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II. MAYOR
1. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler’s public schedule for the week of November 28th through December 6, 2013.
2. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler and LES CEO Kevin Wailes will hold a news conference, December 5th, 10:00 a.m., at 555 S. 10th, in the Mayor’s Conference Room to announce changes for the Lincoln Cares donation program.
3. NEWS RELEASE. City, LES announce changes to Lincoln Cares donation process.
4. NEWS RELEASE. Applicants sought for Library Board vacancy. Deadline to apply is January 6, 2014.

III. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

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PARKS AND RECREATION
1. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting agenda for December 12, 2013.

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WEED CONTROL AUTHORITY
1. Lancaster County Weed Control - City of Lincoln Weed Abatement, November, 2013.

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1. InterLinc correspondence from Jeffrey Stone regarding Time Warner Cable service. (Sent to Public Information Services)
Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule
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Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29
CITY OFFICES CLOSED - THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

Monday, December 2
• Chamber of Commerce celebration event for 1,600th membership, remarks - 4 p.m., Vega, 350 Canopy Street

Tuesday, December 3
• Lincoln Downtown Rotary Club luncheon, remarks - 11:45 a.m., Nebraska Club, US Bank Building, 233 S. 13th St. (20th floor)

Wednesday, December 4
• Lincoln Police Department Police Academy graduation, remarks - 7 p.m., Cornhusker Marriott Hotel, 333 S. 13th St. (Lancaster Room)

Thursday, December 5
• KFOR - 7:45 a.m.
• News conference (topic and location to be announced) - 10 a.m.
Mayor Beutler and LES Administrator and CEO Kevin Wailes will announce changes for the Lincoln Cares donation program at a news conference at 10 a.m. Thursday, December 5 in the Mayor’s Conference Room, third floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street.

The Lincoln Cares Program – which allows LES customers to add $1 to their monthly bill payments to support parks, libraries and aging services – has raised more than $1 million since its inception in 2003.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: December 5, 2013
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831
                          Lynn Johnson, Parks and Recreation, 402-441-8265
                          Susan Larson Rodenburg, Lincoln Cares, 402-440-3227

CITY, LES ANNOUNCE CHANGES
TO LINCOLN CARES DONATION PROCESS
Customers need to enroll online or call LES

Mayor Chris Beutler and Kevin Wailes, Administrator and CEO of Lincoln Electric System, today announced a new donation process for the Lincoln Cares community donation program. LES customers have had the option to add $1 to their monthly bill payments to support Lincoln Parks and Recreation, Lincoln City Libraries and Aging Partners.

“LES is making it easier for customers to continue their support of the Lincoln Cares program,” said Wailes. “We have implemented a new enrollment system that will allow all LES customers to have their $1 donation automatically included on their LES bill each month. Customers interested in taking advantage of the new system can enroll online or by calling LES.”

“We are incredibly grateful to LES customers and other donors who have supported the Lincoln Cares program since it was started in 2003,” Mayor Beutler said. “Because of the community’s generosity, we have been able to invest more than $1 million in extra funds in our parks, libraries and programs for older adults.”

Wailes said that automatic bank billed customers who already signed up to have their Lincoln Cares donation included on their monthly bills will not need to re-enroll. Support of Lincoln Cares is voluntary, he noted, so customers can discontinue their automatic donation at any time by calling LES.

The Mayor encouraged LES customers to take the easy steps to enroll in the program because the option to add $1 to their utility bill on a month-by-month basis will no longer be available after April 2014. “As our community continues to grow, these additional funds are needed now more than ever, Beutler said. “Lincoln Cares is a simple and easy way for everyone to support the services that help to make our community a great place to live.”

From its inception in February 2003 through October 2013, Lincoln Cares has collected nearly $692,451 in donations from LES customers. An average of 4,220 of the 115,524 total residential LES customers donated to the program in 2013 on a monthly basis. Another $560,936 has been contributed through direct donations to the Lincoln Parks Foundation and through community partnerships with local foundations, businesses and neighborhood associations. The total for all collections since Lincoln Cares began is $1,253,387.

