IN LIEU OF
DIRECTORS’ MEETING
SEPTEMBER 29, 2014

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V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
1. InterLinc correspondence from Scott Colborn writing with concern about drinking on game days, especially after the disturbance at the Indian Center.
2. Rick Klein’s perspectives on the family friendly atmosphere at the Pinnacle Bank Arena before, during, and after the Saturday game. Lincoln families would enjoy having the games shown at the Pinnacle Bank Arena, and possibly Arena game viewing could be reviewed.
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR COASTAL CLEANUP SATURDAY

Volunteers and volunteer groups are needed to help clean up litter and other debris from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday at Roper Park, 3rd and Superior streets. The effort is part of the 2014 International Coastal Cleanup, a world-wide volunteer project designed to remove trash from ocean beaches, lake shores, riversides and other waterways. The cleanup is sponsored by the City’s Watershed Management division, Keep Lincoln and Lancaster County Beautiful and the City Parks and Recreation Department.

Volunteers are asked to meet in the parking lot on 3rd Street, a few blocks north of Adams Street. Silicone wristbands and other items are free to volunteers while supplies last.

“Most people don’t realize that the cleanliness of our local waterways can affect others downstream,” said Erin Kubicek, City Watershed Management. “About 80 percent of trash found in oceans starts out on land. Hundreds of volunteers in Nebraska donate their time each year as part of the International Coastal Cleanup to pick up litter in and around our local waterways. Together, we can prevent it from washing further downstream and eventually entering our oceans.”

Volunteers may register in advance at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: stream). For more information, contact Erin Kubicek at 402-441-4959 or ekubicek@lincoln.ne.gov.

KLLCB is a program of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. The International Coastal Cleanup program receives funding from the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality. More information on the program is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword kllcb), or by contacting Adam Rhoads at 402-441-8035 or kllcb@lincoln.ne.gov.
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7511

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 24, 2014  
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831  
Tom Casady, Public Safety Director, 402-441-7071

MAYOR SUPPORTS ACTIONS OF INDIAN CENTER, CALLS ON FANS TO HELP MAINTAIN SAFETY

Mayor Chris Beutler today praised the Indian Center for its action to prevent further problems with tailgating on its property at 10th Street and Military Road. He also called on Husker fans to help law enforcement officials maintain a fun and safe atmosphere on football game days. Indian Center officials announced yesterday that no alcohol or drugs will be allowed for Saturday’s tailgate party, and no one will be allowed into the area without purchasing a parking space and entering in a vehicle.

“I want to thank Executive Director Clyde Tyndall and the other leaders of the Indian Center for working with our Police Department and taking the necessary steps to avoid the problems experienced last Saturday,” Mayor Beutler said. “The Indian Center is an important and valuable agency and cultural resource in our community. The foolish actions of a few people should not be allowed to tarnish the Center’s good work.”

The actions of some participants at the tailgate party before Saturday’s Husker football game against Miami resulted in an injured Lincoln Police Officer, 13 arrests and 25 citations. More than 30 Police Officers as well as County Sheriff’s deputies and State Patrol troopers responded to the disturbance.

“The traditions surrounding Husker football games are a source of pride for our City and our State,” Beutler said. “Saturday’s incident reminds us that it only takes a few irresponsible people to ruin a fun atmosphere and create a dangerous situation. I call on all Husker fans to work with us to send a strong message that this kind of reckless behavior will not be tolerated.”

Public Safety Director Tom Casady said the actions taken by the Indian Center are a good first step. “We appreciate the Indian Center re-evaluating its operation on games days,” Casady said. “The reputation the venue has developed didn’t happen overnight, and we recognize that it may take a while to change this, but this is a move in the right direction. We trust that the Indian Center leaders are sincere and will make their best efforts to get matters under control. We stand willing to help them to the extent that we are able as they do so, but this is ultimately their responsibility.”

