IN LIEU OF
DIRECTORS’ MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

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V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
1. Correspondence from Eve Hulvershorn with concerns regarding the street construction outside her house.
   a) Response from Wynn Hjermstad, Community Development Manager, explaining the timing for the construction on 11th Street.
   b) Correspondence between Eve Hulvershorn and Wynn Hjermstad regarding the development of 11th Street.
2. InterLinc correspondence from Alex Babcock regarding refund of wheel tax and vehicle tags. (Sent to Treasurer’s Office for reply)
   a) Reply from Andy Stebbing, Treasurer.
3. Correspondence from Karl Gaiser stating because of a city sponsored festival he is denied access to his church.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 23, 2013
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Craig Aldridge, Engineering Services, 402-416-5349

S. 40TH STREET TO CLOSE FROM SOUTH TO VAN DORN

Beginning today, S. 40th Street from South to Van Dorn streets will be closed until December for water main work. The detour route is 48th Street.

The project includes the installation of a new six-inch water main. Local access will be maintained at all times, however access to side streets and driveways may be restricted for brief periods. The City and the contractor, HR Bookstrom, will work with local residents on access issues. Brief water service outages may occur in conjunction with this work.

More information on the project is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: projects). Those with questions or comments can contact Craig Aldridge, Engineering Services, at 402-416-5349 and caldrige@lincoln.ne.gov.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 24, 2013
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Terry Genrich, Parks and Recreation, 402-441-7939

SECTION OF BOOSALIS TRAIL
TO CLOSE FOR WIDENING

The project to widen the Boosalis Trail along Highway 2 to accommodate increased participation in the annual Lincoln Marathon will begin next week. The trail will be closed from 27th to 48th streets through the end of November. The first phase of the work also will require the closure of the Rock Island Trail for about ten days from Essex to just north of Highway 2 where it merges with the Boosalis Trail.

The Boosalis Trail will be widened from eight to ten feet. The contractor, TCW Construction, Inc., will phase the project beginning with the section from 27th to 33rd streets and working east. Following completion of the first phase, the contractor will proceed with work from 33rd to 40th streets, then 40th to 48th streets.

The construction cost of the project is about $426,000. Funding is being provided by the Lincoln Track Club, the Great Plains Trails Network, the City of Lincoln and the Visitor’s Promotion Committee.

For more information on the City trail system, visit lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: trails).
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Police / Management          DATE: 9/20/2013

**NEED**
The Lincoln Police Department (LPD) is being evicted from their current range for the Lincoln Airport Authority to develop the land. LPD is required to abate the land of contaminants from the use of the land. LPD will also need to build a new range in order to keep our law enforcement officers qualified in firearms. In order to build the new range we will need a master plan design and then the associated costs to complete the project. We did not include this in our original budget submission two years ago as we were unaware when the eviction would definitely take place.

**FUTURE IMPACT:**
- ☐ Ongoing
- ☐ Limited

Projected Completion Date: January 2015

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DIRECTOR: [Signature]          DATE: Sept 23, 2013
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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 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: September 24, 2013
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-525-1520

MAYOR’S STATEMENT ON TWC CHANGES

Beginning Wednesday, September 25, Time Warner Cable (TWC) will begin offering some channels in a digital format only. The channels affected include government access channels 5 and 10, public access channels 13 and 82 and educational access channel 80.

In order to continue to receive the channels, those TWC customers who have analog televisions or televisions that are not connected to digital cable equipment will need to install free digital adapters. TWC will install the adapters for a fee of $39.99. Those who request the adapters by November 25, 2013 will not be charged a 99-cent monthly fee for the adapters until January 1, 2015. Those who do not request the adapters by November 25, 2013 will be charged 99 cents a month beginning in December 2013.

The Mayor’s Chief of Staff Rick Hoppe met with TWC officials about public concerns with the changes, and TWC responded today. Mayor Beutler issued the following statement:

“The Administration hoped to address concerns expressed by Time Warner Cable customers and the Cable Advisory Board regarding continued access to the public education and government (PEG) channels and the additional cost of the adapters. We were particularly concerned about low-income households. Following the recommendations of the Cable Advisory Board, we proposed that Time Warner extend the length of time that the adapters would be offered free of charge and provide free installation for those who were unable to connect the adapter and those who had technical issues.

“While Time Warner was unwilling to lengthen the amount of time before charging for adapters, they are willing to consider waiving installation fees for those households experiencing technical difficulties. We had hoped for an improved outcome on the cost of the adapters for low-income families. We are very concerned that some residents will no longer be able to view live coverage of important local meetings like those of the City Council, County Board, Planning Commission and School Board without installing a device and paying more each month.

“We are disappointed with Time Warner’s decision, but the Mayor’s Office has no authority to force Time Warner to follow the recommendations of the Cable Advisory Board. Those who have questions about the change and those who have trouble connecting the adapters can contact Time Warner for assistance.”

TWC Customer Care Representatives can be reached at 1-855-286-1736.
LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES
136 S. 14th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-8500

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 25, 2013
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jodene Glaesemann, Lincoln City Libraries, 402-441-4462

LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES CELEBRATE HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

The public is invited to join Lincoln City Libraries in celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month. Walt Branch Library, 6701 S. 14th St., is hosting events in conjunction with the observance, celebrated each year from September 15 to October 15. The events include the following::

Hispanic/Latino artwork display - On display through October 15 is artwork by members of the local Latino community and people who have lived in Latin countries.

