I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR
1. NEWS RELEASE. Projects on “O” Street result in street and lane closures.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Williams Library to close Wednesday.
3. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will hold a news conference Thursday, July 31st, 555 S. 10th Street, Room 303, to announce a major new development in the West Haymarket area.
4. NEWS RELEASE. 33rd Street project to close more streets and lanes.
5. NEWS RELEASE. Public urged to “Fight the Bite”.
6. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor announced developer for major West Haymarket project.

III. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

FINANCE/TREASURER

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
2. Urban Design Committee meeting agenda for August 5, 2014.

STRONGER SAFER NEIGHBORHOODS
1. Memo submitted by Jon Carlson, Stronger Safer Neighborhoods, on the Neglected Buildings Ordinance. For bill refer to the City Council meeting agenda. To establish a registration system for monitoring vacant and neglected residential buildings within the city.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP
1. Correspondence between Councilman Camp and Becky McNeil regarding the one week delay and modification to townhomes on Outlot B.
   a) Correspondence from Marvin Krout, Planning Department Director, regarding revised site plan review.
2. Lindy Garner Mullin thanking Councilman Camp for the close interest in Outlot B.
3. Donald F. Burt thanking Councilman Camp and Councilwoman Gaylor Baird on listening and responding to the concerns regarding Special Permit No. 1665C.

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
1. Maurice Baker, Clinton Neighborhood Organization President. The Clinton Neighborhood Organization Board unanimously support the proposed neglected building ordinance.
2. Community Health Endowment of Lincoln. CHE community conversations gives voice to brain injury. Conversations scheduled at CHE.
3. James Friedman, Near South Neighborhood Association President. The Near South Neighborhood Association Board supports the proposed Neglected/Vacant Residential Buildings Ordinance.

4. Don Cook, Meadowlane Area Resident’s Association, memo on the support for the neglected properties ordinance.
   a) The Meadowlane Area Resident's Association supports the proposed ordinance addressing neglected vacant residential properties.
   b) Don Cook writing in support of the proposed neglected properties ordinance, adding his personal experience with such a property.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 28, 2014
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Harry Kroos, Engineering Services, 402-429-4872

PROJECTS ON “O” STREET RESULT IN STREET AND LANE CLOSURES

Motorists can expect lane closures along two areas of East “O” Street over the next week:

- As part of the road surface cleaning from Lyncrest Drive to Wedgewood Drive, the contractor will apply concrete sealer overnight beginning at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 29. Treated lanes will be closed during the application and during the 12- to 18-hour drying period. Traffic on streets intersecting “O” Street may be detoured for short periods to allow the application of sealer in the intersections. The application will continue overnight on Wednesday and Thursday. The contractor will also continue cleaning the road surface from 45th Street to Lyncrest drive in the overnight hours.

- The contractor working on “O” Street from 84th to 87th streets will need one more weekend to complete the project east of 84th Street. This section of “O” street will be closed from 7 p.m. Friday, August 1 until 6 a.m. Monday, August 4. Lane closures in this area will continue weekdays until mid-August. The intersection of 84th and “O” will remain open, and local traffic will be maintained to homes, Waterford Estates, Southeast Community College and Hillcrest Country Club. The detour route is “A” and 120th streets.

More information on City construction projects is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: projects).
WILLIAMS LIBRARY TO CLOSE WEDNESDAY

Williams Branch Library, 5000 Mike Scholl St., will be closed Wednesday, July 30 due to building maintenance at Arnold Elementary School, which houses the library.

More information on Lincoln City Libraries can be found at lincolnlibraries.org.

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Mayor Chris Beutler will announce a major new development in the West Haymarket area at a news conference at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 31 in room 303, third floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 30, 2014
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Zach Becker, Engineering Services, 402-613-3763

33RD STREET PROJECT TO CLOSE MORE STREETS, LANES

Beginning at 8 a.m. Friday, August 1, motorists will encounter additional street and lane closures in the area of N. 33rd and “O” streets for the installation of fiber optic infrastructure as part of the ongoing 33rd Street project. The closures will affect two major streets:

• Northbound 33rd Street will be closed from “O” to Vine streets and is expected to reopen Friday evening.
• Single lane closures will be required in both directions on “O” Street at 33rd Street from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. One lane of traffic in each direction will remain open at all times.

The detour routes are 27th and 48th streets. Vine Street will remain open to traffic, with one lane in each direction.

The resurfacing of N. 33rd from “O” to Holdrege streets is completed. The project also includes the installation of new traffic signals at the Vine Street intersection. The installation of rapid flashing beacons at the MoPac Trail crossing are expected to be completed by the end of August. The beacons help to reduce crashes between vehicles and pedestrians at intersections without signals and mid-block pedestrian crossings. The project also includes the reconstruction of sidewalk curb ramps to meet ADA requirements.

The City will continue working with local businesses and residents to maintain access during construction. The project is funded with fuel tax and wheel tax dollars.

More information is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: projects). Those with questions on the project may call Zach Becker, City Public Works and Utilities Department, at 402-613-3763 or zbecker@lincoln.ne.gov.
Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD) officials say no human cases of West Nile Disease have been reported in Lancaster County so far this year. But they encourage residents to protect themselves from mosquito bites during late summer, the time when the risk of contracting the disease is highest. LLCHD’s mosquito surveillance program has found a significantly higher than normal number of Culex tarsalis mosquitoes, the primary carrier of West Nile Virus. This increase is consistent with surveillance reports across the state.

Last year, 15 local residents were diagnosed with West Nile Virus infections. Nine were diagnosed with more serious neurologic symptoms that can include headache, high fever, neck stiffness, disorientation, coma, tremors, seizures or paralysis. Based on previous case histories, many of those who contract the disease can be affected by the illness for years.

“We want to encourage everyone to ‘Fight the Bite’ by wearing repellant and staying inside at dusk and dawn,” said John Chess, LLCHD Environmental Health Supervisor. If you do go outside at that time, he said, wear lightweight long-sleeved shirts and long pants. Chess advised using only EPA-registered insect repellents containing DEET, Picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus and following label directions.

LLCHD is asking for the public’s help to reduce the breeding areas for mosquitoes that carry West Nile Virus Disease by taking the following preventive measures:

- Dump small wading pools daily and maintain swimming pools properly.
- Maintain garden ponds and fountains, and always keep water flowing.
- Clear debris, weeds and litter from drainage ways.
- Change water in your bird baths weekly and pet bowls daily.
- Remove vegetation from sewage lagoons.
- Store tires, buckets and containers where they cannot collect water.