The actions announced by the Indian Center are in effect for Saturday’s game only. Tyndall said long-term policy changes will be discussed at an October meeting of the Indian Center Board.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 23, 2014  
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jocelyn Golden, Assistant City Attorney, 402-441-7281  
Eric Gelfand, Legends Sales and Marketing, LLC, 212-317-3212

Joint statement from Legends Sales and Marketing, LLC and the West Haymarket Joint Public Agency:

Legends Sales and Marketing, LLC and the West Haymarket Joint Public Agency reached a settlement agreement for the fees owed to Legends for naming rights sponsorship services it provided in relation to the Pinnacle Bank Arena. As a result, the lawsuit will be withdrawn. The parties recognize that each party had a different, honestly held interpretation of the contract language.
Actual collections for the fiscal year to date are 1.35% over projections for the year.

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Memorandum

Date:  September 23, 2014
To:  City Clerk
From:  Amy Hana Huffman, Planning Dept.
Re:  Administrative Approvals
cc:  Mayor Chris Beutler, Planning Commission, Jean Preister

This is a list of the administrative approvals by the Planning Director from September 16, 2014, through September 22, 2014:

Administrative Amendment No. 14065, to Special Permit No. 1576, Country View Estates Community Unit Plan, approved by the Planning Director on September 16, 2014, requested by Lincoln Housing Authority, to remove the trail connection in Outlot G, on property generally located at S. 56th Street and Union Hill Road.

Waiver to Design Standards 14009, approved by the Planning Director on September 19, 2014, requested by Brown Design Associates, to adjust the Design Standard for Outdoor Lighting to allow outdoor lighting to exceed 0.5 horizontal foot-candles at the east property line of Lincoln Immanuel Lutheran Church generally located at 2001 S. 11th Street.

Administrative Amendment No. 14064, to Preliminary Plat No. 04017, Twin Pines Estates, approved by the Planning Director on September 22, 2014, requested by ESP Engineering, to modify the grading plan and to correct the Minimum Opening Elevation table, on property generally located at SW 33rd Street and Denton Road.
The City of Lincoln Public Works and Urban Development Departments are issuing this advisory as an update to the P Street Streetscape Project concerning winter snow and ice management. This is aimed at business and property owners along P Street from 11th Street to Centennial Mall and along the east side of 14th Street from O Street to Q Street.

Given that the project is in its final completion stage, a number of new features can be seen along the sidewalk corridors. This includes the various colors of paving bricks installed in the sidewalk. A number of these paving areas function as a permeable pavement surface. This means that the storm water (rain and melting snow) is allowed to permeate through the bricks into the soil below to help feed trees with vital water and nutrients. These permeable brick surfaces are evident by gaps between the individual bricks which are filled with small limestone rock. A critical function of this limestone rock is to allow the water to pass through while keeping trash and debris from getting into the system which will cause a reduction in the overall performance and functionality.

Business and property owners are advised to use only sand and/or gravel mix on the new sidewalks after snow events. The use of other products such as salt or snow melt may lead to damage of the new concrete surfaces and will void the warranty of the brand new sidewalk. When using sand and/or gravel, it’s important to keep in mind that these products can lead to blockage of the permeable paver surfaces. Because of this, it’s essential to the maintenance and performance of the system to not apply sand and/or gravel products directly over the permeable bricks and to not sweep or scoop these materials onto the permeable surfaces.

After having endured through the project construction, it’s important for everybody to help do their part to ensure that the public space is maintained to the highest degree possible for the long term enjoyment by everyone.

If you have questions or comments concerning the system components or any aspect of this advisory, please contact one of the following people:

Hallie Salem, Downtown Redevelopment Planner  
City of Lincoln - Urban Development  
(402) 441-7866  
hsalem@lincoln.ne.gov

Zach Becker, Construction Project Manager  
City of Lincoln - Public Works  
(402) 613-3763  
zbecker@lincoln.ne.gov
Tom:

Enjoyed your presentation at the Chamber Forum this morning.