Hispanic Heritage Dance Presentation and Movie Day
From 2 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, September 28, enjoy a movie about a young man’s coming of age with the help of his curandera. The cultural dance group Kurumi will perform prior to the movie presentation. The movie has a PG-13 rating, so this event is intended for those who are at least age 13.

Hispanic Heritage Read-in
From 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 1, community members from a variety of Hispanic backgrounds will share aspects of their cultures by reading stories and poems and sharing life experiences. Crafts will be available for children at this all-ages event, presented in cooperation with El Centro de las Americas and the Nebraska Latino American Commission.

More information about these and other Lincoln City Library events is available at lincolnlibraries.org.

National Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates the histories, cultures and contributions of Americans whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America. A week-long observation began in 1968 under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988. Several days during this month are significant. September 15 is the anniversary of independence for Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence on September 16 and 18, respectively, and Columbus Day, or Dia de la Raza is celebrated October 12. More information is available at hispanicheritagemonth.gov/about/.

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PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
2740 “A” Street, Lincoln, NE 68502, 402-441-7847

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 25, 2013
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Melissa Lindeman, Parks and Recreation, 402-441-4900

PARKS AND REC RECEIVES ARTHRITIS PROGRAM GRANT

A $4,000 grant from the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) and the Arthritis Foundation will allow the City Parks and Recreation Department to offer the Walk With Ease programs to Lincoln residents. The low impact walking and exercise programs are approved by the Arthritis Foundation and scientifically proven to help reduce pain and stiffness often associated with arthritis.

Classes will meet three times a week for six weeks:
- Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from Oct. 1 through Nov. 8 - 10 a.m., Antelope Park Indoor Shelter
- Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from Sept. 30 through Nov. 8 - 12:30 p.m., City Council Chambers, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street
- Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from Sept. 30 through Nov. 8 - 2 p.m., room 1226, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department, 3140 “N” St.

The public can register by contacting Melissa Lindeman at 402-441-4900 or mharris@lincoln.ne.gov.

Instructors certified by the Arthritis Foundation will lead the classes, which are suited for anyone interested in preventing or managing arthritis. The classes also are recommended for those wanting a regular, low-impact exercise program.

Studies by the Thurston Arthritis Research Center and the Institute on Aging of the University of North Carolina have found that Walk With Ease reduces pain, increases balance and strength and improves overall health. The goal of the NRPA and the Arthritis Foundation is to help improve the quality of life for those living with arthritis through trusted and measurable programs administered by local parks and recreation departments. Lincoln is one of 24 communities offering the programs nationally.

The NRPA is a national not-for-profit organization dedicated to advancing park, recreation and conservation efforts that enhance quality of life for all people. For more information, visit NRPA.org.

For more information on Parks and Recreation facilities and programs, visit parks.lincoln.ne.gov.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 25, 2013
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Lisa PytlikZillig, Public Policy Center, 402-472-5678

PUBLIC INVITED TO TAKING CHARGE MEETINGS
ON SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION

The public is invited to participate in a Community Conversation in October to discuss steps the City can take to make greater progress in the areas of safety and security and efficient transportation. Results of the recent Taking Charge survey showed those two outcome areas were the top spending priorities for Lincoln residents.

The Community Conversation will be in two parts, with both sessions at the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street. An information session is set for 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 8 in Room 113. A discussion session is set for 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, October 19 in the City Council Chambers. Free parking is available.

Residents can sign up for one or both meetings on the City website, lincoln.ne.gov, or by contacting the Mayor’s Office at 402-441-7511 or mayor@lincoln.ne.gov. Both sessions will be aired on 5 CITY-TV, the government access cable channel, and will be available through video-on-demand on the City website.

Over 1,100 people participated in the Taking Charge survey, which gave the public the opportunity to share their ideas on City programs and spending. The City has partnered with the University of Nebraska Public Policy Center on the Taking Charge process since 2008.


For the safety and security outcome area, participants will discuss hiring more police officers, relocating fire stations to speed emergency response and increasing focus on after-school programs. For the efficient transportation outcome area, they will discuss building new roads, improving traffic signal coordination, improving bus service and increasing sidewalk repair.

Survey results and more information on the Taking Charge process are available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: taking charge).
HEALTH DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS FLU SHOTS

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD) recommends everyone who is at least 6 months of age receive a flu vaccine every year. The vaccine is especially important for those at high risk of developing serious complications like pneumonia if they get the flu. Those include pregnant women, those age 65 and older, and those with certain medical conditions including asthma, diabetes, chronic lung disease and those who are immune compromised.

People who live with or care for others who at high risk of developing complications also should be vaccinated every year. This includes household contacts and caregivers of infants and people with medical conditions including asthma, diabetes and chronic lung disease.

The flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses that infect the nose, throat and lungs. It can cause mild to severe illness, and can lead to death. There were two flu-related deaths in Lancaster County last flu season.

Getting vaccinated each year provides the best protection against influenza. An annual flu vaccine is needed because flu viruses change constantly, and new flu viruses may appear each year. The flu vaccine is formulated each year to keep up with the flu viruses as they change. It takes about two weeks after vaccination for antibodies to develop in the body and provide protection.

The flu season typically runs from October through April, but it varies and can run into May. Flu activity commonly peaks in the U.S. in January or February.