For more information, visit health.lincoln.ne.gov.
MAYOR ANNOUNCES DEVELOPER FOR MAJOR WEST HAYMARKET PROJECT

Mayor Chris Beutler announced today that the City has selected the Journey Senior Living Development Team (JSLDT) to build a $19.4 million, eight-story building on the west and north sides of the new Lumberworks garage at “O” and Canopy streets. The development will include 100 senior housing units, 10,000 square feet of retail space and 8,000 square feet of office space.

JSLDT consists of The Argent Group of Chicago Illinois, RPM Management of Bourbonnais Illinois, and Speedway Properties of Lincoln. The Argent Group is currently developing the housing/mixed use project on the block bounded by 10th, 11th, “M” and “N” streets in downtown Lincoln.

“This is another major milestone in the ongoing development of the West Haymarket area,” Mayor Beutler said. “This project will help us meet the increasing demand for housing in the downtown area. I appreciate Argent’s continuing investment in our thriving community.”

“Our entire team feels blessed to have this opportunity to make another contribution to the fabric of downtown Lincoln,” said Mark Matthews, Argent Group CEO. “Our interactions with City leadership and staff have led us to the conclusion that they have a well-articulated vision of what the City is and where it is going. As an experienced development team, this makes us want to continue to produce quality, viable projects in Lincoln in the years to come.”

“As one of the pioneers in the redevelopment of the Haymarket area, we are pleased to have this opportunity to participate in this important project” said Clay F. Smith, General Partner of Speedway Properties. “We believe this project can be a catalyst for additional development in the South Haymarket, an area that is well-positioned for growth.”

A redevelopment agreement outlining the responsibilities of both the developer and the City will go to the City Council for approval. Construction is expected to begin in the spring of 2015 and take 12 to 14 months.
OFFICE OF TREASURER, CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

July 30, 2014

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 June 30, 2014

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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.

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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 $25,180,776.97 representing authorized investments of the City's funds.

**ATTEST:**

Teresa Marc, City Clerk

Melinda J. Jones, City Treasurer
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Memorandum

Date:    ♦ July 29, 2014
To:      ♦ City Clerk
From:    ♦ Amy Hana Huffman, Planning Dept.
Re:      ♦ Administrative Approvals
cc:      ♦ Jean Preister

This is a list of the administrative approvals by the Planning Director from July 22, 2014, through July 28, 2014:

Administrative Amendment No. 14040 to Northern Lights Commercial Center Use Permit No. 116, requested by Olsson Associates, approved by the Planning Director on July 21, 2014, to reduce the setback along Holdrege St. and N. 84th St. to 20 feet, on property generally located at N. 84th St and Holdrege St.

Administrative Amendment No. 14024 to Change of Zone No. 3134D, Willow Springs Planned Unit Development - Lot 1, Block 4, requested by Olsson Associates, approved by the Planning Director on July 23, 2014, to adjust the front yard setback for Lot 1, Block 4 (S. 78th St. and Weeping Willow Ln.) from 30' to 20' adjacent to South 78th St., on property generally located at South 78th Street and Pioneers Blvd.

Administrative Amendment No. 14041 to Special Permit No. 1813A, The Preserve on Antelope Creek Community Unit Plan, requested by Civil Design Group, approved by the Planning Director on July 23, 2014, to adjust the rear setback from 25' to 20' for Lots 10 and 11, Block 4, for 4629 and 4637 Hawthorne Lane, generally located at S. 80th St. and Pioneers Blvd.
URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE will be held on Wednesday, August 5, 2014, 3:00 p.m., in Room 210, Second Floor, County/City Building.

For more information, please contact the Lincoln City/Lancaster County Planning Department, 402-441-7491.

AGENDA
August 5, 2014

1. Adoption of meeting record of UDC meeting of June 3, 2014.
2. Briefing on South Haymarket Neighborhood Study (Stacey Hageman, Planning Dept.)
3. Update on reFORM project (zoning & design standards, David Cary, Planning Dept.)
4. Furnishings for outdoor dining area, Civic Plaza, 13th & P Streets
5. Misc. and staff report: Next steps regarding exterior materials on redevelopment projects, update on 27th & R parking lot, etc.

Accommodation Notice
The City of Lincoln complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 guidelines. Ensuring the public’s access to and participating in public meetings is a priority for the City of Lincoln. In the event you are in need of a reasonable accommodation in order to attend or participate in a public meeting conducted by the City of Lincoln, please contact the Director of Equity and Diversity, Lincoln Commission on Human Rights, at 402 441-7624 as soon as possible before the scheduled meeting date in order to make your request.
Neglected Buildings

This proposal would add onto our successful ordinances dealing with Problem Properties. Since 2009, we have increased the fines for offenses, adopted the International Property Maintenance Code, and created a process of Performance-based inspections - a sliding scale of incentives and consequences based on the owner’s performance in maintaining their property. These new processes are working well. However, as we continue to monitor, we observe that we have a gap in the current ordinances dealing with vacant neglected residential properties. These are vacant properties that fail multiple inspections, have substantial deterioration, are repeatedly unsecured, boarded up for over 90 days or red-tagged (uninhabitable) for more than two years. They are properties that can return to the Problem Resolution Team again and again. The best solution for these buildings is often either demolition or a change of ownership into the hands of new owners that will maintain the property – but we could use better tools to push these outcomes. While the total number of these properties fluctuates from fifty to one hundred at any given time, the negative blighting impact from one of these properties for the surrounding owners is substantial. We think we have drafted a good solution for dealing with these lowest level performing properties.

OVERVIEW OF CHANGES:

1) Only applies to vacant residential buildings (no commercial or occupied residential) that fail multiple inspections, have substantial deterioration, are repeatedly unsecured, or boarded up for over 90 days. Also applies to residential properties red-tagged for more than two years

2) Building must be registered as neglected, including a $500 registration fee for each 90 days that the property remains neglected

3) Creates a $500 civil penalty for failing to register (reassessed each 90 days if continue unregistered or fees unpaid)

4) If owner fails to register, the City can register the building and place a lien on the property for the cost of registration fee(s) and civil penalties.

5) Ultimately allows City to foreclose against the property if the liens build up and are unpaid. Foreclosure sale can get the property into the hands of new owner who can demolish or repair.

6) Ordinance requires a registered agent for the neglected property & a timeline / plan for improvements. NOTE: City will not hold Registered Agent criminally or civilly liable for property unless they knowingly provide false information.

7) Property will be removed from registration when compliant or demolished.

8) Process can be appealed through Housing Advisory and Appeals Board.

