in an accident on this very corner.

I find this corner to be extremely hazardous and frustrating. Could you please tell me what the process is to request a turning light be placed at this corner?

Thank you for your time and attention to this safety matter.

Sincerely, Chris Wagner
Thanks for your email. This will be reviewed by our Traffic Section who will follow up as soon as possible.

Miki

Miki Esposito, Director
Public Works & Utilities
555 S. 10th St. Room 208
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(402) 441-6173
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Lincoln City Council
Serious consideration should be given to selling Mahoney Golf Course to a developer for future residential and commercial development of the growing northeast sector of Lincoln. Doing so would generate greater tax revenue [property & sales tax] and allow the other City golf courses to be better maintained. Lincoln is currently over-built with public/private golf courses. Revenue from the number of annual rounds of golf played at Mahoney would be greatly exceeded if it were sold by the City and developed for housing and retail/business. Economic development would enhance northeast Lincoln. If Mahoney was built with Land & Water Conservation Funds (LWCF) and sold, then an equivalent amount of greenspace acreage would have to set aside by the Parks Dept. Now is the time to start looking at this proposal before Lincoln’s next biannual budget is established by vote of the City Council.
From: 3701sbrown@gmail.com [mailto:3701sbrown@gmail.com]
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To: Jon Camp; Doug Emery; Jonathan A. Cook; Carl B. Eskridge; Leirion Gaylor Baird; Roy A. Christensen
Subject: City mowing policy

I am writing to complain about city mowing policy in parks. I have lived in Lincoln for 33 years and have always been proud of our city parks. That has changed the last two years. We backup to a park (east of Rickman’s dog run) which is supposedly on the long grass policy. It is actually the weed policy. As you can see in the attached photographs it is overgrown and full of weeds. Two years ago this was a nice park with good grass. It was my understanding that the parks would be mowed at least three times a year. This was mowed once at a height of 10 inches rather then mowing at a normal height. I offered to mow it if the parks department would furnish the equipment and was turned down.

I cannot understand why we can take money from the parks department for the Haymarket and our parks are uncared for. If this was private property a citation would be issued for not mowing. I invite you to take a look at what the parks department thinks is good practice. Maybe we need less supervisors and more workers in the parks Department.

Stan Brown
3701 Holmes Park Road
Lincoln, ne. 68506
402-432-6054
Lerion: Thanks for your message. I also received copies of the message from Mr. Brown from two other Council members.

The area east of Rickman Run is identified as a long grass area. I'll talk with staff to see what the status of mowing of the area is this season. I suspect that the added weed pressure is the result of drought conditions last summer. Dry weather caused turf to thin and allowed weed seeds to germinate. This is a common situation throughout parks and will take a few seasons to get under control.

We typically apply herbicide applications in the fall to avoid potential concerns with gardens and landscaping in neighboring private yards. Fall herbicide spraying is weather dependent - there must be adequate moisture support active plant growth for the chemicals to be effective. We did little spraying last fall because of the continuing dry weather conditions. We will review the area and determine an approach for control of the weeds.

Long grass areas are typically mowed at a longer height one to three times per season. Mowing of long grass at a standard three-inch height is detrimental to the health of the grass because it removes so much of the plant. Ideally mowing should not remove more than about 1/3 of the leaf surface.

We do not make mowing equipment available for private use - partly because of liability issues and partly because of the size and value of equipment that we currently use. We generally have not been in favor of "guerilla mowing". Our experience has been that volunteer mowing is not continued over the long term, and is actually harder on the grass because of the concern identified above of mowing long grasses down to a short height.

We will review the situation and get in contact with Mr. Brown. I will plan to make a report to the City Council during the Council/Directors meeting on Monday. Please let me know if you have questions or would like additional information in the interim.

Thanks, Lynn

Leirion: Is there someone in your department who can help me, or would you please help me, respond to this constituent's concerns? You've sent information about the long grass policy before, but this person needs information specific to a park that lies east of Rickman's Run. What is the maintenance plan for that park? How often is it mowed? What is the policy for weeds? Does the city have a "guerilla mowing" policy?