LLCHD will provide flu vaccine to low-income, uninsured adults and certain uninsured children beginning September 30. To be eligible for a flu vaccine at LLCHD, children must be between the ages of 6 months through 18 years and meet one or more of these criteria:
• Have Medicaid coverage
• Have no health insurance or be under insured
• Be American Indian and/or Alaskan Native.

LLCHD requires appointments for flu vaccinations. For more information, call 402-441-8065 or visit lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: health).
Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Thursday, September 26, 2013
1:30 p.m.
County/City Building, Room 113

Roll call and acknowledge the “Nebraska Open Meeting Act”

1. Review and action on the draft minutes of the August 15, 2013 Technical Committee meeting.
2. Review of the Lincoln Travel Options Strategy for the MPO planning area.

The Study

The purpose of this study is to identify the existing travel patterns in Lincoln, document existing programs that help people better utilize biking, walking, transit and shared ride options. The study explored opportunities to formalize a Travel Options Program to increase the number of people using alternative modes of travel.

Travel Options Program

Travel Options Program is to encourage a shift from the single occupancy automobile to alternative modes by offering other options. These efforts are to be coordinated between the City of Lincoln, the business community, universities and other institutions, and area nonprofits. The tools include providing educational materials, information, incentives, and other resources to encourage alternatives to driving alone.

3. Other topics for discussion.

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Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization

OFFICIALS COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Friday, September 27, 2013
10:00 a.m.
County/City Building, Mayor's Conference Room

Roll call and acknowledge the "Nebraska Open Meeting Act"

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Citywide Arterial Street Rehabilitation
North Cotner Boulevard; Leighton Avenue - Fairfax Street
State Project No. LCLC-5228(4) Control No. 13138
City Project No. 540022

The City of Lincoln proposes to mill and overlay North Cotner Boulevard from Leighton Avenue to Fairfax Street beginning on October 3, 2013, weather permitting. The existing asphalt pavement will be milled off and overlaid with new asphalt and pavement markings. Pedestrian curb ramps will be reconstructed to meet ADA standards.

Pavers Inc. will be the contractor. They will perform the work under a total street closure with the road closed to through traffic. Traffic from Cotner Boulevard will be detoured to 70th Street along Holdrege Street and Adams Street. Access to side streets and driveways will be restricted at times during the construction operations. The Contractor and the City will work with local businesses and residences regarding access during construction.

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](http://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
To whom it may concern:
I live on 11th street between F and G streets, and am alarmed to find the street outside my house under construction for the second time this summer. My main concern is the waste of both time and money involved with repaving the street twice. The first time was utility-related, but I don't understand why this couldn't have been planned to address both needs at one time. Aside from the public inconvenience, we seem to have an increase in crime when our street is under construction. The first time my bike was stolen, and this time my roommate's bike was almost stolen-luckily the police intervened. I hope in the future better planning and foresight will be used to be more efficient.

Eve Hulvershorn
Mary M. Meyer

From: Wynn S. Hjemstad
Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2013 4:57 PM
To: 'eviehulvershorn@gmail.com'
Cc: Council Packet
Subject: 11th St Construction

Eve:
Thank you for contacting the City regarding the construction on 11th Street. Your e-mail was forwarded to me for a response.

The construction on 11th Street is all one project but with different timing: the first step was the utility construction. When the utility work was done, temporary pavement was put in for traffic safety knowing it would be replaced when we got to the next step in the project. Now underway, this phase of construction is building bump-outs at the intersections. Bump-outs extend the curb area out into the street, shortening the distance to walk across the street and calming traffic. When complete, the bump-outs will contain bioswales that improve storm water drainage and water quality. Project elements that will be constructed when the intersections are complete include painted bike lanes, sidewalk repair and, in the near future, landscaping the bioswales, installing pedestrian scale lighting from A to J Streets, and in the commercial area around 11th and G, installing bike racks and other street furniture. These later improvements should not cause the street to be closed again.

Regarding the increase in crime, this concern has also been expressed by others. In response, we contacted the Lincoln Police Department and they have increased patrolling in the area. I understand the frustration of living on a street when construction is occurring: it is inconvenient and messy. Fortunately, construction of this first phase is nearly done and, weather permitting, is scheduled to be complete on October 5th. When complete, the project is designed to make 11st Street safer and more pedestrian friendly for walkers and bicyclists as well as vehicle traffic.

I hope I’ve addressed your concerns. Please feel free to contact me if you have further questions or concerns.

Wynn

Wynn S. Hjemstad, AICP
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From: Eve H [mailto:eviehulvershorn@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2013 10:47 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: 11th Street Construction

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construction. The first time my bike was stolen, and this time my roommate's bike was almost stolen—luckily the police intervened. I hope in the future better planning and foresight will be used to be more efficient.

Eve Hulvershorn
Eve,

Yes, the bioswales will have native plants. If you are familiar with plants and it would be of interest, I’m happy to send you a list of the plant materials. We don’t have a mail list where we distribute the information that was in my last e-mail. Are you by any chance a member of the Everett Neighborhood Association? We often attend their monthly meetings to provide input and answer questions. If you prefer not to attend meetings, they also distribute minutes from the meetings that contain good information, not only about this project but other happenings in the neighborhood as well. If you are interested in making contact with them, the president is Pat Anderson. Her e-mail address is panderson@nwlincoln.org. Pat is a true neighborhood advocate and a great person to contact for “all things Everett neighborhood!” The Everett Neighborhood Assoc has been very involved in this project and Pat can likely answer more questions you may have about the neighborhood than I can. That being said, please contact me anytime with questions or concerns.