City Attorney’s Office: Chris Connolly (402) 441-7281 cconnolly@lincoln.ne.gov
Stronger Safer Neighborhoods: Jon Carlson (402) 441-7224 jcarlson@lincoln.ne.gov
Becky:

Thank you for your email and for your appreciation expressed to me and my City Council colleagues. The City Council delayed this matter one week with “public hearing” and final vote, since it is a “resolution”. I am copying Marvin Krout, Planning Department Director, on this email and am suggesting he advise you and your neighbors when and where the details of the revised plan will be available. The Planning Department will review the revised plan for townhomes, which has 10 units with 2 residences each, for a total of 20 residences. Additionally, Mr. Gaspar is deleting the north lot by existing residences and the two lots south of Holmes Park Road. The meeting Roy Christensen and I had with Stefan Gaspar and Mark Hunzeker was very constructive and allowed an exchange of concerns. While Mr. Gaspar was disappointed that his original project design appeared unacceptable, his quick action to modify his proposal to entirely townhomes reflects his understanding of the concerns of you and your neighbors. I compliment all parties on their constructive approach to this matter.

Best regards,

Jon

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Fax:            402.474.1838; Cell: 402.560.1001
Email: joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com; Website: www.lincolnhaymarket.com

Check our reception and event venues at: http://www.facebook.com/pages/Apothecary-Lofts-Ridnour-Rooms/173175799380032

Dear Jon,

This is terrific news, and I'm tardy in sending you a note of deep gratitude. I very much appreciate all you have done for us. Thank you, thank you, thank you! (I posted a remark on facebook on Friday night and named all four of the council members who came out to see Outlot B and meet with us, and thanked the whole council saying you have been very responsive and helpful). I appreciate your letting me know as soon as you knew.
It's been a busy weekend! I have been on the road for my work with Child Saving Institute since noon on Friday and won't be back in Lincoln until Tuesday, August 5th. Leirion called me Friday at 2:45 to tell me Chateau was withdrawing the proposal and there would be a delay of several weeks. By the time I met with a donor at 3:00 and got back to my messages around 5:30, Roy Christensen had called and left a message for me to call him ASAP, and Leirion had e-mailed again that the delay would be just one week. I had dinner with a donor and didn't have time to return Roy's call right away. By the time I was done with my dinner appointment, Roy had left another message.

When I called him back he said you and he met with Mr. Hunseker and Mr. Gaspar earlier in the week and told them there was no support on the Council for the proposal. Roy said Mr. Gaspar wasn't happy, but eventually agreed to build townhomes. I thanked Roy, and asked if he knew how many townhomes Chateau is proposing. I got the distinct impression Roy didn't like my question! I told him neighbors are very, very grateful for all your hard work and those I'd had e-mails from were very relieved there would be no apartments. He said he'd seen a flurry of e-mails and some suggested neighbors should ask for a delay of several weeks. Roy told me we can't do that. We have to be happy with this and just go with whatever is now proposed. I told him I'm sure we are happy, but we will remain concerned about density, safety, layout and appropriateness of the development. I also told him I'm out of town and cannot be the same influencing presence with the neighbors as I am when I'm actually there in person. Roy told me the Council has done all it can do for us. I thanked him again.

The question the neighborhood sub-committee has raised is whether the hearing on the 4th will be a first reading of the new proposal with a public hearing on the 11th, or if the procedure is the amended proposal will be heard and voted on by Council on the 4th. Do you know? We aren't interested in a long delay at this point, but we would like to have enough time to bring neighbors together for a meeting between seeing the proposal for the first time when it appears in the council packet on Thursday the 31st, and the public hearing. Can you clarify what the procedure will be now? If Chateau is asking that it be voted on on the 4th, do you think it would frustrate or anger Council members who have already bent-over backwards on our behalf were we to ask that the public hearing not happen until the 11th? We do not want any of the Council to perceive us as ungrateful in anyway.

Thank you for all your work on our behalf. The meeting with Mr. Gaspar cannot have been easy. I eagerly await your guidance on this next step.
Becky McNeil
402.540.5615

On Sun, Jul 27, 2014 at 11:30 AM, Jon Camp <joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com> wrote:

Becky:

Please see the attached letter that Mark Hunzeker sent to the City Council. My understanding is that Stefan Gaspar will now modify his plans to towhomes only. I was out Friday and have had no communications with my colleagues, so I do not know what will transpire as of this moment.
It appears that the neighbors’ wishes are being met by Mr. Gaspar in this change of direction to townhomes only.

Just wanted to get the information to you ASAP.

Jon

JON A. CAMP

Haymarket Square/CH, Ltd.

200 Haymarket Square

808 P Street

P.O. Box 82307

Lincoln, NE 68501-2307
FW: Request for one week delay and modification to townhomes

Jon and Becky, just wanted to let you know that we have not forgotten about your request to make the revised plan available. We did get a site plan in to review today, but had some concerns with lot lines that had been drawn and asked the applicant to make changes. I thought it would be confusing to send out a plan that is different than what the applicant will officially ask the City Council to approve next Monday. We should have the revised plan in tomorrow and we will forward it to you as soon as we confirm that the changes were made, Becky. In the meantime, if you have any questions please feel free to contact Brian or me.

Marvin S. Krout, Director
Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Department
555 South 10th Street, Suite 213
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508
402-441-6366
Dear Jon,

I want you to know I am very impressed that you came to see the area and talk with the residents who had so many concerns about apartments on Lot B.

Of course, I remember you being at the very first meeting we had with Mr. Gaspard many months ago. I knew then that you would be following very closely what would happen. You have done just that. Jon, I have realized since I have known you, that you care deeply about Lincoln and what is best for the city. Thank you so very much for being there for those you represent. It is deeply appreciated.

Also, Jon, it was very nice to see you.

Sincerely,

Lindy Garner Mullin
Hi Leirion and Jon. Our committee met again last night. Becky McNeil is gone this week and next. Our goal is to be able to tell the Council Monday that we fully support Chateau’s final proposal. We circulated the plan provided by Mark Hunzeker on Monday. We solicited comments from the neighborhood. The responses were many and varied. However, I think they can be distilled into two main concerns:

1. The plan we have seen has a rather barracks-like layout. Is there a way to arrange the units in more of a curved configuration with more setback from Fox Hollow Circle and more space between buildings?

2. Can we get some assurance that the outside finish will at least be consistent with the Sherman townhomes, e.g., not blue like the fourplexes in Chateau Terrace.

Other folks had a number of other minor complaints, but on balance the neighbors’ most consistent comment is gratitude to the Council for not allowing an apartment building and parking lot. (As an aside, a number of neighbors did comment on the fact that the plan circulated Monday was dated in February, 2014. Apparently Chateau has had this in their back pocket all along). We understand another revised plan is being discussed with Planning but we have not seen it.

Once again, thanks for your willingness to listen and respond. Your thoughts will be appreciated. Sincerely, Don & Carole Burt
Dear Council persons:

The Clinton Neighborhood Organization Board voted unanimously to support the proposed "neglected building" ordinance. This is a problem that has existed in the neighborhood for years. For example, there were two poorly maintained houses located directly across Holdrege Street from the Clinton Elementary School that were vacant for more than a decade before they were demolished by the owner. There was evidence that transients were camping in the back yards of these houses. A burned out house remained for several years with neighborhood children playing near and in it. Hopefully, these conditions will not exist should this ordinance be adopted.