I'd like to respond to Mr. Brown as soon as possible, so anything you can share would be so appreciated.

Thank you,

Leirion
I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR & DIRECTORS’ CORRESPONDENCE

MAYOR
1. NEWS RELEASE. Discounted Big Red Express tickets on sale now.
2. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler’s public schedule for the week of August 3rd through August 9, 2013.
4. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor presents July Award of Excellence to LaNita Nelson of Aging Partners.

III. DIRECTORS

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1. Nebraska Capitol Environ Commission’s agenda for a special public meeting on Friday, August 9, 2013.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES/ENGINEERING
1. ADVISORY. Sidewalk curb ramp advisory.

WEED CONTROL
1. Lancaster County Weed Control - City of Lincoln Weed Abatement report for July 2013.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
DISCOUNTED BIG RED EXPRESS TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Football fans wanting to ride StarTran’s Big Red Express for Nebraska’s eight 2013 home football games are encouraged to save 25 percent by purchasing season bus tickets. The $80 tickets are now on sale for $60. They are available at the StarTran office, 710 “J” St., and at the SouthPointe Pavilions business office, 2910 Pine Lake Road, Suite Q.

Big Red Express bus service will begin operating continuous shuttle service two hours prior to kickoff from parking lots at these six locations:

• The City Municipal Service Center (I-80 airport exit #399), N.W. 12th and West Bond streets (take first right north of McDonald’s)
• Southeast Community College, 88th and “O” streets
• Holmes Lake, 70th Street and Normal Boulevard
• Gateway Mall, 61st and “O” streets
• SouthPointe Pavilions, 27th and Pine Lake Road
• North Star High School (I-80 airport exit #399), 5801 N. 33rd St. (six blocks east of 27th Street and Folkways Blvd.)

The last buses will leave from the parking lots to the stadium about 45 minutes prior to kick off. Buses will transport passengers back to the lots immediately after the game. The buses unload and load near Memorial Stadium on “R” Street between 12th and 14th streets.

Those without passes will need exact change when boarding the bus. The single-game fare for Big Red Express is $5 each way or $10 round trip.

More information on the Big Red Express and regular StarTran service is available at startran.lincoln.ne.gov or by calling StarTran at 402-476-1234.
Date: August 2, 2013
Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule
Week of August 3 through 9, 2013
Schedule subject to change

Sunday, August 4
• Lincoln Arts Council Community Supported Arts Program - event runs 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Old Cheney Farmers Market, Old Cheney Center, 55th Street and Old Cheney Road (Mayor will not be there the entire time.)

Monday, August 5
• City County Common Meeting - 12:45 p.m., Room 113, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.
• Mayor’s Award of Excellence - 3 p.m., City Council Chambers, County-City Building

Thursday, August 8
• News conference - 10 a.m., topic and location to be announced

Friday, August 9
• Zoetis ground-breaking ceremony, remarks - 10:30 a.m., Zoetis, 601 W. Cornhusker Hwy. (west side of building)
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT


NEED  Video conference capabilities for Water Operations will allow meetings with consultants, contractors, regulators and governmental entities to occur in a more cost effective manner. Conducting meetings through video conferencing capabilities will reduce the amount of production time lost to travel and reduce the costs associated with travel. The video conference equipment will be identical to systems installed at other City/County locations. The dual-monitor video conferencing capabilities allow staff and the participants to share design/contract documents, agendas, reports, photos, and other documents relative to the topic being discussed. This will result in savings on many of the current and future year CIP funds. The purchase and installation of the video conferencing equipment is a one-time expense.

The various mise and safety tools and equipment, and the hydraulic truck line items will not use all of this year’s budget, and the resulting savings can be used to fund the video conference equipment. (Move from 70110.6998 ($8,000), 70205.6998 ($8,000), 70315.6998 ($1,000), 70320.6998 ($1,692) to 70405.6998)

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SOURCE OF REVENUES  Water Revenues

Funding from other unexpended capital outlay

NO NEW FUNDING!