Wynn

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Office: 402.441.7606 | Direct: 402.441.8211 | Fax: 402.441.8711

From: Eve H [mailto:eviehulvershorn@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2013 6:27 PM
To: Wynn S. Hjermstad
Subject: Re: 11th St Construction

Wynn,

Thanks so much for getting back to me! I'm happy to hear about the improvements. I'd love to see native plants in the bioswales. I appreciate you addressing the crime issue. Do you have a mailing list with this kind of information on it?

Eve
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

Name: Alex Babcock
Address: 4204 N. 25th St.
City: Lincoln, NE 68521

Phone: 
Fax: 
Email: babcock_alex@yahoo.com

Comment or Question:
I am a current resident of Lincoln but will be moving out of Lincoln and Lancaster county soon. I just renewed my tags for my vehicle and when I inquired about how much of the wheel tax I would be refunded. I was informed that the wheel tax is non refundable. I was under the impression that the wheel tax applied to Lincoln residents only. When I pay for a year worth of insurance, and only use 6 months of coverage, I receive a refund for the other 6 months. Can you please explain to me why I am not entitled to a partial refund of my wheel tax paid in when I will no longer be living in the city of Lincoln.

I realize that this will probably fall on deaf ears. I understand the benefits of a wheel tax and all that it would help for the city. However, when it increases significantly on almost annual basis, by far out pacing inflation, it becomes ridiculous.

I will give you another example that I feel is unacceptable. My vehicle tags expire at the end of November. I am required to relicense and pay a wheel tax as a resident of Lincoln. I move out of Lincoln after January 1st. Explain to me how I would not be entitled to a partial refund of that payment.

I realize that a partial refund isn't alot of money to most people but when you live paycheck to paycheck, every dollar is essential. I also know that I will never see the money that I am entitled to because of the ordinance. Yes, I have read it and I feel that it is a joke that the only way I can be reimbursed for it is to sell my vehicle.

This is just one of the reasons I am looking forward to moving out of Lincoln.
Dear Mary,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity.

Mr. Babcock contacted our office prior to you receiving his email and we explained to him that current Lincoln Municipal code 3.20.210 provides for a refund only when you sell your vehicle, therefore my office could not help him with his refund request. He was referred to your office for further inquiry.

I personally believe a citizen has the right to receive a refund for taxes they have paid when the cause of the tax changes. Mr. Babcock’s example is a perfect one, and one my staff hears frequently. I think it is unfair to keep money taxed in advanced. However, there may be a solution: The Council could change the ordinance to allow refunds of remaining months when you move from Lincoln, just as it is when you sell a car.

I believe Mr. Babcock brings up a valid point, and I am always happy to work on any solution that insures the citizens is taxed fairly and appropriately.

Andy, Stebbing
Treasurer

From: Andy F. Stebbing
Sent: Thursday, September 26, 2013 8:55 AM
To: Donald K. Arp
Subject: RE: Wheel tax

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for General Council

Name: Alex Babcock
Address: 4204 N. 25th St.
City: Lincoln, NE 68521

Phone: 
Fax: 
Email: babcock_alex@yahoo.com

Comment or Question:
I am a current resident of Lincoln but will be moving out of Lincoln and Lancaster county soon. I just renewed my tags for my vehicle and when I inquired about how much of the wheel tax I would be refunded. I was informed that the wheel tax is non refundable. I was under the impression that the wheel tax applied to Lincoln residents only. When I pay for a years worth of insurance, and only use 6 months of coverage, I receive a refund for the other 6 months. Can you please explain to me why I am not entitled to a partial refund of my wheel tax paid in when I will no longer be living in the city of Lincoln.
I realize that this will probably fall on deaf ears. I understand the benefits of a wheel tax and all that it would help for the city. However, when it increases significantly on almost annual basis, by far outpacing inflation, it becomes ridiculous.

I will give you another example that I feel is unacceptable. My vehicle tags expire at the end of November. I am required to relicense and pay a wheel tax as a resident of Lincoln. I move out of Lincoln after January 1st. Explain to me how I would not be entitled to a partial refund of that payment.

I realize that a partial refund isn’t alot of money to most people but when you live paycheck to paycheck, every dollar is essential. I also know that I will never see the money that I am entitled to because of the ordinance. Yes, I have read it and I feel that it is a joke that the only way I can be reimbursed for it is to sell my vehicle.

This is just one of the reasons I am looking forward to moving out of Lincoln.
To Whom it May Concern;
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DIRECTORS’ AGENDA  
ADDENDUM  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR & DIRECTORS’ CORRESPONDENCE

MAYOR
1. NEWS RELEASE. Grant to help fund “N” Street protected bikeway.
2. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will hold a news conference Friday, September 27, 2013, 1:00 p.m., at 555 S. 10th Street to provide an update on the Pinnacle Arena pedestrian bridge. Chancellor Perlman will join Mayor Beutler to announce a renewable energy project.
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4. Memorandum from Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff, regarding Mayor Beutler’s invitation for participating in a strategic planning project.
   a) Invitation from Mayor Beutler to participate in creating a strategic plan for Lincoln’s future.
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   a) Nancy Carr’s email on LES and City Dividend.
8. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler’s public schedule for the week of September 28th through October 4, 2013.
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CITY OMBUDSMAN
1. Reply to Karl C. Gaiser from City Ombudsman, Lin Quenzer, on his concern the festival “Streets Alive” causes streets to close, denying him access to his church.
   a) Message from Karl Gaiser on not having access to his church.