Here are some questions:

1. During initial stage of assessing “needs”, will there be discussion on:
   a. System Status Management (SSM)
   b. Alternative Response Vehicles (ARV)
   c. Temporarily locating ambulances or ARVs closer to areas that have frequent needs at certain times of day and week

2. Please share your further thoughts on “marrying” with the State of Nebraska’s radio system that you mentioned today.
   a. You also mentioned possible sharing of “assets” with Douglas County.
   b. How does the 800MHz work with a VHF system?

3. Can the Fire Union representatives be invited to participate in the solution of the station relocation and 911 radio needs?
   a. With the pendency of the grievance on the ARV use, when do you anticipate that issue could be discussed further with the Union representatives?

4. Please elaborate on the “long term” path from installation of a new radio system through the anticipated 8-10 years’ life expectancy through annual software updates and how future system changes would occur after 8-10 years.
   a. Discuss annual costs to update
   b. Discuss the ultimate 8-10 year cost transition

5. How will the consultants’ fees be negotiated?
   a. Did the initial RFP/RFI/etc. include implementation. . .or is that a separate and subsequent RFP?

6. Please specify:
   a. the current fees charged to radio users that essentially cover only operating costs of the radio system
      (you mentioned total annual costs of $1,000,000 today)
   b. What additional annual fees would you estimate to help cover the capital costs?
   c. What length of amortization of capital costs would you use? 8 years? 10 years? Longer?

7. What additional users might join our radio system, thereby spreading the capital costs?

8. Solutions to our Needs—
   a. The consultants presented 3 options, one of which you like.
   b. However, with other possibilities, such as joining the SON or Douglas County systems, please explain how these options would modify the 3 options from Elert.

9. Southeast Rural Fire District communications are in process (Thanks).
   a. If and when a meeting is held, who will be in attendance?
   b. Since I first asked about SERFD’s inclusion, may I attend?

10. Please explain the “task committee” being formed that will have its initial meeting on October 9th
    a. Number of members (you suggested 13-14)
    b. Please indicate who you anticipate will be invited to join. . .and their respective affiliations
    c. Since past references have called this the “Finance Committee”, will any considerations be given to “Needs” and “Solutions” rather than jump to the financing?

I will forward other questions as I continue my review.
Thanks in advance for your assistance.

Jon

JON A. CAMP
LINCOLN CITY COUNCIL

Office: 402.474.1838/402.474.1812
Fax: 402.474.1838
Cell: 402.560.1001

Email: joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com
I've answered your questions in a dark blue font below each question in the attached document, as best I can.

Tom
Here are some questions:

1. **During initial stage of assessing “needs”, will there be discussion on:**
   a. **System Status Management (SSM)**

   Briefly. We practice system status management at present, using the National Academy of Emergency Medical Dispatch Medical Priority Dispatch System. Essentially, this EMD system is designed to ensure that the most appropriate level of care is being dispatched. We also engage in dynamic staffing, pressing backup medic units into service when we are at System Status Zero or System Status Red. I do not view the role of this committee as being overhauling LF&Rs operational protocols, but it would be fine for the committee members to have a little background on this, and I will make sure they do.

   b. **Alternative Response Vehicles (ARV)**

   Again, briefly. I will explain what an ARV is, why the Chief and I would like to employ these, and how.

   c. **Temporarily locating ambulances or ARVs closer to areas that have frequent needs at certain times of day and week**

   I can describe this to the committee, but this is really getting into operations. I can explain what we are doing this year with a peaking unit, why, and how we are determining the best area, hours, and days for that peaking unit—the same description we gave to the City Council during our budget hearing.