DIRECTOR  Myri DATE 7/24/13
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 fte 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.
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7511

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 5, 2013
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

MAYOR PRESENTS JULY AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Mayor Chris Beutler today will present the Mayor’s Award of Excellence for July to LaNita “Red” Nelson of the Aging Partners Division of the Mayor’s Office. The award will be presented at the beginning of today’s City Council meeting, which starts at 3 p.m. in the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street. The monthly award recognizes City employees who consistently provide exemplary service and work that demonstrates personal commitment to the City.

Nelson works at the Northeast Senior Center and has been with the City since 2006. David Chapelle, Manager of the Northeast Senior Center, nominated her in the categories of customer relations, productivity and valor.

In his nomination Chapelle wrote that life at an Aging Partners Center is very much like an extended family that has daily reunions. At the Northeast Center, one of the “favorite cousins” is Nelson. She is the Kitchen Manager on Mondays and Wednesdays. When newcomers start attending the center, Nelson is the first to greet them and introduce them to others.

Thanks to Nelson, those newcomers arrive as strangers and leave as old friends.

She recently added ‘lifesaver’ to her long list of accomplishments. One Friday, a gentleman had a problem with his new medications and suffered a dizzy spell while at the Center. When he was absent the following Monday, Nelson became concerned and called him. He told her he was fine, but had some business to attend to, and would call when he was ready to return.

After one week passed, and then two weeks without hearing from him, people became concerned. Several people drove past his home and saw no signs of him. Nelson tried calling again but got no response. She checked the emergency contact list and called his sister, but she was not at home.

Nelson called the Police Department, explained the situation, and asked them to perform a wellness check. Officers found the gentleman in his bed, disoriented and unresponsive, and he was transported to the hospital. Emergency workers estimated that he had been in bed without food or water for a week.

The nominator wrote: “Today he is on his way to recovery, thanks to the actions that Red took. It’s what family does.”
The other categories in which employees can be nominated are loss prevention and safety. Consideration also may be given to nominations that demonstrate self-initiated accomplishments or those completed outside of the nominee’s job description. All City employees are eligible for the Mayor’s Award of Excellence except for elected and appointed officials.

Individuals or teams can be nominated by supervisors, peers, subordinates and the general public. Nomination forms are available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: personnel) or from department heads, employee bulletin boards or the Personnel Department, which oversees the awards program.

All nominations are considered by the Mayor’s Award of Excellence Committee, which includes a representative with each union and a non-union representative appointed by the Mayor. Award winners receive a $50 gift certificate, a day off with pay and a plaque. All monthly winners and nominees are eligible to receive the annual award, which comes with a $250 gift certificate, two days off with pay and a plaque.
Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission

The Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission will hold a special public meeting on Friday, August 9, 2013. The meeting will convene at 8:00 a.m. in Room 210, second floor, County/City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, to consider the following agenda. For more information, please contact the Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department at 441-7491.

Agenda of August 9, 2013

Hearing and Action

1. Certificate of Appropriateness for design development of Centennial Mall Master Plan, for N. and S. Centennial Mall in the Nebraska Capitol Environs District.

2. Miscellaneous, staff report.
SIDEWALK CURB RAMP ADVISORY

The Public Works Department has met with St. John’s Parochial School, and we have developed a safe walking route from their school at 76th and Vine Street through the neighborhood and across Holdrege Street. This route also gets children to the neighborhood north of Holdrege Street.

In association with this safe walking route, the Public Works Department has decided to provide a safe crossing across Holdrege Street. In order to do this, we will be installing a signed and marked crosswalk in front of your house. In addition to the crosswalk, curb ramps and a short portion of sidewalk will be constructed by the Street Operations Division within the next seven days.

The curb will be ground and a concrete curb ramp constructed at the location marked on the existing curb. Please mark the locations of any sprinkler systems which may be impacted by this work.