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Mayor Beutler recognized all six Lincoln media organizations that are providing in-kind advertising and promotion to create a greater awareness of Lincoln Cares and its new enrollment system: KOLN/KGIN-TV, KLKN-TV, Three Eagles Communications, Broadcast House, the Lincoln Journal Star and The Ticket.

LES customers who are not currently enrolled in the Lincoln Cares program can sign up at www.les.com/lcdonate or by calling 402-475-4211. Donations also can be made online at LincolnCares.org or mailed directly to the Lincoln Parks Foundation, 2740 “A” Street, Box 201, Lincoln, NE 68502.

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2013 LINCOLN CARES PROJECTS AND PARTNERS

Tennis Backboards in Parks: Tennis backboards will be replaced in Peter Pan Park and Eden Park. Two additional backboards will be replaced or added at locations to be identified in cooperation with the project partners. The project partners are Sig Garnett and Tom Tipton in cooperation with Lincoln Tennis Association.

Drinking Fountains on the Trails: New drinking fountains will be placed at two locations along the Billy Wolff Trail. The project partners are the Mike Sucha Memorial Golf Tournament and Vintage Heights Homeowners Association.

Historic Pinewood Bowl Entrance Enhancements: Historic entrance features, originally located at Antelope Park, will enhance the entrance of Pinewood Bowl. Features include four original columns, two lights and several fence panels. The project partner is Pinewood Bowl, Inc.

Haines Branch Prairie Corridor: The 7.5-mile Prairie Corridor will link Pioneers Park with Spring Creek Prairie and provide enhancement and preservation of tall grass prairie, recreational and educational connections and economical development opportunities. The project partners are the Lincoln Parks Foundation and the Prairie Corridor Partnership.

Parker’s Pals: This scholarship program provides financial support for children of low-income families. It includes pool admissions, swimming lessons and participation in the swim/dive league and allows children to participate in youth and sports programs offered by Lincoln Parks and Recreation. The project partners are Culver’s, Olsson Associates, Lincoln Area Retired School Personnel and the Lincoln Parks Foundation.

Aging Strong: Aging Strong is part of the health and fitness program provided by Aging Partners to adults age 55 and over. Lincoln Cares donations will be used to finance fitness equipment at the Aging Partners Health and Fitness Center, 233 S. 10th St. The project partner is the Seniors Foundation.

Leading to Reading Spaces: These educational spots for young children at Eiseley and Walt Branch Libraries will offer special computers and developmentally appropriate toys to encourage literacy. The project partners are the Dillon Foundation, Rotary 14 and the Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries.
Projects funded in the first nine years of the Lincoln Cares program include:
Sherman Field
Nebraska’s Centennial Mall
Jayne Snyder Trail Center
Densmore Park Ballfield shade structure
Aging in Place program
Mendoza Park shelter
Leading to Reading spaces at Bennet Martin Library and Gere and Bethany Branch Libraries
Billy Wolff Trail solar lighting
Pioneers Park Nature Center - animal care
Union Plaza
Witherbee Park playground
Air conditioning at Belmont Park enclosed shelter
Hi-tech portable play tower
Boosalis Trail renovation
Solar-heated pool demonstration project
Air conditioning at Antelope Park enclosed shelter
Acquisition of prairie and grasslands at Pioneers Park
Nebraska State Liberty Bell Shelter in Antelope Park
Restoration of the Four Wars Memorial and the Pioneer Woman and Bountiful Prairie sculptures
Sunken Gardens renovation
Addition to the Pioneers Park Nature Center Prairie Building
Park Middle School Teen Center
Benches along the Holmes Lake Trail Loop
Shelters at Woods Park and Bethany Park
Green Team Youth Employment Program
Youth Outdoor Adventure Program
Peach Park expansion
Trago Park Shelter
Hudson Cabin and Heritage School Endowment
Belmont Park Natural Play Area
Lewis Field parking lot lighting
Tierra Park Playground area lighting
Elliott School/Antelope Park/Antelope Valley Trail
Pioneers Park Nature Center art work
Jamaica North Trail Bridge
Lighting at Sunken Gardens and Pocras Park
Picnic tables at Bowling Lake
Trago Park Sprayground
Upgraded toddler play area at the Ager Play Center
Lincoln Safari program
Shooting sports facility
Parker’s Pals swim and recreation program scholarships for low-income youth
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: December 5, 2013
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Pat Leach, Lincoln City Libraries, 402-441-8510