I urge each of you to vote in favor of this ordinance.

Maurice Baker  
CNO President

**If you received this in error, no longer want to receive these, or moved from the Clinton Neighborhood please respond with remove in the subject line.**
CHE Community Conversation Gives Voice to Brain Injury

The second event in the Community Health Endowment of Lincoln (CHE) Community Conversations series features the stories of three brain injury survivors. My Story: I Am the Voice of Brain Injury will take place on Wednesday, August 20, 10 – 11:30 a.m. at CHE, 250 North 21st, Lincoln. Presented in partnership with the Brain Injury Association of Nebraska (BIA-NE), the conversation will include stories from:

- Micah Fulmer, a college student and survivor of a car-pedestrian crash,
- Tiffany and Brandon Verzal whose daughter Alexis was shaken as a toddler, and
- Gina Simanek, Mental Health Counselor and BIA-NE Ombudsperson.

Brain injury affects more than 36,000 Nebraskans. During this conversation, panelists will share their stories of life after brain injury – their personal struggles and successes, and their impression of available services and resource gaps in Lincoln and the state.

Registration is requested and is available online at https://checomunityconversation-08-20-14.eventbrite.com. Free parking is available in front of the building and in the lot north of 21st & Q.

Using the theme, “My Story,” each event in the series focuses on one issue that may have brought the people involved into contact with Lincoln’s safety net or network of human services. Other events remaining in the series are:

- My Story: I Graduated from Drug Court, September 25, 1 – 2:30 p.m. Graduates will share their life experiences before, during and after this “problem solving court” gave them an option to jail for a felony drug offense. Presented in partnership with Lancaster County.
- My Story: I Am a Cancer Survivor, October 16, 12 – 1:30 p.m. People who have survived cancer, including a person of color and a young person, will share their unique perspectives. Presented in partnership with the Malone Community Center.

All events are free, open to the public and held at CHE. See the CHE website, www.chelincoln.org, for more information and register online for all events here: http://tinyurl.com/CHE-CommConv-2014

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The Community Health Endowment of Lincoln (CHE) is a municipal endowment dedicated to making Lincoln, Nebraska, the healthiest community in the nation. To achieve this vision, CHE invests in health-related programs and projects, works to ensure a strong healthcare safety-net and access to quality, coordinated care and medical homes, and convenes the community around important health issues. Since its inception in 1999, CHE has returned more than $21 million to the community.
Dear Lincoln City Council Members,

I am writing on behalf of the Near South Neighborhood Association Board in support of the proposed Neglected/Vacant Residential Buildings Ordinance. Near South appreciates all of the efforts to strengthen the tools available to deal with those properties which have a negative blighting impact on surrounding owners’ properties. This ordinance will provide the Problem Resolution Team better tools for reaching outcomes that truly resolve the very real problem neglected, vacant properties cause in our neighborhood and others. The realization that a change in ownership or demolition is often needed in the case of the worst properties, makes it necessary to be certain these outcomes can be realized sooner rather than later, when there is no cooperation from current owners for whatever reason, in improving these properties.

NSNA asks for your support of this new tool. We believe it will help to ensure a high quality of property maintenance in Lincoln, for the good of all neighborhoods and the community.

Sincerely,
Jim Friedman, President Near South Neighborhood Association

James Friedman
Manager, Malone Manor
737 N. 22nd St.
Lincoln, NE 68503
(402)476-8895 office
(402)476-8124 fax

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Mary, I have attached a notice confirming the resolution of support for the subject proposal as approved by the Meadowlane Area Resident's Association. Please place this notice on the record for the hearing to be held August 4.

I have also attached my personal comments that I wish to have placed on record for the hearing, also supporting the proposed ordinance. I would have preferred to have made these comments in person, but I will be unable to attend the council meeting.

Thank you,
Don Cook
President, Meadowlane Area Resident's Association
July 30, 2014

To: Lincoln City Council

From: Don Cook, President of Meadowlane Area Resident’s Association

Please be advised that the Meadowlane Area Resident’s Association, at its regular Board meeting on July 8, 2014, unanimously passed a resolution supporting the proposed ordinance addressing neglected vacant residential properties.
My name is Don Cook. I live at 401 Skyway Road.

I am the president of the Meadowlane Area Residents Association. Our Association has passed a motion, which is on record, supporting the proposed ordinance addressing neglected properties.

In addition to the concerns of the Board about properties such as being addressed in the ordinance, I would like to add my personal experience with such a property.

Ten years ago my wife and I moved to Lincoln to spend our retirement years. We purchased a nice house that was built in the mid-1960s and have spent over $25,000 modernizing it. Now, as I spend time in my yard, I regret we ever moved back to Lincoln.

Four years ago our adjacent neighbors built a new $300,000+ house in a new neighborhood and moved, abandoning their house next door to us. For these last four years we have had to endure their terribly unsightly yard (mostly bare dirt that does support a multitude of volunteer oak trees very well), unattended weeds and grass, unraked leaves blowing into our yard, severely deteriorating shingles, rotting fascia, oak saplings growing in the gutters, cracking foundation, unshoveled sidewalks, muddy sidewalk, a badly deteriorating concrete driveway, fallen tree branches and unmaintained trees. Additionally, we are currently faced with an expense of $115 to trim their out of control mulberry tree away from their overhead electric service line to protect the line from tree damage that could drop the line unto our property. We are also threatened by a large dead limb in their oak tree above our driveway and the front public sidewalk. This limb is large enough to be fatal if it falls on someone using the sidewalk. We have received a $90 estimate on removal of that limb if we were to have it removed. And, yes, I have notified the owner of both the dead tree limb and the threat to their service line to no avail. In fact, three or four years ago we paid $70 to remove a similar large limb from the same tree.

The abandoned, neglected property of which I speak is, relatively speaking, not that old. Under the current inadequate ordinances, what could it be like in another 4 or 5 years? My wife and I try not to think of that. However, we know it will cause an even greater devaluation of our property and of our other neighbor’s properties. It will likely become an attraction to the criminal element. It will have an increased negative impact on the entire neighborhood.

Please support this proposal addressing neglected, vacant residential buildings.
DIRECTORS’ AGENDA
ADDENDUM
MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2014

I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR & DIRECTORS’ CORRESPONDENCE

MAYOR
1. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler’s public schedule for the week of August 2, 2014 through August 8, 2014.

III. DIRECTORS

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1. Carri Honz writing to Steve Henrichsen, Manager of Long Range Planning, on Special Permit 1665C, to thank persons involved in not supporting and presenting concern on the new proposal’s lack of detail and specifics.
2. Mike McNeil writing to Steve Henrichsen on details submitted by Mr. Gaspar and Chateau regarding their proposal of Outlot B.