The signed and marked crosswalk is a temporary accommodation to the students crossing Holdrege Street. During this coming fall and winter, the Engineering Services Division will be designing a pedestrian traffic signal to be installed at this crosswalk location. Most likely we will be installing this pedestrian traffic signal in the summer of 2014. So in addition to the short piece of sidewalk in front of your house, we will be installing a traffic signal pole and a traffic signal cabinet.

If you have any questions regarding this work, please contact the person listed below. Thank you.

Shane Dostal
Public Works - Engineering Services
402-525-7852
As of July 31st, a total of 6,556 inspections have been completed by our staff on 3,669 sites. Noxious weeds accounted for 2,197 inspections while 4,359 were the result of weed abatement problems. Our inspectors made 755 inspections on 475 sites, totaling 1,662 acres inspected. We found 339 sites with violations.

145 Musk thistle
68 Leafy spurge
64 Phragmites
29 Knotweed
23 Purple loosestrife
10 Canada thistle

In rural areas we made 1,442 inspections on 1,021 sites, totaling 10,086 acres inspected. We found 882 sites with violations.

267 Musk thistle
318 Leafy spurge
283 Phragmites
9 Purple loosestrife
3 Sericea lespedeza
1 Canada thistle
1 Saltcedar

A total of 4,359 inspections have been completed on 2,173 sites for overgrowth within city limits. Our office has received 1,260 complaints from the public concerning weed abatement violations. In attempt to get the overgrowth controlled the Weed Control Office made 29 personal contacts, sent 1,059 letters and 884 legal notices. As of July 31st, our office has completed 153 contracts to have vegetation cut, totaling $29,838.

As phragmites continues to spread across Lancaster County we continue to work with the landowners to provide options for them to control their infestations. A survey was sent out in July to find out who was going to be able to control it on their own and who would be willing to hire a helicopter to help out. Through the Lower Platte Weed Management Area we have contracted with Skycopters out of Ulysses, KS. Skycopters will provide spraying of herbicides to areas that are not accessible by ground application, or are just too large to handle. So far over 30 private and public landowners have signed up. Phragmites often grows over 12’ tall making it very difficult to spray from the ground. The aquatic herbicide used has an active ingredient imazapyr that requires specialized equipment on the helicopter to legally apply.
Nebraska’s Noxious Weeds

It is the duty of each person who owns or controls land to effectively control noxious weeds on such land.

Noxious weed is a legal term used to denote a destructive or harmful weed for the purpose of regulation. The Director of Agriculture establishes which plants are noxious. These non-native plants compete aggressively with desirable plants and vegetation. Failure to control noxious weeds in this state is a welfare problem which is detrimental to the production of crops and livestock, and to the welfare of residents of this state. Noxious weeds may also devalue land and reduce tax revenue.

- **Musk Thistle**: Height 1.5-3.5 ft
- **Canada Thistle**: Height 1-3.5 ft
- **Plumeless Thistle**: Height 1-4.5 ft
- **Phragmites**: Height 3.2-20 ft
- **Leafy Spurge**: Height 3-2.5 ft
- **Sericina Lespedeza**: Height 1.5-4.5 ft
- **Japanese Knotweed**: Height 3-10 ft
- **Giant Knotweed**: Height 8-15 ft
- **Purple Loosestrife**: Height 1.3-8 ft
- **Saltcedar**: Height 1.3-20 ft
- **Spotted Knapweed**: Height 1-1.2 ft
- **Diffuse Knapweed**: Height 1-3.8 ft

Good Neighbors Control Their Weeds!