2. **Please share your further thoughts on “marrying” with the State of Nebraska’s radio system that you mentioned today.**

   If the State is willing to have us join the Statewide Radio System, a vendor is willing to bid a proposal to do so, and if this represents the best service to Lincoln for the best price, we are happy to collaborate. The same is true of the Douglas County/OPPD system. In any of these scenarios we would have to either build infrastructure to handle our volume and needs (neither of these systems has that in place right now), or pay them to do so. Perfectly willing to share or trade radio assets if it is mutually beneficial, and if everyone pays their fair share.

   a. **You also mentioned possible sharing of “assets” with Douglas County.**

   Douglas County, in collaboration with OPPD, also has a large radio system in eastern Nebraska, that serves several counties and several agencies. Just like the State system, we could build our own assets and become part of that system, providing our own towers, sites, and so forth, but sharing common infrastructure and radio footprint. If they are willing to have us do so, and a vendor is willing to bid a proposal using these assets, and if this represents the best service for the best price, we are happy to collaborate.
b. How does the 800MHz work with a VHF system?

There are no impediments to interoperability between 800 Mhz and VHF radio frequencies. Properly engineered, a system using multiple frequency bands works seamlessly. User’s have no concept of which frequency band they are presently using, only that they have a talk group with the other users they need to communicate with.

3. Can the Fire Union representatives be invited to participate in the solution of the station relocation and 911 radio needs?

I will invite IAFF to have a representative attend the meetings, and likewise with LPU. I do not believe there is any intention to appoint union representatives as members, however.

   a. With the pendency of the grievance on the ARV use, when do you anticipate that issue could be discussed further with the Union representatives?

   We have already had a discussion with the Union leadership and their attorney about the possibility of settling the grievance in a manner mutually agreeable to both sides. We have not found that common ground yet, although I still hold out hope that we could possibly do so. Otherwise, we will have to await arbitration, which may be many months away.

4. Please elaborate on the “long term” path from installation of a new radio system through the anticipated 8-10 years’ life expectancy through annual software updates and how future system changes would occur after 8-10 years.

   Elert & Associates anticipates significant software upgrades will be necessary after 8-10 years. This does not mean that the system needs to be replaced after 8-10 years. Brick, mortar and steel components such as sites, towers, power supplies, generators, cabling, antennae, microwave, and so forth are likely to have much longer lifespans. Many of these kinds of components in our current system have lasted well over twenty years.

   a. Discuss annual costs to update

   We won’t know what annual software licensing fees will be until we have proposals from vendors. We pay these fees now for our current system, and I can predict that they may be higher, but we won’t know until we have a proposal. Likewise, it is impossible to accurately predict what major software upgrades in future years might cost. We will be evaluating proposals on a “total cost of ownership basis”, where these costs, when known, will be part of the evaluation.

   b. Discuss the ultimate 8-10 year cost transition

   See above. In the IT world and that’s what radio systems most resemble these days, it’s virtually impossible to predict what will occur on a ten year horizon. Most certainly, though, we will have fixed assets that retain their value.
5. How will the consultants’ fees be negotiated?
   a. Did the initial RFP/RFI/etc. include implementation...or is that a separate and subsequent RFP?

   Elert & Associates was selected after a competitive bid following the City’s customary purchasing practices. Their contract for the study included a provision for a subsequent phase for RFP development and evaluation, and an optional provision for project management. Purchasing is working with Elert now on the change order for RFP development.

6. Please specify:
   a. the current fees charged to radio users that essentially cover only operating costs of the radio system (you mentioned total annual costs of $1,000,000 today)

   Our current yearly rates are:
   325.00 per portable (27.08 per month)
   355.00 per mobile (29.58 per month)
   655.00 per control station (54.58 per month)

   These fees are charged all users, and are calculated to completely cover the annual costs of the radio system, including such things as radio shop personnel, software licensing fees and updates, terminal repairs, tower maintenance, maintenance of site equipment, parts and supplies.

   c. What additional annual fees would you estimate to help cover the capital costs?

   It depends on the capital costs. Elert & Associates is estimating about $10 million in vendor infrastructure. This is just an estimate, though, until we have proposals. If you costed that out over the 2,315 radios on our current system, it would be $4,320. Spread over 20 years, that would be $216 per year ($18 per month). Over ten years, it would be $432 ($36 per month).

   d. What length of amortization of capital costs would you use? 8 years? 10 years? Longer?