WEST HAYMARKET JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY
1. The West Haymarket Joint Public Agency will meet on Friday, October 4, 2013, 3:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, Room 112, 555 S. 10th Street. Agenda and attachments available online.

FINANCE/TREASURER

WEED AUTHORITY
1. Lancaster County Weed Control - City of Lincoln Weed Abatement newsletter for August and September 2013.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP
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V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 30, 2013
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Erika Nunes, Engineering Services, 402-326-1037

COTNER TO CLOSE FROM FAIRFAX TO LEIGHTON THURSDAY

Beginning Thursday, October 3, Cotner Boulevard from Fairfax Street to Leighton Avenue will close to through traffic for about three weeks for street rehabilitation. The detour route is from Holdrege Street to 70th Street to Adams Street.

The project includes new asphalt and pavement markings. Pedestrian curb ramps will be reconstructed to meet ADA standards. The City and the contractor, Pavers Inc., will work with local businesses and residents on access issues. Access to side streets and driveways will be restricted at times during construction.

More information on the project is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: projects), or by contacting Erika Nunes, Engineering Services, at 402-326-1037, or enunes@lincoln.ne.gov.
GRANT TO HELP FUND “N” STREET PROTECTED BIKEWAY

A $10,000 grant from PeopleForBikes will help the City of Lincoln and the Nebraska Trails Foundation add a 2.2-mile protected bikeway along “N” Street through the downtown area. The grant will be matched by the Jayne Snyder fund and will help the Great Plains Trails Network and the Nebraska Trails Foundation meet its $200,000 commitment to assist the City with the project.

When completed, the protected bikeway will provide a safe, bi-directional path along “N” Street from Antelope Valley to the West Haymarket area, a critical link in the City’s 128-mile trail network. The new bikeway will connect trails to the east and west, downtown businesses, the Haymarket area, Pinnacle Bank Arena and the University of Nebraska.

“Because the bikeway will be a dedicated space, separated from other traffic, it will make downtown safer and more enjoyable not just for bikers, but also for motorists and pedestrians,” said Ernie Castillo, City Urban Development Department. “More than 87,000 people live within two miles of the ‘N’ Street protected bikeway, so the project will make downtown more accessible to about one-third of Lincoln’s residents.”

The final design phase is scheduled for this fall. The bid advertising will follow immediately and construction will begin in spring 2014.

PeopleForBikes is a national leader in the movement to improve bicycling in the U.S. By collaborating with millions of individual riders, businesses, community leaders and elected officials, the organization is uniting Americans to boost bicycling on a national level with results that can be seen locally. More information is available at peopleforbikes.org.

Screen Ink Screen Printing & Embroidery and the Great Plains Trails Network are local sponsors for the project. For more information on the project, visit lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: nstbikeway).
DATE: September 26, 2013
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Dave Norris, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7547

Mayor Chris Beutler will have a news conference at 1 p.m. Friday, September 27 in room 303 in the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.

The news conference will include two topics:
• The Mayor will provide an update on the pedestrian bridge for the new Pinnacle Bank Arena
• University of Nebraska -Lincoln Chancellor Harvey Perlman will join the Mayor to announce a renewable energy project.
MAYOR SAYS REINSTATING STATE AID WILL LEAD TO PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

Mayor Chris Beutler today asked State lawmakers for help to reduce the local property tax burden by reinstating State aid to municipalities. Beutler testified before the Nebraska Legislature’s Tax Modernization Committee at a public hearing in Norfolk. Beutler, a former State Senator, addressed the Committee as Mayor of Lincoln and as President of the League of Nebraska Municipalities.

“On behalf of the League’s 380-plus member municipalities, I respectfully submit that if one of the goals of this process is to reduce the burden of local property taxes, the Committee should strongly consider reinstating and fully funding State aid to municipalities as one of its recommendations. Such aid is, essentially, a form of property tax relief,” Beutler said.

Beutler noted that State aid was initiated to help minimize the impact on local governments of property tax exemptions granted by the Legislature.

As the State dealt with budget shortfalls, State aid to local governments was reduced over a number of years, and in 2011, the remaining $11.3 million was eliminated. While the State aid amount may have represented a relatively low percentage of total budgets, Beutler said it helped to funded significant services and programs at the local level.

The Mayor outlined the $7.6 million in budget cuts the City of Lincoln has made since the 2006-07 fiscal year. Despite significant growth in population and area, the City’s civilian workforce has declined by 9.7 percent, or about 140 jobs.

“Municipalities across the State face the challenge of limiting the burden on local taxpayers while trying to finance State and federal unfunded mandates, including paying municipal employees comparable wages and benefits, fulfilling storm water requirements, financing landfills and complying with the Fair Labor Standards Act, the Americans With Disabilities Act and the Family and Medical Leave Act, just to name a few,” Beutler said. “Like the State, municipal governments also face increasing costs over which they have no control, including utilities, health insurance rates, labor contracts and many others.”