APPLICANTS SOUGHT FOR LIBRARY BOARD VACANCY
Deadline to apply is January 6

Applications will be accepted through Monday, January 6, 2014 for a vacancy on the Lincoln City Libraries Board of Trustees. Maja Viklands Harris recently resigned from the Board to accept a Mayoral appointment to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Commission, and the person appointed to replace her will serve the rest of her term through August 31, 2015.

The Library Board is a seven-member administrative board appointed by the Lincoln City Council. Each trustee is obligated to work toward improvement in library services through well-trained staff and efficient use of funds, to support adequate funding for library services and to promote the best possible use of all library resources. The mission of Lincoln City Libraries is to foster the power of reading and provide open access to all forms of information to enrich people’s lives every day.

Applicants must be residents of Lincoln. Those interested are asked to send a letter along with a completed Board Appointment Information form to library@lincolnlibraries.org or to Candidate Search, Lincoln City Libraries, 136 S. 14th St., Lincoln, NE 68508. The Board Appointment Information form can be obtained by calling the Library Director’s office at 402-441-8512 or by printing a copy from lincolnlibraries.org.

The Library Board will review the applications and forward all information and any recommendations to the City Council.

For more information on Lincoln City Libraries, visit lincolnlibraries.org.
CITY OF LINCOLN
COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS
Thursday, December 12, 2013, 4:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers, 555 South 10th Street
AGENDA

I. Roll Call
II. Approval of Minutes of October 31, 2013 Commission Meeting
III. Approval of Agenda for December 12, 2013 Commission Meeting
IV. Case Dispositions
   A. Reasonable Cause / No Reasonable Cause
      1. LCHR NO.: 13-0415-009-E-R
      3. LCHR NO.: 13-0701-019-E-R
      4. LCHR NO.: 13-1004-011-H
   B. Pre-Determination Settlement Agreements
      1. LCHR NO.: 13-0418-001-PA
      2. LCHR NO.: 13-1031-012-H
   C. Successful Conciliation
      1. LCHR NO.: 13-0304-006-E
V. Administrative Closures
   A. Withdrawal with Settlement
      1. LCHR NO.: 12-1221-065-E-R
   B. Failure to Identify Respondent
      1. LCHR NO.: 13-1002-033-E
VI. Old Business
VII. New Business
   A. Election of Officers 2014
   B. Commissioner Shobe’s perfect attendance
VIII. Public Comment**
IX. Adjournment

**Public comments are limited to 5 minutes per person. Members of the public may address any item of interest to the LCHR during this open session with the exception of LCHR cases. Also, no member of the public who wishes to address the Commission will be allowed to examine any individual Commissioner or staff member on any item/question before the Commission unless invited to do so by the Chairperson.
TO: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Mayor, City Council, City Clerk, Media
FROM: Lynn Johnson, Director, Lincoln Parks & Recreation Department
MEETING DATE: December 12, 2013
LOCATION: 2740 “A” Street – Parks & Recreation Dept. (Large Conference Room)
TIME: 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
CHAIR: Anne Pagel

A G E N D A

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

3. Approval of Minutes: * November 14, 2013

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

5. Committee Reports:
   A. Fees & Facilities Committee – Susan Deitchler (Chair) 488-4224
      • * Approving a Guidance Statement for development of parking and sports fields in the southern portion of Sampson Park by Midget Football