   I would propose using the expected lifespan of the capital equipment and facilities. Again, we will need more specific information from the vendors, but I think the large majority of the hardware components will have a lifespan of around 20 years, while significant software upgrades will be required at much shorter intervals: 8-10. There are several options for dealing with this. We could amortize the initial infrastructure over 20 years, then add fees for large software upgrades in future years that are not already incorporated into the licensing fees that are part of operations and maintenance fees already paid by the users. Or we could “split the difference” by using (for example) 12.5 years. One of the things to keep in mind is that the City itself is a beneficiary of other
non-city public safety users operating on the same system with us. This has a significant value to us, not just in terms of public safety operations, but in spreading our costs out. How and if we “value” that benefit, and whether we apply this value to these calculations is a policy question. My interest is in making the costs reasonably attractive to our current users, so we can continue to benefit from this revenue stream.

7. What additional users might join our radio system, thereby spreading the capital costs?

There is a possibility that rural fire departments and LPS decide to operate a larger number of radios on our system, a possibility the State Patrol, State Department of Corrections, or other State agencies with a need for 800 trunked radio in Lancaster County will at some point want to explore this. Essentially, as long as we have sufficient capacity, I believe we should welcome other public safety users as we have in the past, as a means of spreading costs.

8. Solutions to our Needs—
   a. The consultants presented 3 options, one of which you like.
   b. However, with other possibilities, such as joining the SON or Douglas County systems, please explain how these options would modify the 3 options from Elert.

I have a preferred option, based on the concept I believe serves our needs in a most cost-effective manner. This option, in essence, is a blended system which combines P25 trunked VHF with 800 Mhz VHF trunked, and with a possible move to DMR for the small portion of non-public safety users. This option includes the potential for joining resources with other P25 systems, such as the Statewide Radio System or the Douglas County/OPPD system. These concepts are options, however, not proposals from actual vendors. I suspect when the vendors respond to and RFP, they may have proposals that differ from the three broad ones our consultant described. We are quite willing to consider other alternatives that meet our needs and specifications, and I have discussed with Elert my desire to have an RFP that does not preclude other options, or even ideas we have not thought of.

9. Southeast Rural Fire District communications are in process (Thanks).
   a. If and when a meeting is held, who will be in attendance?

The Fire Chief, John Huff, his assistant chief, Pat Borer, and one or more of the battalion chiefs. I do not know whether or when SERFD will respond to our request to meet on this matter again, to create a working group, or if they do who might attend on their behalf. I can tell you that at our prior meetings, it was (at the time) their chief, John Porter, Assistant Chief, John Weise, and the President of their board, Rick Whiting.

   b. Since I first asked about SERFD’s inclusion, may I attend?

We will defer to SERFD’s wishes. I have no problem with anyone attending, personally, but sometimes in such matters people prefer to have quiet and frank talks which might be encumbered by “too many chefs”. Hence, I do not intend to
attend unless summoned. My chiefs are perfectly capable of describing our thoughts on collaboration and/or colocation.

10. Please explain the “task committee” being formed that will have its initial meeting on October 9th.

   a. Number of members (you suggested 13-14)

   My suggestion was to keep the number in that range. I fear a larger group would become increasingly unwieldy. The Mayor’s office is presently considering members from among dozens of nominees, and will soon be contacting people regarding their willingness.

   c. Please indicate who you anticipate will be invited to join...and their respective affiliations

   I don’t have this information, and do not anticipate having it until these decisions have been made. The discussions I have been involved in have emphasized good representation from people with financial, business, and public policy knowledge, and avoidance of appearances of political partisanship.

   d. Since past references have called this the “Finance Committee”, will any considerations be given to “Needs” and “Solutions” rather than jump to the financing?