We’re on the Web!
www.lancaster.ne.gov/weeds

Good Neighbors Control Noxious Weeds

If you have questions or concerns about noxious weeds, please contact your local county noxious weed control authority, Nebraska Weed Control Association (www.neweed.org), or Nebraska Department of Agriculture (www.agr.ne.gov/noxious_weeds)

Download to print from our website: weeds.lancaster.ne.gov
MINUTES
DIRECTORS’ MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2013

Present: Carl Eskridge, Chair; Doug Emery, Vice Chair; Jon Camp; Roy Christensen; Jonathan Cook; and Trent Fellers

Absent: Leirion Gaylor Baird

Others: Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff; Teresa Meier, City Clerk; Tom Casady, Public Safety Director; Rod Confer, City Attorney; Steve Hubka, Finance Director; and Mary Meyer, Secretary

I. CITY CLERK
Meier at the end of speaking when secretary arrived at 2:20 p.m.

Eskridge stated Item 37, the One and Six Year Streets and Highway Program, will have to be introduced again. Meier agreed stating she received a text. Cook commented as we’re in the 2nd year of the CIP, part of our bi-annual budget is required, a State law that we have a yearly. Essentially covered last year. Confer asked if Peters is needed today on any liquor item? Emery thought she should attend. Eskridge there is one, or two, with possible questions.

II. MAYOR
2. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will discuss the development of the community’s Solid Waste Management Plan at a news conference Thursday, August 1, 10:00 a.m., at 555 S. 10th, Room 303.
6. NEWS RELEASE. Input sought on Solid Waste Management Plan.
No comment

RICK HOPPE - CHIEF OF STAFF
Hoppe stated they intend to introduce the Budget Resolution on August 19th. Meetings set with Council Members to receive early input. He emphasized being mid-point of our 1st bi-annual budget, anticipating majority of items are minor. Do have State duties, the One and Six Year requirements of the highway program, and the Assessor’s evaluation, and tax rate, an annual duty. Look forward to the meetings.

PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR - TOM CASADY
Hoppe introduced Casady, who handed out a graph representing fire calls, police complaints, for the 8 days of June 28th July 5th. Fireworks complaints for the police have gone down, even more significantly going further back. His opinion was our ordinance liberalization, conforming to the State law standard. Some fireworks illegal, but legal previously, and frequently called in.

Casady stated fire calls listed not necessarily firework related, although several were. Roughly doubled the fire calls from the week before July 4th. Cook asked when did we liberalize the fireworks ordinance? A couple of years ago. Cook asked if 2012 or 2013 would show the new? Casady replied 2011 and 2012.

Eskridge stated we hear from people wanting no fireworks, and people who want whatever could be done statewide. If we had no fireworks in Lincoln, how would it impact the police department? Casady replied, would increase the number of complaints. Would dispatch officers more frequently, with the same
difficulty of enforcement. When citizens see police they stop setting off fireworks. Emery added Davey, Hickman, and Waverly would be very happy if we didn’t have fireworks. An example is Keno, how did that go? Eskridge asked if we sold fireworks for a week, or what State law allows, the impact would be? Casady said, not much impact on police or fire. If broadening the time fireworks are sold, don’t think a large impact, not necessarily more complaints. But increasing the number of days to set off fireworks. It’s fine outside the City for people who want to set off fireworks before July 3rd. Doesn’t change behavior.

Christensen spoke to firework vendors, of 20 plus years. Their assessment is they’re happier now, as opposed to 10 days of fireworks sales. They would sell a lot the first day and have 7/8 days of almost nothing. The majority of sales is on the last 2 days. Indicated if any change would be 3 days instead of 2.

Fellers asked how many complaints for fire and police field outside of these days? Casady replied these account for approximately 90% of fireworks throughout the year, but have year round. Fellers stated his neighborhood has fireworks continuously. Cook asked what percentage of illegal fireworks versus legal makes people upset? Casady said the most common complaint is discharging fireworks before July 3rd. Second is after midnight, and 3rd is illegal bottle rockets. His advice is if Council does anything with fireworks has to be all or nothing. The attempt to regulate kinds of fireworks differently is the worst of both worlds for us.

WEST HAYMARKET JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY
1. The West Haymarket Joint Public Agency public meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 8, 2013 has been canceled due to a lack of agenda items. Next meeting, Thursday, August 22, 2013, 8:00 a.m., in Council Chambers.