   B. Futures Committee – Bob Ripley (Chair) 471-0419 or 488-5131
      • * Adoption of Parks & Recreation 10-Year Facilities Plan
      • * Recommendation regarding naming of the new shooting sports facility at Boosalis Park

   C. Golf Report
      • Rounds and Revenue Report
      • Status report regarding Lincoln City Golf Program Sustainability Study

   D. Executive Committee – Anne Pagel (Chair) 402-540-9194
      • * Election of Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Officers

6. Staff Report
   • Fundraising Report by Susan Larsen Rodenburg and Danielle Conrad

7. Announcements:
   • Possibly a Party in the Parks event in Union Plaza in December

Happy Holidays from Lincoln Parks & Recreation Staff!
We look forward to working with you in 2014!

* Denotes Action Items
** ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION **
November 27, 2013

NOTICE: The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 27, 2013, at 1:00 p.m., in Hearing Room 112 on the first floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, Nebraska, on the following items. For more information, call the Planning Department, (402) 441-7491.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Planning Commission action is final action on any item with a notation of “FINAL ACTION”. Any aggrieved person may appeal Final Action of the Planning Commission to the City Council or County Board by filing a Notice of Appeal with the City Clerk or County Clerk within 14 days following the action of the Planning Commission.

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

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2013

[Commissioners Lust, Cornelius and Scheer absent]

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held November 13, 2013. **APPROVED, 5-0 (Lust, Cornelius and Scheer absent; Harris abstained)**

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

   1.1 Special Permit No. 13052, for the expansion of a nonconforming use to allow the reconstruction of an existing garage on property located at 1044 Goodhue Boulevard. **FINAL ACTION***
   Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
   Staff Planner: Paul Barnes, 402-441-6372, pbarnes@lincoln.ne.gov
   Planning Commission “final action”: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated November 12, 2013, 6-0 (Lust, Cornelius and Scheer absent).
   Resolution No. PC-01371.
2. REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL (See Items 2.1, 4.1a&b, and 4.3 below)

2.1 Street & Alley Vacation No. 06007, to vacate Pine Ridge Lane west of the west line of Westshore Drive, at approximately Highway 2 and Ashbrook Drive.

Staff recommendation: Applicant has requested to defer public hearing until January 22, 2014

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

Applicant’s request for additional deferral granted, with CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION scheduled for Wednesday, January 22, 2014, 1:00 p.m.

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: None.

4. PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:

TEXT AMENDMENT WITH RELATED ITEMS:

4.1a County Text Amendment No. 13013, amending the Lancaster County Zoning Resolution, by amending Articles 2, 4 and 13 to allow solid waste disposal sites and solid waste processing facilities, such as compost plants and incinerators, as special permitted uses in the AG Agricultural District of Lancaster County, Nebraska.

Staff recommendation: Approval

Staff Planner: Sara Hartzell, 402-441-6371, shartzell@lincoln.ne.gov

Applicant and Health Department requests for deferral granted, with CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION scheduled for Wednesday, December 11, 2013, 1:00 p.m.

4.1b County Special Permit No. 13051, to allow a solid waste processing facility, on property generally located at 13000 Pella Road.

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval

Staff Planner: Sara Hartzell, 402-441-6371, shartzell@lincoln.ne.gov

Applicant and Health Department requests for deferral granted, with CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION scheduled for Wednesday, December 11, 2013, 1:00 p.m.
CHANGE OF ZONE WITH RELATED ITEMS:

4.2a Change of Zone No. 13025, from R-2 Residential District to R-T Residential Transition District, on property generally located at S. 11th Street and High Street.

Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Christy Eichorn, 402-441-7603, ceichorn@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, 6-0 (Lust, Cornelius and Scheer absent).
Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, December 16, 2013, 5:30 p.m.

4.2b Use Permit No. 13010, to allow a medical office building and waivers to setbacks on property generally located at South 11th Street and High Street (3145 S. 11th Street).

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Christy Eichorn, 402-441-7603, ceichorn@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated November 14, 2013, 6-0 (Lust, Cornelius and Scheer absent).
Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, December 16, 2013, 5:30 p.m.