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES/ENGINEERING
1. ADVISORY. Sidewalk repair advisory. Priority sidewalk repair, various locations. Project #702624B.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT/HOUSING REHAB & REAL ESTATE DIVISION
1. Street and Alley Vacation No. 14004 memo from Clinton Thomas, Real Estate Agent in Housing Rehabilitation and Real Estate, regarding West Prospector Court, Speedway Circle, Hill Street and South 1st Street.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP
1. Marvin Krout, Director of Planning, replying to Council Members Camp and Gaylor Baird, and residents regarding Special Permit #1665C and plan for townhouses. (See Directors’ Meeting, 08.04.14, IV, Jon Camp, # 1 and 1a)
2. Scott Sandquist writing on neglected houses and offering suggestions, with Councilman Camp replying and sharing with other Council Members.

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

1. Barbara J. Johnson thanking Council for the hard work pertaining to Special Permit No. 1665C - Outlot B.
2. Tammy Barrett thanking Council for listening to the residents regarding Outlot B.
3. Jacey Rademacher asking about possible amphitheater, playground and green space in the Haymarket area.
   a) Reply from Councilman Eskridge on Haymarket green space/park.
4. Deb Kuwamoto writing in support of the neglected building ordinance, giving examples in her neighborhood.
Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule
Week of August 2 through 8, 2014
Schedule subject to change

Saturday, August 2
• Kickoff for Lincoln Electric System “Sun Shares” program, remarks - 10 a.m., Farmers’ Market, Haymarket District (corner of “Q” Street and Canopy Street)

Tuesday, August 5
• NET Foundations for Television and Radio dinner and dedication honoring Ron Hull - 6:30 p.m., NET (Ron Hull Studio), 1800 N. 33rd St.

Wednesday, August 6
• Rededication of Little Free Library, remarks - 4:30 p.m., 2915 S. 16th St. (near 16th Street and Otoe)

Thursday, August 7
• 2014 Federal Legislative Summit - 8 a.m., Strategic Air and Space Museum, 28210 W. Park Highway, Ashland, NE

Friday, August 8
• 6th annual “Inspiring Women” luncheon (a tribute to Helen Boosalis) - 11:30 a.m., Country Club of Lincoln, 3200 S. 24th St.
• 1st Job-Lincoln celebration event, remarks - 4 p.m., Kaplan University, 1821 “K” St.
Dear Stephen,

I just want to state some things for the record before this revision of Mr. Gaspar's and Chateau Development LLC goes before the City Council. I am grateful for the City Council and their ability to see the original SP1665B for what it was and not to lend their support to it. Now after a only week's deferral and a mere 4 days to interpret the latest design being submitted we come to the City Council @ 3:00 p.m. Monday August 4th for a vote.

The lack of detail and specifics being presented are of great concern. Their request for changes in setbacks and lesser lot lines indicates that they are using a cookie cutter approach to physically squeeze as much structure onto this plot of land as it can possibly hold. As you can see from their original brochures when they marketed the Sherman Estate Luxury Townhomes that OutlotB was indicated as a site for future townhomes.

I can't help but feel that Mr. Gaspar and his legal representation are using the term townhome as a means of appeasing those of us who oppose his desire for rental units being transitioned into an area surrounded by single family homes which are owned. To go from apartment to duplex to townhome, to condominium regime raises many questions. To request that this entire piece of land be considered as one lot is somewhat alarming.

The lack of detail that we are seeing, the date of February 19th on this revised proposal, the prior developments that have been placed in our neighborhood baring little or no resemblance to what we understood they were supposed to be, we most definitely have concerns as to what the finished product will truly be. We would hope that Mr. Gaspar and his colleagues would be the right thing, the honorable thing and finish his luxury townhomes as he marketed with Kramer Construction and Nelda and Paul Hunt originally.

Inappropriate infill and increased density are still concerns for our neighborhood. We are still looking at more than double the original density of Outlot B, going from 9 single family homes to 20 living units. We can only hope that these new units mirror those of the existing Sherman Estates Townhomes in style, materials and design.

Thank you for your time and for allowing me this opportunity to have a voice. Regrettably my work schedule will not allow me to attend the earlier meeting on August 4th, 2014.

Sincerely,

Carri Honz
3410 Fox Hollow Circle
Lincoln NE 68506
(402)483-4303
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For further information contact:
Nelda Hunt  Paul Hunt
430-6897   430-9222
Open Sundays from 2:00 - 5:00

Sent from my iPad
From: Mike McNeil [mmcneil72@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, August 04, 2014 9:47 AM
To: Steve S. Henrichsen
Cc: Jean Preister; Council Packet; rcreager@acwlaw.com; outlotb@gmail.com
Subject: Outlot B proposal questions

Dear Mr. Henrichsen:

My wife and I live at 3411 Fox Hollow Road; our property's back yard abuts Outlot B, the proposed site for Chateau Development LLC's housing project.

I use the term "housing project" because, while the City Council made it clear to Chateau's owner Mr. Stephan Gaspar that a zoning variance for an apartment complex would not be granted, subsequent site plans have been vague about exactly what types of residences are now proposed.

According to the most recent plan submitted, it appears that ten rental duplexes are to built on Outlot B, though whether these would be rentals or owner-occupied has never been stated explicitly.

Additionally, this latest (dated 2/19!) site plan includes little or no detail about the exterior finishes, lighting, landscaping, parking etc.

These are not minor details. This appears to be part of a pattern Mr. Gaspar and Chateau has followed from the very beginning of this proposal for Outlot B.

The lack of clarity and unwillingness to provide details about this proposed development does nothing to address the legitimate concerns of the neighbors whose daily lives and residences will be directly affected by this project.

It boggles my mind that a company as large and established at Chateau can take such a cavalier approach to a multi-million dollar project that, in turn, directly affects another several million dollars worth of residential real estate, city streets, sewers and parks, and a number of Lincoln Public Schools.

We who live in the neighborhood are extremely grateful for the responsiveness of our elected representatives on the Lincoln City Council regarding this project.

Consequently, it's even more important that this proposal now be 'fleshed out' and described in much greater detail than we have seen thus far.

Mr. Gaspar and Chateau could easily demonstrate their good will and neighborliness by providing the above details ASAP. Absent that, they can look forward to continued skepticism - and scrutiny by any and all legal means - of the Outlot B project.

Sincerely,
Mike McNeil
August 1, 2014

SIDEWALK REPAIR ADVISORY
Priority Sidewalk Repair – Various Locations
Project #702624B

The City of Lincoln has awarded a contract for sidewalk repair at various locations north of A Street from 8th Street to the east city limits and South 9th Street to South 27th Street between Nebraska Highway 2 and A Street. This contract includes sidewalk repair adjacent to your property. The contract for this work has been awarded to Vogtscapes Inc. of Lincoln, Nebraska.