   I am not hung up on the name, but I think the committee must have a clear charge. I have proposed a charge like this: Do we need to replace the radio system, and do we need to build fire stations? What is the recommended method of funding these needs? How should we proceed? As the chair, I intend to suggest that the first and second meeting of the group be devoted to studying the need for these proposed public safety projects, and determining whether we can reach a decision on whether we agree they are needed, or not. In order to get recommendations by Thanksgiving, I think we will need to move quickly from there to studying the various financing options. I do not want the committee to get bogged down in re-engineering the fire & rescue service, but I think it is important for the members to get the same kind of information I’ve provided to the City Council, the Chamber Forum, Face the Chamber, LIBA, LIBA’s budget committee, the participants in Priority Lincoln, Leadership Lincoln, the City Council, and a variety of services clubs and organizations, and also to get answers to any questions they have.

   I will forward other questions as I continue my review.

   Thanks in advance for your assistance.

   Jon
Tom

Thanks. Helps broaden the understanding, at least from my perspective. Will keep in touch.

To the extent possible, I would like to see an open process, including matters from the Mayor’s office, especially on the Committee formation.

Jon

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To: Jon Camp  
Cc: Jon D. Carlson  
Subject: RE: Questions on Public Safety

I've answered your questions in a dark blue font below each question in the attached document, as best I can.

Tom
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

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Comment or Question:
Hello Council members,

I write to you as members of the Lincoln City Council. I was appalled at what happened at the Indian Center on Saturday afternoon September 20th, with news reports and estimations of 3-4,000 people creating a public disturbance, with some of them drinking to excess. Some of them clearly acted in ways that are not appropriate - including the destruction of property and assault.

There should be a requirement that if a tail-gating location gets to a certain number, that they have on-premises adequate security personnel. These could be off-duty Lincoln police officers, or private. Sure - the Indian Center gets a lot of money from renting their property, but the use is not "family oriented" and is a big excuse for a drunken anything-goes situation and doesn't reflect the values of Lincoln, the University and the Cornhuskers. The current director of the Indian Center from all public reports is kind of feeling his way through this. I believe that future potential problems at that location (or any other location) need to be addressed firmly and responsibly.

One may argue that a "private location" can allow people to drink to excess and engage in activities that are not appropriate for us as residents of Lincoln, but one can also argue that the majority of them have to use some form of transportation to get to and leave that private location, and just as bar owners and managers can be found responsible for allowing patrons to drink to excess, so should the owners and managers of the private ground be held accountable.

One can only guess at the cost of employing those officers to bring order Saturday afternoon (taking them away from other duties) not to mention the officer who was assaulted and hospitalized.

Please bring your attention to this matter. Everyone - quite literally everyone that I've talked to is appalled that this kind of thing can happen in Lincoln, NE!

Thank you for your service to Lincoln.

Peace. Scott
City of Lincoln Council Members:

Myself and members of my family found the atmosphere at the Pinnacle Bank Arena before, during, and after the game to be a great Husker game day experience. We enjoyed the Heisman House exhibit prior to the game and stayed for free viewing of the NU vs Miami football game. Our family enjoyed the game with other respectful fans who brought their enthusiasm and Husker Spirit to the arena to cheer our football team on to victory. The arena provided a great place for fans and families to come and enjoy a stadium-like experience with big screen viewing without all of the shenanigans that occur at places such as the Indian Center location. We understand that future viewing parties at Pinnacle Bank Arena have been limited by the Lincoln City Council due to complaints by local businesses such as Barry's Bar. I have seen the crowds at Barry's Bar and lines to get inside on Husker game days and do not think that their whining holds any merit. Most, if not all, responsible parents would not be taking their younger children to places like Barry's Bar on game days to watch a Husker game. The Pinnacle Bank Arena provided a secure and fan friendly location to view the game for free. For some families in our community, it is not possible for them to purchase a ticket to a Husker game due to the cost and availability. It appears that the City Council bowed to a few whining business owners and the Pinnacle Bank Arena will not be allowed, or be limited, to have future viewing parties. It is too bad as my family found it very fun to be with other respectful fans that did not have to be drunk and unruly to have a great time. I feel that the Haymarket and Railyard area should provide an experience for everyone, and the Pinnacle Bank Area viewing parties provide one of the only family friendly places in the area on game day. The Pinnacle Bank Arena provides a location where they can take their children to learn about and enjoy the Husker fan experience and hopefully grow up to be responsible citizens who see the value in also being respectful fans. I will not be a customer of, nor will I recommend, Barry's Bar or any other Haymarket or Railyard establishment who have complained about Pinnacle Bank Arena taking away business. It was evident from the crowds watching the game in the Railyard and the overflow lines coming out of almost every bar and restaurant in the Haymarket and Railyard districts that the viewing party at Pinnacle Bank did not interrupt their profitability on Saturday. I wonder how many of them are saying after this weekend that they are going out of business due to the events at the Pinnacle Bank Arena on Saturday? I have the answer – NONE of them! I would hope that the City Council would re-think their policy on the viewing parties as our community benefits from locations such as the Pinnacle Bank Arena which provide a safe, free, family oriented, and fan-friendly atmosphere. I want to thank Pinnacle Bank Arena and all of their wonderful employees for making our experience in the Haymarket and Railyard areas very enjoyable since we were not able to get tickets to see the game live at Memorial Stadium.

I can be contacted to provide any additional perspectives you may desire. Thank you!

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I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR & DIRECTORS’ CORRESPONDENCE

MAYOR
1. NEWS RELEASE. Task Force to participate in multi-agency training in Kansas.
2. NEWS RELEASE. New pay-by-phone system for parking meters gives drivers more flexibility.
3. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler’s public schedule for the week of September 27, 2014 through October 3, 2014.
4. NEWS RELEASE. City dividend for utility ownership changes.

III. DIRECTORS

WEST HAYMARKET JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY
1. There will be no West Haymarket JPA meeting during October. The next public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 13th, 3:00 p.m., 555 S. 10th Street, in Council Chambers.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 25, 2014
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Dan Wright, NETF1 Program Manager, 402-441-8799

TASK FORCE TO PARTICIPATE IN
MULTI-AGENCY TRAINING IN KANSAS

Nebraska Task Force 1 (NETF1), the Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) team based at Lincoln Fire and Rescue (LFR), will conduct a 36-hour joint training exercise Saturday, October 4 and Sunday October 5 near Salina, Kansas. The realistic full-scale USAR exercise will simulate the aftermath of an F5 tornado touching down in Salina.

About 90 people from NETF1 will be involved in various components, including task force command, communications, medical, search, rescue, hazardous materials and logistics. NETF1 participants will include members of LFR as well as the Omaha and Papillion Fire Departments; physicians from Nebraska Emergency Medicine PC; heavy rigging specialists with Ayars and Ayars; and civilians including canine handlers, structural engineers and communications specialists.

NETF1 Program Manager Dan Wright said the exercise is designed to test and evaluate many aspects of two national USAR teams and an Incident Support Team. Rescue scenarios will include simulations of an apartment building and parking garage collapse with people trapped inside an elevator, a train derailment and tanker leak, a hospital collapse with contaminants, and a wide area search for victims at Lake Kanopolis. Each task force will be engaged in operations to assess, identify and locate victims and hazards; to search for and rescue simulated victims using specialized tools and equipment; and to provide members the opportunity to work and communicate with other local and federal agencies.

Other agencies participating include the Missouri Task Force from Columbia; the U.S. Army Reserve Aviation unit; the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism; Texas Task Force 1 Incident Support Cache; Colorado Task Force 1 Hazardous Equipment Push Package; the White FEMA Incident Support Team; FEMA Region VII and Region VIII representatives; and representatives from the Salina Fire Department and other local agencies and volunteers.

More information on NE-TF1 is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: USAR).