PERMITS:

4.3 Administrative Amendment No. 13075 to Special Permit No. 07041, Fox Trail Estates Community Unit Plan, to reduce the side yard setback from 60 feet to 10 feet on the north side of Outlot D in the Fox Trail Estates Community Unit Plan, on property generally located at SW. 56th Street and W. Old Cheney Road. (appealed by the applicant) *** FINAL ACTION ***
Staff recommendation: Denial
Staff Planner: Sara Hartzell, 402-441-6371, shartzell@lincoln.ne.gov
Applicant’s request for deferral granted, with CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION scheduled for Wednesday, January 8, 2014, 1:00 p.m.
4.4 County Special Permit No. 13050, for authority to develop the Vanderview Ridge Community Unit Plan, for 8 single family lots and 3 outlots, with requests to waive the Land Subdivision Resolution requirements for sidewalks, street trees, street lighting, landscape screening, block length, storm water detention and preliminary plat, and to reduce the front yard setbacks on property generally located at S. 120th Street & Panama Road.

*** FINAL ACTION ***
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Sara Hartzell, 402-441-6371, shartzell@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission “final action”: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated November 14, 2013, 6-0 (Lust, Cornelius and Scheer absent).
Resolution No. PC-01372.

4.5 Special Permit No. 13053, for the expansion of a nonconforming use, to allow the expansion of a sexually oriented live entertainment establishment on property located at 1823 O Street. *** FINAL ACTION ***
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Paul Barnes, 402-441-6372, pbarnes@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission “final action”: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated November 12, 2013, 6-0 (Lust, Cornelius and Scheer absent).
Resolution No. PC-01373.

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

Steve Henrichsen of Planning staff announced that Dennis Bartels of the Engineering Services Division of Public Works & Utilities is retiring after 30+ years of service and extended appreciation to Dennis for his assistance with the Planning Department and the many hours of staffing the Planning Commission meetings.

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Adjournment
PENDING LIST:

1. Change of Zone No. 13015, from AGR Agricultural District to R-1 Residential District, on property generally located at Frontier Road and Highway 2 (6061 and 6101 Frontier Road).

(10-16-16: Planning Commission voted 8-0 to continue public hearing on April 16, 2014, at the applicant’s request)

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

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The Planning Commission agenda may be accessed on the Internet at http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/pcagenda/index.htm
Memorandum

Date: December 3, 2013
To: City Clerk
From: Teresa McKinstry, Planning Dept.
Re: Administrative Approvals
cc: Jean Preister

This is a list of the administrative approvals by the Planning Director from November 26, 2013 through December 2, 2013:

**Administrative Amendment No. 13065** to Use Permit No. 117C, Horizon Business Center, approved by the Planning Director on November 25, 2013, requested by Olsson Associates, to change the floor areas on Lot 19A and Lot 38, allow solar panels to be located in the floodplain as reviewed and approved by Watershed Management and allow for parking on Outlot I in a designated area, on property generally located at S. 14th St. and Infinity Court.

**Administrative Amendment No. 13077** to Special Permit No. 277l, Pine Lake Community Unit Plan, approved by the Planning Director on November 27, 2013, requested by Lisa Lannin-Clarke, to adjust the front setback from 30 feet to 28 feet for Lot 30 (6600 Westshore Drive), on property generally located near S. 84th St. and Pine Lake Rd.
As the 2013 inspection season slows down it no doubt will be a record year. By having very little moisture in 2012 – (which helps provide sufficient ground cover to prevent weeds from germinating), to having a decent amount of moisture last fall and throughout 2013, provided a recipe for disaster as far as weeds were concerned.

Our total inspections for noxious weeds and weed abatement combined are up 28.83%. In 2012 we had a total of 7,510 inspections, compared to 9,675 inspections in 2013, resulting in 2,165 more inspections. As far back as I could find records we have never had a one year increase this dramatic.