Beutler said lid and levy restrictions the Legislature has imposed on local governments have reduced funding options, but he thanked them for passing the local option sales tax bill in 2012. “Your municipalities are grateful to the Legislature for trusting our local voters on this important issue,” Beutler said.
Dear Neighborhood Leader:

Attached is an invitation from Mayor Beutler asking community leaders like you to help us with a strategic planning project. Lincoln's neighborhoods have a long history of community leadership and your insights regarding budget planning in the areas of "Safety & Security" and "Efficient Transportation" would be valuable to the Administration.

We would be grateful for your participation in the project. The letter contains contact information if you are interested. If you have suggestions for other people who could contribute to this process, please send me their names.

Thanks for your help. We look to working with you on the City's strategic planning efforts.

Rick Hoppe  
Chief of Staff  
Mayor Chris Beutler  
rickhoppe@lincoln.ne.gov  
402-441-7511 (business)  
402-430-2505 (mobile)
September 24, 2013

Dear Friend:

I am writing to ask for your help in setting a course for Lincoln’s future.

For the past several years, we have been using a citizen-driven effort called “Taking Charge” to help city leaders learn more about what our community expects from City Hall. We have been involving citizens early on in the budget process so they can help us make the choices that impact Lincoln’s future. This year, we are using the same approach to inform City Hall’s strategic planning related to our budget priorities.

The effort started with the “Taking Charge” on-line survey. Over 1100 people reviewed the City’s outcomes for the 2014-16 budget. They indicated that “Safety & Security” and “Efficient Transportation” were the two areas where they wanted more focus.

The next step is bringing people together in a “Community Conversation” to review the programming possibilities and help us build our strategic plan that guides our decision-making as we create the 2014-16 budget.

I am reaching out to groups across the community and asking them to participate in helping us create a strategic plan for the future.

The “Community Conversation” has two parts. On Tuesday, October 8th from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM, we will gather at City Hall for an interactive presentation so you will have the background you need.

On Saturday morning, October 19th from about 9 AM to 12:30 PM we meet again at City Hall to divide into small groups. Each group will further consider the information from the October 8th meeting and present their ideas for a strategic plan on the “Safety & Security” and “Efficient Transportation” outcomes.

We hope you can commit to both sessions. However, if you are unable to attend on the 8th, that discussion will be available on the City website for your review if you would still like to participate on the 19th.

If you are willing to help with this project, please email my Chief of Staff, Rick Hoppe at rhoppe@lincoln.ne.gov. If you would like more information email Rick or call him at 441-6036.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to working with you to create a strategic plan that meets our community’s expectations for the future.

Sincerely,

Chris Beutler
Mayor of Lincoln
ARENA PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE EXPECTED TO OPEN NOVEMBER 1

The pedestrian bridge linking the Pinnacle Bank Arena with the festival/parking lot north of the Arena is now expected to open to the public November 1. Construction on the $7.9 million bridge was delayed when a bridge girder slipped April 19. Investigators say the girder failure was generally due to a problem with the concrete blocks between the girders, known as diaphragms.

“With a plan for completion in place, I have total confidence in the safety and quality of this pedestrian bridge,” said Mayor Beutler. “I also want to assure the public that the West Haymarket Joint Public Agency (JPA) has no expectations of paying for any of the repair costs. It is unfortunate that problems like this happen from time to time, but when they do, it is even more important to pull together as a team to find a path forward. I want to thank all those who worked to get this project back on track, and I look forward to putting this important bridge into service.”

The Mayor also thanked StarTran which is providing free shuttle service from the festival lot to the Arena for events until the bridge opens.

The bridge is about 611 feet long and connects the festival lot to the north entrance of the Arena. Since the girder slipped, the bridge has undergone a series of very complex and lengthy design and materials testing and analysis. Thornton Tomasetti, the JPA’s consulting engineers, has served as the third-party investigator. Repairs have been made, and the tension on the bridge has been successfully set.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 27, 2013
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Mike Lang, Mayor’s Office-Economic Development, 402-441-7511
Meg Lauerman, University of Nebraska, 402-472-0088

CITY AND UNL PARTNER ON RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEM FOR INNOVATION CAMPUS

Mayor Chris Beutler and University of Nebraska - Lincoln Chancellor Harvey Perlman today announced a joint project to use reclaimed, non-drinkable water from the City’s Theresa Street Wastewater treatment plant to heat and cool facilities at Innovation Campus. UNL’s investment of $12 million in the Central Renewable Energy System (CRES) has been approved by the University of Nebraska Board of Regents and will be introduced to City Council Monday, September 30.

“Over the last several years, the City of Lincoln has strived to become known as a good steward of our environment,” said Mayor Beutler. “The Central Renewable Energy System is a very unique arrangement that should have broad appeal to private businesses who embrace renewable energy and sustainability. We are pleased to be able to partner with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to make this project a reality.”

“The construction of Innovation Campus should be innovative and sustainable. This unique technology demonstrates our commitment to both,” said UNL Chancellor Harvey Perlman.

“This central renewable energy system serving Nebraska Innovation Campus is one of only a few such systems in the world,” said Nebraska Innovation Campus Executive Director Dan Duncan. “We are demonstrating our commitment to innovation as well as to the environment.”

The reclaimed water from the City’s Theresa Street Wastewater Treatment Plant will be diverted to a heat exchange facility located on Innovation Campus. The reclaimed water will then return to Salt Creek. A closed-loop, similar to a geothermal heat pump system, will be installed to serve the individual buildings. Depending on the season, heat content will either be absorbed or rejected to provide heating and cooling energy to Innovation Campus. This system can provide capacity for up to an estimated 1.8 million square feet of space.