Media are invited to cover this exercise from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, October 4. Please contact Dan Wright in advance at 402-441-8799 or dwright@lincoln.ne.gov. The training will be based at Crisis City operated by the Kansas Department of Emergency Management. The GPS address is 5100 Englund Rd., Lindsborg, Kansas 67456.
NEW PAY-BY-PHONE SYSTEM FOR PARKING METERS GIVES DRIVERS MORE FLEXIBILITY

About 1,500 people have now used the new option to pay for parking at meters by phone. City Parking Services recently implemented the PassportParking service at 2,400 meters downtown and in the Haymarket.

“Paying by mobile phone provides drivers with a whole new level of convenience and flexibility when it comes to paying for parking,” said Wayne Mixdorf, City Parking Manager. “With this service, customers no longer have to worry about having enough change for parking or running back to a meter to add more time.”

New decals on the meters explain how to use the system. Smart phone users can download the PassportParking app for iOS or Android devices or register online at http://m.ppprk.com. Those with flip phones can register by calling the local phone number on the decals and then purchase time through text message.

The meters will not display the time remaining, but parking enforcement officers can view payments through a wireless handheld device. The system sends a notification about 10 minutes before a parking session is about to expire. Mixdorf said businesses can use the new service to validate and discount customer parking.

The system was provided to the City at no charge. Passport Parking adds a 25-cent fee to the parking rate for each parking session. The City and PassportParking each receive a portion of that fee.

PassportParking is based in Charlotte, North Carolina and currently operates in over 100 municipalities, universities and private parking operators nationwide. More information is available at passportparking.com.

More information on City Parking Services is available at parkandgo.org.
Date: September 26, 2014
Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule
Week of September 27 through October 3, 2014
Schedule subject to change

Saturday, September 27
• Lincoln Arts Festival Patron Breakfast, remarks - 9:30 a.m., SouthPointe Pavilions west parking lot, 2910 Pine Lake Road

Sunday, September 28
• Tastes in the Tallgrass - 3:30 p.m., Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center, 11700 S.W. 100th St., Denton

Monday, September 29
• Madonna Goal Awards - 11:30 a.m., Cornhusker Marriott Hotel, 333 S. 13th St.

Tuesday, September 30
• Correction Joint Public Agency meeting - 9 a.m., Bill Luxford Studio, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.
• Chamber of Commerce Celebrate Business luncheon, remarks - 11:30 a.m., Cornhusker Marriott Hotel

Wednesday, October 1
• Ribbon-cutting for ALDI grocery store, remarks - 8:45 a.m., 8701 S. 28th St.
• Realtors Association of Lincoln 95th annual installation and awards banquet - 5:30 p.m., Nebraska Innovation Campus Conference Center, 2021 Transformation Dr.

Thursday, October 2
• KFOR - 7:45 a.m.
• Ribbon-cutting for Olsson Associates’ new office, remarks - 4 p.m., Canopy and “P” streets
• Reception for National Day of People’s Republic of China, hosted by Confucius Institute and UNL Chancellor, remarks - 5:30 p.m., Nebraska Union, 14th and “R” streets, Regency Room A
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 29, 2014
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CITY DIVIDEND FOR UTILITY OWNERSHIP CHANGES

The City dividend collected by the Lincoln Electric System (LES) has changed for fiscal year 2014-15, which began September 1. The dividend is a payment to the City for its ownership of LES, and it was established in 2011 by a City ordinance. The current dividend payment is equivalent to a 2.4 percent of total net assets.

The City dividend is identified separately on LES bills. Customers in each rate class pay a comparable City dividend relative to their use of the LES system. The following table shows the rates.

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The dividend supplements the in-lieu-of-tax payment LES pays to local governmental entities each year. In the last fiscal year, the City received $6.8 million from the dividend. The dividend goes into the City’s General Fund, which funds basic City government services.
The next public meeting of the West Haymarket Joint Public Agency (JPA) is scheduled for 3 p.m. Thursday, November 13 in Council Chambers, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.

There is no West Haymarket JPA meeting scheduled during October.

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