Let's first take a look at the numbers on our noxious weed side of our program. Noxious weed inspections in 2013 totaled 2,593, compared to 2,156 in 2012, for an additional 436 inspections, an increase of 20.22%. The number of sites inspected also increased 19.92%, from 1,360 sites in 2012 to 1,631 sites in 2013.

On the Weed Abatement side of our program the inspections increased from 5,354 in 2012, to 7,082 in 2013, resulting in an additional 1,728 inspections, an increase of 32.28%. We inspected 3,099 sites in 2013 compared to 2,271 in 2012. Our sites inspected increased 36.46% over the previous year.

The one item that drives our entire program is complaints. The way we decide what properties to inspect each year is by taking our worst offenders from prior years and creating advanced work orders for those during the winter. Then we respond to complaints from the public for the rest of our work load.

This year we received a total of 1,916 public complaints compared to 1,460 in 2012, a large number of these coming via the Mayors Action Center. My belief is the public is more likely to turn in their neighbors if they don’t have to actually talk to someone in person. I also think that because folks have had a good response from our office controlling the weed infestations, the word is spreading and more folks call in to get problems taken care of. Over the years the public has found out that once our process begins on a property we don’t stop until either the owner takes care of it, or we do.
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.

Good Neighbors Control Their Weeds!

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Comment or Question:
I don't know when is the next time you have to consider a new contract with Time Warner Cable and Windstream for service, but I beg of you to consider doing something different the next time you have to vote on this issue. Right now you have landlocked us residents in the city into two very marginal and non-competitive services for TV, phone, and internet. If you are on the periphery of the city then maybe you can get service from other providers, but inside the city we are stuck with second rate garbage. If you want to go through another company it has to be piggybacked on their systems for cable, phone and internet so you are limited to their capacity anyway. I have had Direct TV for the last 10 years and the quality of its service has gone up a lot while I see Time Warner and Dish at other peoples houses just stink in comparison. Time Warner is even worse than when I gave up on it at the beginning of the century and I grew up with cable since the 1970's. I know with the TV service you want the local access channels, but can we find a different way to open our city up more competition and hopefully drive prices down and speeds up. It is really frustrating to know that my wife's home country of Vietnam(city of 1-2 million) had dial-up/no dsl internet when we got our first computer in 2002 and now most of their country has way faster internet than we do here in Lincoln.

I am mostly frustrated with the lack of quality internet service in this town. Direct TV has allowed me to get around this limitation for TV. I chose Windstream for a land line because of my strong dislike for cell phones and internet phone and they are just not as reliable in an emergency and my neighborhood has been prone to loosing power quite often. This also kept me from purchasing a more energy efficient water heater recently as I just won't go with something which relies on electricity. I have been looking for higher speeds on the internet due to my children growing up and having more devices in the house and I can't tell the difference between Windstream's 12MBps and 6MBps.

I usually don't buy into the Republican's argument about competition on all things business related for every situation, but I think we have a situation here that begs to differ. With the internet being a real driving force for everyone's economy whether we like it or not I would strongly ask for all of you to consider this the next time around. Even if you could find a way to peel off the closed internet service from these two providers would be greatly appreciated. I found it astounding from my step-father who works for free on a world-wide help forum for problem solving computer issues explaining how in England you can have 36 companies fighting for you internet services and get way higher speeds(over 100MBps) for less money than we pay here in Lincoln. I think this would just be another tool in the city's toolbox to attract more business and keep more college grads here in the city.
If someone could do me the favor of forwarding this to the mayor please do. The system gives me a fault saying the default client in not set up so I don't know if that is on my end or your end. I got the same thing when I tried to e-amil direct to individual city council members off of your website.
I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR & DIRECTORS’ CORRESPONDENCE

MAYOR
1. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler’s public schedule for the week of December 7, 2013 through December 13, 2013.
3. NEWS RELEASE. No heat closes Bethany Branch Library today.