Once approved by City Council, construction would begin soon, and the system is scheduled to be in operation next spring or summer.

Olsson Associates is the engineering firm on the project. More information on Nebraska Innovation Campus is available at http://innovate.unl.edu

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Ms Carr

I am Rick Hoppe the Mayor’s Chief of Staff. Councilman Emery asked that I respond to your email.

I hope I understand your question. It appears you are asking about the City’s authority to impose the City Dividend on LES bills.

LES is not a separate legal entity. It is a division of the City created by ordinance. LES infrastructure consists of City assets and all of its personnel are employed by the City. The ordinances which created this division also created the LES Administrative Board, which has been delegated authority to operate these assets subject to the Council’s oversight. Its budget and the rates charged by LES are all established by the City Council, subject to the Mayor’s veto power. Since LES is a division of city government, elected officials chosen by Lincoln citizens (the people) have the authority to implement the city dividend. That is the legal explanation.

The rationale for why it was implemented as opposed to a tax increase has to do with fairly assessing costs. How revenue is collected by the City impacts various people and groups differently. For instance, non-profit organizations have exemptions from property taxes putting more of the tax burden on other property tax payers. However, non-profits are not exempt from electricity bills. That’s why the infrastructure used by LES to transit electricity is most properly funded by ratepayers, rather than taxpayers. It is the fairest way to assess costs.

Street lights are not part of the infrastructure that delivers electricity to ratepayers. Street lights exist to light sidewalks and roads for the safety of drivers and pedestrians, a general government function. As such, it seems to make more sense to pay for them with tax dollars.

Thank you for writing. We appreciate the opportunity to address your concerns.

Sincerely,

Rick Hoppe
Chief of Staff
Mayor Chris Beutler
rickhoppe@lincoln.ne.gov
402-441-7511 (business)
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Dear Council Members,

I have attached a couple of items related to the "City Dividend" that we are now required to pay for the "public electric utility"-- I am very confused at this point, and hope you will be able to clarify the matter for me. It is my understanding that the City (as all other Government) only exists and operates on tax funds collected from "we, the People." Thus, we, the people, actually own and operate the government-- so how is it that we the people must also pay an additional tax in the form of a city dividend to the government we own for a utility we pay them to operate for us? I also noticed that we, the people, pay several times over by also paying (taxes collected) another dividend for traffic lights and for street lighting-- I think it is obvious that traffic and street lighting do not generate their own income, thus our tax dollars pay for them and then pay for the additional "city dividend" that must be collected from them. I do not see the justice in this. Would one or several of you please explain how this makes sense? Thank you.

Respectfully,
Nancy Carr

Home: 402-421-1570
Cell: 402-304-2769
6900 Ash Hollow Lane
Lincoln, NE 68516
Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule
Week of September 28 through October 4, 2013
Schedule subject to change

Saturday, September 28
• Lincoln Arts Festival, remarks - 9:30 a.m., SouthPointe Pavilions, 2910 Pine Lake Road

Sunday, September 29
• Streets Alive!, remarks - 1 p.m., “F” Street Recreation Center, 13th and “F” streets
• Tastes in the Tallgrass - 3:30 p.m., Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center, Denton, NE

Monday, September 30
• City Impact benefit dinner, remarks - 6 p.m., Embassy Suites, 1040 “P” St.

Tuesday, October 1
• Mountain-Plains Museums Association, remarks - 10 a.m., Cornhusker Marriott Hotel, 333 S. 13th St. (lower ballroom)
• Ground breaking for Aventine at Wilderness Hills, remarks - 4 p.m., 8801 S. 33rd St.

Thursday, October 3
• News conference, topic and location to be announced - 10 a.m.
• Realtors Association of Lincoln’s 94th Installation and awards banquet - 6 p.m., Wilderness Ridge, 1800 Wilderness Woods Place

Friday, October 4
• Ribbon cutting for Landfill Gas Energy Project, remarks - 9:30 a.m., Terry Bundy Generating Station, 7707 Bluff Road
• West Haymarket Joint Public Agency (JPA) public meeting - 3 p.m., Council Chambers, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.
Dear Mr. Gaiser:

Thanks for writing to Mayor Beutler and the City Council with your concerns regarding parking at Lincoln Baptist Church on the same date as the Streets Alive event being held in the Near South and Everett neighborhoods. Streets Alive is a Partnership for a Healthy Lincoln event. Partners include the YMCA, Lancaster County Medical Society, the Community Health Endowment, Aging Partners and other faith, church and community organizations dedicated to involving the community to educate Lincoln citizens and promote fitness city-wide through initiatives like “Fit by 2015” and the Streets Alive event that is the subject of your concern. If you would like more information on the event, its history or the many local partners, please go to http://www.healthylincoln.org/.

I spoke to Carol Jess, one of the Streets Alive event coordinators regarding the issues you have voiced. On March 19, 2013, Lincoln Baptist was notified of the event and coordinators spoke with Tammy Pointer, the wife of the pastor, to let the church know what the event is about and to give out informational materials and contact information for the event organizers.