No comments

III. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

CITIZENS INFORMATION CENTER
1. The Cable Advisory Board will have a special meeting at 4:00 p.m., Thursday, August 15, 2013, 555 S. 10th Street, Room 303, to discuss several Time Warner issues, including the move of the Public, Education, and Government access channels to digital.

No comments

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES/ENGINEERING

No comments

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP
1. Correspondence from Chris Wagner regarding the intersection of 70th and South Street. Reply from Councilman Camp, with copy to Public Works.
   a) Message from Miki Esposito, Public Works & Utilities Director, stating the traffic section will follow up.

No comments
Camp stated Council received the Fiscal Impact Statement, on Fire & Rescue, shifting approximately 3.2 FTE’s to the Ambulance Enterprise Fund. Saves about $270,000 in the budget. What happens to the $270,000? Casady stated hoping to start accumulating towards more regular replacement of apparatus. Haven’t funded replacement fire apparatus, have an aging fleet, and no money set aside to replace. About 8/9 years since we regularly budgeted every fiscal year to replace major apparatus. No replacement program but want to accumulate so we don’t replace lots of apparatus at once. Moving the FTE’s reflects actual data, which we previously didn’t have. Number of fire calls versus medical emergencies and actual ratios.

Camp asked what will it do to the EMS Fund? Casady replied we think we’re still conservative. Won’t be certain for a time on the impact of the Affordable Care Act on Medicare ambulance reimbursements, number of people, percentage of total runs with a paying insured. Confident cash flow is enough to make this move with long term solvency. Camp asked what percentage increase in FTE’s and EMS? Casady said about 10%. Camp asked if a 10% cushion before? Casady replied yes. Camp asked where has it been going? Casady said to build the fund and now have a surplus in the Enterprise fund. Camp questioned how much is in the surplus? Hubka stated a few thousand, substantial. Camp asked if all equipment debts paid off? Hubka not positive of the last lease purchase. Plenty in cash if we chose to do. Hoppe stated part of the rationale to approve was before the criticism of EMS expenses not accurately portrayed in the correct fund.

Camp added know you want the equipment purchase on the fire side, but $270,000 is quite an amount. Casady said they haven’t sought, or received, authorization to earmark yet. Hope to, which would slow the surplus increase. Camp commented the EMS fund, fire/general budget side, it takes some pressure off.

The $21,000 listed, what is being done with this? Casady stated work is being done at the Municipal Services Center for the Fire Shop. Some expenses needed to prepare the space. Not budgeted previously.

Emery asked how old are the ladder trucks? Casady replied the youngest is about 10 years, and the others 15 plus. Camp stated Law is getting new chairs. Are the old ones better than what we have here? Confer replied they’re 20 years old, casters fall off while people are sitting in them, etc. A safety issue. Camp asked how many chairs, at $500 to $600 each? Confer stated 12. Don’t know exact cost. Camp said $6,500 was being transferred. Hubka stated they run $500 or $600 each. Camp appreciates receiving the Fiscal Impact Statements as several years ago didn’t receive.

Emery thanked Parks & Recreation, Jerry Shorney, for the way Forestry handled a specific job. Generally all City departments respond quickly, especially with emergencies. Camp thanked Public Works for attending to the sidewalk on Cherrywood, which was in real disrepair.

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

1. InterLinc correspondence from Steve Schwab stating consideration should be given to selling Mahoney Golf Course.
2. Memo from Stan Brown, with two photos showing noxious and outlot park weeds, stating park maintenance reduced over the last few years, causing parks to be overgrown and full of weeds. Not a good practice. (Sent to Parks and Recreation Department for possible solution)
   a) Noxious weeds photo; b) Outlot weeds photo
3. Reply from Lynn Johnson, Parks & Recreation Director, (Related to Items #2, #2a and #2b above)
   He will contact Mr. Brown regarding the City’s mowing policy. Specifically will check on the status of the area east of Rickman Run.

No comment

Chair Eskridge adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.