III. DIRECTORS

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
1. Letter from attorney Robert S. Lannin regarding accident involving his client Sam Beckman.
2. Richard Bagby, President of Witherbee Neighborhood Association stating Witherbee supports the Woods tennis bubble replacement.
Date: December 6, 2013  
Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

**Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule**  
**Week of December 7 through 13, 2013**  
*Schedule subject to change*

Monday, December 9  
- Mayor’s Award of Excellence presentation - 3 p.m., Council Chambers, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.  
- Mayor’s Neighborhood Roundtable meeting - 5:30 p.m., Mayor’s Conference Room, County-City Building

Tuesday, December 10  
- Mayor’s Multicultural Advisory Committee meeting - 4 p.m., Mayor’s Conference Room

Thursday, December 12  
- Lighting of the “Mayor’s Tree” and celebration of one-year anniversary of the re-branding of the Cornhusker Marriott Hotel, remarks - 4:30 p.m., Cornhusker Marriott Hotel, 333 S. 13th St.
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Lincoln Fire & Rescue / Emergency Services  DATE: 11/1/2013

NEED: Engine 21 is a 1992 pumper that was purchased more than 21 years ago. It has reached the end of its useful life. As a result of deterioration of structural components, it has been taken out of service. It has in excess of 98,000 miles on the vehicle, an extraordinary mileage for an emergency vehicle that far exceeds industry standards.

Extensive repairs are needed, estimated to exceed $20,000. After discussion with the city finance director, we agreed that it would not be a good use of city funds to repair this vehicle. I recommend that we purchase 1 fire pumper to replace Engine 21.

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SOURCE OF REVENUES EMS Enterprise fund

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WHEN TO USE FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

HOW TO USE FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

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

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

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

PERSONNEL (full time equivalents): Please note the number of FTEs 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.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: December 9, 2013
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Pat Leach, Library Director, 402-441-8510

NO HEAT CLOSES BETHANY BRANCH LIBRARY TODAY

The Bethany Branch Library, 1810 N. Cotner Boulevard, is closed today because of a problem with the heating system. Library officials plan to reopen the library tomorrow. All other library locations are open today.

The library's website, lincolnlibraries.org, has the latest information on library locations and hours.

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URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE will be held on Wednesday, December 11, 2013, 3:00 p.m., in Room 214, Second Floor, County/City Building.

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

AGENDA
December 11, 2013

1. Adoption of meeting record of UDC meeting of November 13, 2013.

2. “Block 68” (former “Gold’s parking block”, 10th-11th, M-N Sts.) project update (Urban Development Dept. & Argent Group)

3. “Lincoln Exchange” redevelopment, 21st St. N-L (Urban Development Department & Hoppe Brothers)

4. Hartley Flats redevelopment, southeast corner 27th & S Streets (Urban Development Dept.)

5. Misc., staff report: 2014 Enersen Urban Design Award, etc.

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Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission

The Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission will hold a public meeting on Thursday, December 12, 2013. The meeting will convene at 8:00 a.m. in Room 214, 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 December 12, 2013

1. Approval of meeting record of November 14, 2013.

Hearing and Action

2. Certificate of Appropriateness for Spirit of Nebraska plaques on Centennial Mall in the Capitol Environs District. (Parks & Rec. Dept.)

Discussion

3. Miscellaneous: staff report, etc.
December 6, 2013

VIA E-MAIL: council@lincoln.ne.gov

Lincoln City Council  
555 South 10th Street, Suite 112  
Lincoln, NE  68508

RE:  Our Client: Sam Beckman  
      Accident of October 22, 2013

Dear Council Members:

We are the attorneys for Sam Beckman. He notified the City of a claim arising from a vehicle accident on October 22, 2013, involving a StarTran bus. The assistant city attorney, Marcee Brownlee, provided our client a videotape of the collision. The video clearly shows that the bus was outside of the turning lane when it impacted our client’s vehicle. The damage was not severe; Mr. Beckman sustained damage to a mirror. Mr. Beckman is a highly qualified automobile mechanic. He made very efficient repairs to his vehicle at a cost in the range of $500. He presented his claim and Ms. Brownlee recommends denial.