Event Coordinators continued to communicate as recently as 9-26-13, in conversations with Brother Jonathan and Tammy Pointer, to advise them of the event time-line and to let them know of the actions being taken to minimize adverse impacts to First Baptist worshipers. Information included that Streets Alive volunteers will help worshipers to access the church, parking and alternative parking locations, including the utilization of alternate parking at F Street Community Center at 13th & F for use by the church between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Worshipers will enter the alley from 12th Street to the parking area and exit from the alley onto 13th Street. Signs will also be posted to assist people to parking and will help those with special needs to parking at the church.

It should also be noted that Streets Alive does not start until 1:00 p.m. For information on the route of Streets Alive, go to https://healthylincolnorg.presencehost.net/file_download/inline/e5975f7d-2811-4e40-b2fd-790032b7ead2 Neither the Partnership for a Healthy Lincoln nor the City of Lincoln wish to infringe upon your worship experience. I would like to invite you and all worshipers to help celebrate Streets Alive and participate in the many free activities after your services are concluded, should you so wish. Perhaps next year your congregation might wish to participate in the event as other churches are doing this year in expression of their Christian stewardship (see Mark 12:29-31).

Your time in bringing these concerns to the attention of the Mayor’s office is appreciated. Please feel free to contact us should you have other questions or issues regarding the City of Lincoln’s departments or events at any time.

Sincerely,

Lin Quenzer
Ombudsman
Office of the Mayor
City of Lincoln, Nebraska  68508
402.441.7511
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[http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/finance/account/jpa-mtgs.htm](http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/finance/account/jpa-mtgs.htm)
OFFICE OF TREASURER, CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

September 26, 2013

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 August 31, 2013:

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I desire to report that such City cash was held by me as follows which I will deem satisfactory unless advised and further directed in the matter by you:

- U. S. Bank Nebraska, N.A. $2,996,408.75
- Wells Fargo Bank $(79,224.08)
- Wells Fargo Bank Credit Card Account $24,924.40
- Cornhusker Bank $41,064.51
- First Nebraska Bank $1,573.09
- Pinnacle Bank $24,133.13
- Union Bank & Trust Company $152,013.13
- West Gate Bank $9,074.33
- Idle Funds - Short-Term Pool $36,105,000.00
- Idle Funds - Medium-Term Pool $277,583,780.34
- Cash, Checks and Warrants $28,294.58

**Total Cash on Hand August 31, 2013** $316,887,042.18

The negative bank balances shown above do not represent the City as overdrawn in these bank accounts. In order to maximize interest earned on all City funds, deposits have been invested prior to the Departments' notification to the City Treasurer's office of these deposits; therefore, these deposits are not recorded in the City Treasurer's bank account balances at month end.

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

**ATTEST:**

Teresa J. Meyer, City Clerk

Melinda J. Jones, City Treasurer
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Salt Creek was recently surveyed for phragmites, purple loosestrife and saltcedar, from Lincoln to where it joins with the Platte River near Mahoney State Park. All three are noxious weeds in Nebraska and prefer to grow around water. The survey was paid for from grant funds received from the Nebraska Environmental Trust by the Lower Platte Weed Management Area. A GPS camera and the GPS unit in the helicopter were both used to mark the locations. From the information gathered we are able to produce maps and begin working with the property owners to control the infestations while they are small, preventing major problems like we've seen in western Nebraska.

The entire survey was completed in about 1 hour and around 18 locations were spotted. The helicopter gives you a great view of the infestations making them easy to spot. This would take days to weeks on the ground, and even then it would be difficult to see through all the other vegetation.

The reason Skycopters was in the area was to spray phragmites. Around 40 landowners took advantage of this opportunity and had their infestations treated. Phragmites likes to grow in areas that are hard to get to with ground equipment, so the helicopter is a great way to get them sprayed. The aquatic herbicide used has an active ingredient imazapyr that requires specialized equipment on the helicopter to be able to legally apply. The cost of the applications is paid by each landowner directly to Skycopters, so no money has to come out of our budget to get this done.

Thomas Powers, Professor of UNL Plant Pathology department once again brought his class out to witness firsthand how destructive a patch of phragmites is. We were able to show the students the environmental impacts and how to properly identify the invasive phragmites from the native phragmites. We discussed how it can choke off the rivers and how much worse the flooding on the Platte River would be right now if the Weed Management Area groups, to the west, wouldn’t have been controlling the phragmites over the years.
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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_weed)

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To: Jon Camp
Subject: InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
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Comment or Question:
I read the article in Sunday's paper about the 14th and Superior Streets roundabout problems and ideas for solutions. The ideas to be presented are ridiculous. I avoid using this roundabout when I can, but there are times I must use it. It is dangerous. The traffic at this location during busy times is entirely too busy for a roundabout and something needs to be done.

The roundabout has had more accidents than before when there was a light at this location. Traffic coming from the north still has to wait longer to get across because of traffic failing to stop coming from the east on Superior Street. I hate to say this, but "Superior Street rules" on the roundabout.

If you compare this with Antelope Parkway, the roundabout is ridiculous. There is a lot more traffic on Antelope Parkway and a light is used at all of the intersections for two to three lanes plus a turning lane. The drivers don't seem to pull out on a red light as they do on the roundabout.

I would like to see the city council representatives travel from O Street on Antelope Parkway north past 14th and Superior Streets and then make a decision on which way is safer.

I feel it would be much safer if the island is removed and a light is installed at the intersection. The changes that will be presented to you at Monday's meeting will not solve the problem.

I hope you will consider reinstalling the light at the intersection and I thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Sincerely,

Judy Groetzinger
402-742-0988

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