The contractor is expected to be working in association with this contract through September, 2015. The repair work will involve removal and replacement of marked sections of sidewalk. There will be some inconvenience to residents in this area as sidewalk sections are removed and replaced and sidewalk locations are closed and barricaded to complete this work. Driveways may also be closed for short durations to complete work on sidewalk through the drive.

If you have special needs or know of a neighbor that does, please contact us as soon as possible so we can work with you.

We request the patience and cooperation of residents in this area as the contractor progresses with this work. If you have a sprinkler system, it is advisable that you mark the location of the sprinkler lines and heads. It is the City’s policy that sprinkler systems are a private improvement located in the public right-of-way. The Public Works and Utilities Department will not accept responsibility for repair of sprinkler systems which are located adjacent to the sidewalk.

This project is funded with funds allocated through Certificates of Participation issued by the Lincoln City Council. The Public Works and Utilities Department will administer this contract. Speeche Lewis Engineers will provide project management and inspection as the contractor progresses with the sidewalk repair work.

Please contact the Vogtscapes Inc. Project Superintendent or the Speeche Lewis Engineer’s Project Manager with concerns or to address problems during construction. You may also contact the Sidewalk Office at 402-441-7541 with any questions regarding the sidewalk repair program.

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Beutler
   & City Council Members

FROM: Clinton W. Thomas

DEPARTMENT: City Council Office

DEPARTMENT: Housing Rehab & Real Estate Division

ATTENTION: 

DATE: August 1, 2014

COPIES TO: Teresa J. Meier
           Marvin Krout
           Jeff Kirkpatrick
           Byron Blum, Bldg & Safety
           Jean Preister, Planning
           Sandy Dubas, City Clerk’s Office
           Jamie Phillips, Mayor’s Office

SUBJECT: Street & Alley Vacation No. 14004
         West Prospector Court,
         Speedway Circle, Hill Street and
         South 1st Street

A request has been made to vacate various streets in the vicinity of South 1st Street and West Van Dorn Street. The area was viewed and appears as partially old roadbed and partially native habitat. This is a unique situation as the roads to be vacated are abutted by the City or other governmental agencies. The Lower Platte South Natural Resources District does not wish to obtain the portion abutting their property so title will be retained by the City.

That portion which abuts county-owned land (Wilderness Park) is to be deeded to Lancaster County. Since this area will become part of Wilderness Park, as it is currently being used, it is recommended it be deeded to the county at no cost.

Respectfully submitted,

Clinton W. Thomas
Certified General Appraiser #990023
Hello Mr. Burt -- we received a revised site plan earlier today and sent it out to you and to Becky and Carri Honz who had specifically requested to see it. Apparently Mr. Hunzeker had supplied neighbors with an earlier version of the site plan on Monday.

I hope this does not get too technical, but let me try to explain. You will note that there is one key difference between the earlier plan and the revised plan: the applicant has erased the lot lines defining individual lots that would be subdivided. As I explained to Becky and Carri in an earlier email, when we reviewed the site plan with the lot lines, we noted that the lot widths for each lot were 37 feet wide. That is not as wide as the lots on your side of Sherman Street, but it is typical for lots of this type. But in order for that to be approved by the Council, because it is technically a waiver of the 40 foot minimum width that would otherwise apply in a R-3 zoning districts to lots for attached single family units, we would need to delay the public hearing again in order to advertise the waiver request. The applicant was concerned with the delay and uncertainty that might result, so he chose to revise the plan to eliminate those lot lines. So as it stands with the revised plan, the property would be subdivided into one large buildable lot, not 20 separate lots with outlots for the private street and common areas. The dwelling units could be rented, or they could be sold to individuals through a condominium regime, which is less common but still a possibility. The applicant might also choose in the future to request to amend his plan in order to create 20 lots, and we would need to advertise the waiver and the Planning Commission would vote on the amendment after a public hearing with notice to neighbors. And even then, the developer could choose to build and retain and rent the units on those lots or to sell them.

I also tried to clarify to Becky and Carri that although developers and realtors and homeowners commonly refer to “townhouses”, that is not the legally correct term in the zoning code for the kind of housing in question. Townhouses in the zoning ordinance are defined as a building with 3 to 12 attached units, each unit on a separate lot and facing a street. Per the zoning code, the developer is proposing two-family dwellings, in which each unit does not necessarily have to be on its own lot.

So now on your two questions; not easy to answer but I’ll give it a shot:

1. More curved layout, more setback on east, more open space. Certainly you could achieve those objectives on this site, but I think not without a significant reduction – at least 4 or 6 of the 20 units. I don’t believe the applicant is willing to reduce the number of units in his proposal at this time, and if asked I will tell the Council that I think this is a reasonable request. The development as modified is now down to 5 units per acre, which obviously is less than the density proposed earlier but still higher than the density in three directions from the site. On the other hand, the overall CUP was “approved” for 465 units, and with 20 units on this last buildable site, he is actually reducing that to 459 units. Yes the developer would need to be approved, administratively or by public hearings, on his specific plans to build anything more than 9 single family homes on the property in question. But I think both sides now can say they are giving something and getting something. I think anytime a neighborhood has an issue like this, they should ask themselves what is the result if it is denied. The applicant might well decide that the land is too valuable to develop at less than 20 units today, and so he will sit on it for some indefinite period, hoping that there will be a different makeup of the Council someday that will be more sympathetic to his earlier proposal. I can’t tell you and your neighbors how to play those odds, but it should be part of your consideration. I do believe that the 30 foot setback along the east lot line
is very reasonable – it is the same restriction that was placed on the lots that back up to the east, and it is more restrictive than the 20 foot minimum rear yard setback that applies today to all single family lots.

2. Consistent finish/not blue. To my knowledge and certainly in the last 12 years of my term here, the City has not imposed standards on design of residential structures in the newer, post-war subdivisions of the city, except in a few exceptional cases involving large multifamily buildings with 20-30 units. We recently amended the code with provisions that prevent some of the narrowest lots that builders have created to build single family attached units. We have been requiring these developments to have lots that are wide enough and streets that are wide enough to leave areas where on-street parking is possible and there is enough area beyond the garage doors facing the street for a visible door and window. The conceptual plan that was provided to us will meet those standards. Beyond that, the City has not tried to dictate style, materials, color, minimum floor area, or other such requirements. This level of detail for a growing city of nearly 300,000 would become a very significant new administrative burden for the City. We have heard of situations where an applicant and his neighbors have entered into private agreements, separate from what the City does and can reasonably regulate, and I would encourage you and your neighbors to contact Mr. Hunzeker – who, when I spoke to him earlier this week, said he would be available to discuss further concerns of the neighbors – with these concerns.