We would strongly encourage that Council view the videotape in question. The review will show the bus outside of the appropriate turning lane. As such, the StarTran driver was negligent. Our client was not.

I am unavailable to attend the City Council meeting scheduled for December 9, 2013. However, Mr. Beckman will be present. I strongly encourage you to allow his claim and conclude this rather simple matter at that time. Further action required by our claim being denied would be inappropriate and unjust. We thank you for your attention to this.

Very truly yours,

Robert S. Lannin

RSL:tsb
December 2013

By vote of the membership, the Witherbee Neighborhood Association supports and approves of the Woods Tennis Center Bubble Replacement plan coming before the City Council this week. We urge your approval so that fundraising may begin.

We applaud the willingness of Kevin Heim and the Woods Tennis Center board and staff to reconsider and revise the plan of several years ago, a plan which did not meet our approval. They have worked with us to address our concerns to our satisfaction. Over the last several years they have participated with us in many ways in monitoring and supporting neighborhood living in and around this community park. This current plan will enhance the facility and the neighborhood without turning the park into a vast commercial recreation zone. We wish them well in fundraising and implementation and urge your support.

Richard Bagby, President
Witherbee Neighborhood Association
Present: Carl Eskridge, Chair; Doug Emery, Vice Chair; Jon Camp; Roy Christensen, Jonathan Cook; Trent Fellers; and Leirion Gaylor Baird

Others: Teresa Meier, City Clerk; Denise Pearce, Senior Policy Counsel; Rod Confer, City Attorney; Miki Esposito, Public Works & Utilities; and Mary Meyer, Council Secretary

Chair Eskridge opened the meeting at 2:20 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

I. CITY CLERK

In review of the Council agenda Meier stated under Liquor Resolutions she will call related items together. Under Public Hearing-Ordinances, Second Reading, asked Confer if correct to call all items together, after each is separately read? Confer replied since these are clean up items, with the title describing what has been done, will ask if there are questions. He added he will explain why repealing a chapter. If there are questions on different ordinances, will answer or research records. Confer stated last year he gave a slight description of each item, which others felt wasn’t needed. Pearce asked if sent to the Council in advance with the answer being yes, possibly a month ago.

Meier stated on Items #43, #44, and #45 do have a Motion to Amend, Number 1. And on Item #51 have a Motion to Amend, Number 1.

II. MAYOR

1. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler’s public schedule for the week of November 28th through December 6, 2013.
2. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler and LES CEO Kevin Wailes will hold a news conference, December 5th, 10:00 a.m., at 555 S. 10th, in the Mayor’s Conference Room to announce changes for the Lincoln Cares donation program.
3. NEWS RELEASE. City, LES announce changes to Lincoln Cares donation process.
4. NEWS RELEASE. Applicants sought for Library Board vacancy. Deadline to apply is January 6, 2014.

No comments

Pearce stated there are no comments from the Mayor’s office.

III. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS
No comments

PARKS AND RECREATION
1. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting agenda for December 12, 2013.
No comments

PLANNING COMMISSION
No comments
PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1. Administrative approvals by the Planning Director from November 26, 2013 through December 2, 2013.
No comments

WEED CONTROL AUTHORITY
1. Lancaster County Weed Control - City of Lincoln Weed Abatement, November, 2013.
No comments

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JONATHAN COOK
Cook addressed Miki Esposito, Public Works & Utilities Director, stating there is a sign erected at 14th and Highway 2, the railroad crossing, and asked for an explanation of what’s happening at that location. Will it close with citizens having to find an alternate route? Esposito replied she hasn’t been briefed. Cook added the sign is the usual Public Works informational sign. If the railroad crossing is to be repaired it would be great, but just want to know how it’s being handled, as an alternative is difficult. Esposito stated she would report back shortly.

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
1. InterLinc correspondence from Jeffrey Stone regarding Time Warner Cable service. (Sent to Public Information Services)
No comments

VI. ADJOURNMENT
Chair Eskridge adjourned the meeting at 2:24 p.m.