I hope these responses are helpful; please feel free to call or email if you have additional questions before the Monday hearing.

Marvin S. Krout, Director
Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Department
555 South 10th Street, Suite 213
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508
402-441-6366
Scott:
Thanks for your input. I will visit with Doug and our colleagues as well as staff. The goal is to rid Lincoln of these problem properties and any constructive (no pun intended) means to accomplish this are what is needed. The current process lasts too long (Doug can share his experience from the Problem Resolution Team) and needs more “teeth” to encourage compliance with City ordinances.
Best regards,
Jon

R. Scott Sandquist, AIA
SANDQUIST CONSTRUCTION
GASP, LLC
3701 O Street, Suite 202
Lincoln, NE 68510-1698
402-466-2041
scott@sandquistcgi.com

From: Scott Sandquist [mailto:Scott@sandquistcgi.com]
Sent: Monday, August 4, 2014 7:49 AM
To: dougemerypm@aol.com; Jon Camp
Subject: neglected houses

Doug & Jon,
I like the proposal to help rid the City of neglected houses. However, I do see a potential negative that could possibly be addressed.
The fines and liens that may be imposed on such properties can increase the purchase price for a buyer/rehabber, and hence make them less saleable and financially feasible to repair or replace.
So adding such additional costs to a potential sale price can seemingly act as a negative towards the City’s goal of eliminating these properties.
Perhaps a legitimate buyer/rehabber could be reimbursed for the costs of any fines and liens imposed on the owner/seller upon demolition or completion of acceptable rehab work.
July 30, 2014

City Council Office  
City County Building  
555 South 10th Street  
Lincoln, Ne. 68508

Dear City Council Members,

I want to express my thanks and gratitude for all of your hard work pertaining to Special Permit No. 1665C – Outlot B.

I feel my voice was heard.

Sincerely,

Barbara J. Johnson  
7306 Sherman Street  
Lincoln, Ne. 68506
August 1, 2014

City Council:

Thank you for listening to the residents and denying the apartments to be built on Outlot B.

Appreciate all that was done.

Tammy Barrett
As new stuff is going in the haymarket, is there anyway to get a green space there with maybe an amphitheater and/or a playground?

Midtown Omaha has this and it would be great for outdoor concerts like they do at southpoint or just a place to hangout with your family after lunch or dinner? Maybe a walking path around it?

Or they do Jazz in June in the summer time by the sheldon art gallery, could be moved to haymarket? The more outdoor events the more money spent on businesses around it. At UNL in their green space by the union they have had outdoor movies there as well.

Maybe also get the Lincoln Parks and Rec to give money towards it? Or a way for people to donate and their names listed somewhere at the park.

I hate for it only to be buildings!

Thanks,
Jacey Rademacher
402-432-0109
ajrademacher@gmail.com
Jacey,
Thank you for the idea. You may have seen the announced plans for the South Haymarket that came out this week. There is some green space envisioned here on the west edge of the development. I agree that we could use more green spaces downtown.

Carl Eskridge, City Council, District 4

Jacey Rademacher <jaceyrademacher@gmail.com> wrote:

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Thanks,
Jacey Rademacher
402-432-0109
ajrademacher@gmail.com
City Council Members,

I am writing in support of the Neglected Building Ordinance that will come before the council today. I could write a book regarding my experiences with a problem property which we lived next to, and endured, for over 20 years (345 S. 29th). After the property manager of this property forgot to shut off the water when the out-of-state owner finally decided to sell, the pipes broke on the second floor, dumping over 60,000 gallons of water throughout the duplexed house.

In spite of the fact that dealing with this house and out-of-state property owner was the longest and most frustrating civics lesson that we and our neighbors had to endure, it absolutely terrified me that this house could possibly be red-tagged BY THE CITY for 30+ years like the property at 3015 N St. Due to the diligence and negotiation skills of two excellent realtors who worked with us and the difficult property owner, we were able to acquire and tear the property down on our own dime. If the sale would have fallen through, I assure you we would have sold our home (definitely below value) because of this eyesore, and the continued frustration and safety issues it would have incurred.

No neighbor, or neighborhood, should have to endure the frustration or financial loss of property values due to these properties. I DO believe in individual property rights, but not at the expense of the majority of property owners surrounding these dumps. Besides being frustrated with squatters, vandals and slumlords, I must admit that I was, and am, more frustrated with city agencies who could not do any more to help us, because they did not have the ability to force owners to do anything except raise the condition above a “substandard” level, which without specific guidelines, is largely subjective. Cases get closed and the can (again and again) gets kicked down the road, until the next revolving door incident.

Please pass this ordinance to maintain property levels, decrease the waste of resources devoted to these properties, and most importantly, improve the quality of life for responsible property owners and taxpayers who care for their properties and neighborhoods.

Thank you.

Deb Kuwamoto
339 S. 29th St.
Woods Park Neighborhood
MINUTES
DIRECTORS’ MEETING
AUGUST 4, 2014

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

Others: Teresa Meier, City Clerk; Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff; Judy Halstead, Health Department Director; Miki Esposito, Public Works & Utilities Director; Marvin Krout, Planning Director; Tom Casady, Public Safety Director; and Mary Meyer, Council Secretary

Chair Emery opened the meeting at 2:04 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

I. CITY CLERK
Meier stated today, under Liquor Resolutions, will call Items #18 through #25 together, all dealing with the Railyard. Camp asked if just for August 9th, not the Miami game? With a reply of yes.

Meier stated under Public Hearing - Ordinances - 2nd Reading, will call Items #31 through #40, and #48 together, all dealing with personnel. Items #41 and #42 together. Cook commented if not noted to be related items when you call an item further on the agenda it may be confusing to people following the agenda. Calling together, when consecutive, is fine. Meier asked if requesting to call Item #48 later? Cook replied it doesn’t seem appropriate to call Item #48 with the others as they are earlier on the agenda.

Meier stated on Item #43 there is a Motion to Amend, No 1, to accept a substitute resolution. Item #53 also has a Motion to Amend to accept a substitute lease.

II. MAYOR
1. NEWS RELEASE. Projects on “O” Street result in street and lane closures.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Williams Library to close Wednesday.
3. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will hold a news conference Thursday, July 31st, 555 S. 10th Street, Room 303, to announce a major new development in the West Haymarket area.
4. NEWS RELEASE. 33rd Street project to close more streets and lanes.
5. NEWS RELEASE. Public urged to “Fight the Bite”.
6. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor announced developer for major West Haymarket project.

III. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

FINANCE/TREASURER

HEALTH DEPARTMENT
Halstead sent Council a memo regarding the list of ordinances, and resolutions, to be presented. All will be introduced today with hearings next week as the fees need to be included with the budget. Ordinances introduced today, hearings next week, and voted on August 18th. No procedure change. The difference is, we’ll hold the resolution votes, including the increases, until September 8th. As the email stated, Health is trying to have everything as a Resolution. In order to do we need to pass the ordinances and go into effect, saying all will be by resolution, before Council can vote on the resolutions.

The only schedule difference is all resolutions introduced today have hearings on the 11th, and will be
held until September 8th. Hoppe added, this allows the two weeks.

Eskridge stated the problem would be next week’s budget meeting, with typically a half hour of business. Now 15 third readings are scheduled for next week, plus 34 ordinances and resolution hearings. The time required would be 2½ hours of business. Halstead replied the Health fees can be held as part of the budget hearing as they’re all interrelated.

Hoppe stated we typically have maintained associated legislative with the budget during the budget hearing as opposed to a regular meeting.

Camp asked if a wholesale change from ordinances putting into the budget? Halstead replied she referenced in the July 17th email. Have had some in ordinance and some in resolutions. Now trying to have everything into one, as it was getting difficult to determine where to find fees. Moving all to resolution with the resolutions adopted September 8th. Need to change those in an ordinance into a fact before Council can pass, and vote, on the resolutions. Camp asked in regard to people affected by the resolutions do you have a publication? Halstead said the chart was delivered to Council with the budget and given to everyone who asked, and handed out at the Health hearing, and the previous meeting. Camp stated he’s thinking about the public. Halstead stated it is available. Camp asked if in a precise area of the web? Halstead replied yes, adding they can call and we would walk them through.

Gaylor Baird asked if Meier knew all the item numbers? Meier replied yes, adding it would be listed with the budget. Emery stated Council needs to review so anything which doesn’t have to be isn’t next week, but go another week, as we’ll have the public here to discuss budgets. Meier said she stated this to the directors when she sent the email.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
2. Urban Design Committee meeting agenda for August 5, 2014.

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES – Miki Esposito, Director
Esposito stated there was a bus accident today. Everything is under investigation and cannot comment on the facts, but the Journal Star may be available, as we believe media was alerted and at the scene. There were injuries. A couple of passengers and our bus driver. We’ll follow internal protocol which is drug and alcohol testing, but, at the time of the accident the bus driver called dispatch, and 911. The supervisor sent to investigate and take a full report with LPD. The video of the accident has been taken off the bus. We administer a drug and alcohol protocol, which we’ll do with the driver at the hospital. Towing arranged and preventability of the accident will be explored by an accident review board.

It seems the bus driver was not at fault. Someone went through a red light causing the accident, as reported by the Journal Star. Camp inquired who was transported for medical treatment? Casady stated 5 passengers plus the driver. All transported and all seemed minor. Nothing life threatening. Camp asked if one other vehicle was involved? Esposito replied she heard two. Casady commented there were at least 2 vehicles involved, a secondary collision when the bus was pushed. The original collision caused the bus to go over the medium on Pioneers, just east of the intersection. Esposito added, 56th and Pioneers. Camp asked if there were passengers on those vehicles with the reply being no.

Casady stated the bus was southbound on 56th Street, making a left turn on the green arrow at Pioneers. A gray Monte Carlo northbound on 56th Street struck the bus as it was making the left turn. The bus had
completed part of the turn so the bus momentum carried it further to the east, over the medium, into the west bound lanes of Pioneers. There was a secondary collision with a Jeep, which was fairly minor. The bus then went over the curb and into a retaining wall next to Legacy Estates.

STRONGER SAFER NEIGHBORHOODS
1. Memo submitted by Jon Carlson, Stronger Safer Neighborhoods, on the Neglected Buildings Ordinance. For bill refer to the City Council meeting agenda. To establish a registration system for monitoring vacant and neglected residential buildings within the city.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP
1. Correspondence between Councilman Camp and Becky McNeil regarding the one week delay and modification to townhomes on Outlot B.
   a) Correspondence from Marvin Krout, Planning Department Director, regarding revised site plan review.
2. Lindy Garner Mullin thanking Councilman Camp for the close interest in Outlot B.
3. Donald F. Burt thanking Councilman Camp and Councilwoman Gaylor Baird on listening and responding to the concerns regarding Special Permit No. 1665C.

Camp stated on the Chateau Development there is a Motion to Amend which would substitute the existing plan for 10 - 2 family units. He asked Krout to explain how the proposed amendment goes back to him and not back to the Planning Commission. Krout thinks there is language in the resolution stating a final plan will be submitted to the Planning Department. Not an administrative amendment but to make sure all the necessary exterior dimensions are correct and it doesn’t change the plan itself in terms of the number or locations of buildings as shown on the plan. But, in order for Building and Safety to be able to issue a permit, they need to have precise dimensions identified on the exterior and between buildings and lots. Camp asked why doesn’t it go back to the Planning Commission? Krout asked, in order to add those dimensions? Camp replied because they’ve substituted the family homes for an apartment building. Krout stated because the City Council, for example on the Broadmoor case where you approved 120 apartments instead of 180 apartments which were originally submitted and reviewed by the Planning Commission. Council can amend the plan submitted as long as it is not more than what was advertised.

Cook added Council could chose to send back to the Planning Commission. Camp said he’s not suggesting but wanting the procedure. Cook commented in following up, you sent emails to the constituent wondering about the lot line issue, will that be explained today? This plan does not have traditional lots. Krout stated after the applicant presentation applicant if there are any questions Council has for him or for me, I will be there.

JONATHAN COOK
Cook stated next week’s meeting scheduled from 2:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. and then 6:30 p.m. on. We hope our budget is not too controversial, and not offending large numbers. If true then the people who attend at 2:30 p.m. may be fairly small. We start at 2:30 p.m., listen to all attendees, and if done at 3:30 Council could go and then come back at 6:30 p.m., as scheduled? Emery agreed.

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
1. Maurice Baker, Clinton Neighborhood Organization President. The Clinton Neighborhood Organization Board unanimously support the proposed neglected building ordinance.
2. Community Health Endowment of Lincoln. CHE community conversations gives voice to brain injury. Conversations scheduled at CHE.
3. James Friedman, Near South Neighborhood Association President. The Near South Neighborhood Association Board supports the proposed Neglected/Vacant Residential Buildings Ordinance.

4. Don Cook, Meadowlane Area Resident’s Association, memo on the support for the neglected properties ordinance.
   a) The Meadowlane Area Resident’s Association supports the proposed ordinance addressing neglected vacant residential properties.
   b) Don Cook writing in support of the proposed neglected properties ordinance, adding his personal experience with such a property.

VI. ADJOURNMENT
Chair Emery adjourned the meeting at 2:16 p.m.