IN LIEU OF
DIRECTORS’ MEETING
OCTOBER 27, 2014

I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR
1. NEWS RELEASE. Mom’s Night Out at the library set for Friday.
2. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will speak about the Pinnacle Bank Arena finances at a news conference Thursday, October 23rd, 10:00 a.m., in room 303 of the County City Building.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Pinnacle Bank Arena finishes first year in the black.

III. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

TELECOMMUNICATIONS/CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY BOARD
1. Telecommunications/Cable Television Advisory Board meeting agenda for Thursday, October 23, 2014.

FINANCE/BUDGET
1. October Sales Tax Reports reflecting August activity:
   a) Actual Compared to Projected Sales Tax Collections;
   b) Gross Sales Tax Collections (with refunds added back in) 2010-2011 through 2014-2015;
   c) Sales Tax Refunds 2010-2011 through 2014-2015; and

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1. Administrative approvals by the Planning Director from October 14, 2014 through October 20, 2014.

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES
1. The Public Works & Utilities October/November 2014 newsletter now available for viewing.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
1. Question from Jonathan Thomas on Lincoln having it’s own fiber optic network.
MOM’S NIGHT OUT AT THE LIBRARY SET FOR FRIDAY

Lincoln City Libraries is kicking off a new “Mom’s Night Out” Friday, October 24. The after-hours, child-free event for moms to socialize, learn something new and take time for themselves will start at 6:15 p.m. at Walt Branch Library, 6701 S. 14th St.

The event will include simple yoga techniques demonstrated by Tataya Radtke of Yoga Body and Balance. Participants will also have the opportunity to tour the library or to browse the facility on their own.

Attendees are encouraged to dress comfortably and to bring a yoga mat or towel. Child care will not be available at the event. Pre-registration is not required.

For more information about this and other Lincoln City Library events, visit lincolnlibraries.org.

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DATE: October 22,  2014
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

Mayor Beutler will make an announcement about Pinnacle Bank Arena finances at a news conference at **10 a.m. Thursday, October 23 in room 303, County City Building, 555 S. 10th Street.**
PINNACLE BANK ARENA FINISHES FIRST YEAR IN THE BLACK

Mayor Chris Beutler today announced that Pinnacle Bank Arena ended its first year of operation August 31 with revenue exceeding expenses by nearly $33,000. “As we promised during the Arena campaign, there will be no property tax subsidy to the operating budget,” said Beutler who chairs the three-person West Haymarket Joint Public Agency (JPA), which oversees Arena operations.

“The Arena and West Haymarket have brought new energy and excitement to Lincoln and put us on the national map,” he said. “A tracking service estimates that more than six million people have heard or seen Pinnacle Bank Arena on television. That creates publicity and exposure that generates potential new business and new opportunities.”

Beutler said the JPA learned many valuable lessons and made some tough choices during the Arena’s first year. He said Arena General Manager Tom Lorenz of SMG cut staff and made operational changes to manage expenses. The JPA also moved a sponsorship revenue stream from the JPA budget to the Arena budget. More than 750,000 people attended events in the first year, making sponsorships very attractive investments for many businesses and organizations. Moving the revenue, he said, better reflects the Arena’s role in generating those sponsorship dollars.

Beutler also announced that the tax revenues of the JPA continue to exceed estimates. In the year recently completed, the JPA grossed over $14 million in occupation taxes alone, an amount that original projections did not foresee happening until 2021. Those funds are used to pay back the bonds on the project.

The Mayor thanked those responsible for the Arena’s first year including the other JPA members, City Councilman Doug Emery and University of Nebraska Regent Tim Clare; Lorenz and his staff; City Finance Director Steve Hubka; and the Pinnacle Bank Arena Advisory Board, including Chair Dave McBride, Mike Ayars, Tom Ball, Bob Caldwell, Jim O’Hanlon, Mike Stroup and Sharon Wherry.

“The overwhelming success of the Pinnacle Bank Arena is a shining example of what we can accomplish as a City when we work together to create a community vision, find consensus on financing, and put talented people in place to make it happen,” Beutler said. “It again demonstrates that when the people of Lincoln make up their minds, there is nothing we can’t achieve.”

Meeting agendas and minutes and other JPA documents are available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: west). Arena information can be found at PinnacleBankArena.com
Meeting Notice
City of Lincoln, Nebraska
Telecommunications/Cable Television Advisory Board
4 p.m. Thursday, October 23, 2014
Room 303, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508

Agenda:

Call to Order

1. Introduction of board members and guests

2. Approval of minutes from the July 24, 2014 regular meeting and the August 4, 2014 special meeting

3. Old Business
   • Update on cable franchise transfer request from Comcast

4. New Business
   • Windstream application for cable television franchise
5. Time Warner Cable Report

6. City Report (PEG status)

7. Public Comments

Adjournment

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Board members: If you cannot attend this meeting, please contact Diane Gonzolas at 402-441-7831 or dgonzolas@lincoln.ne.gov.

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Regular meeting dates are the fourth Thursdays of January, April, July and October. The next meeting is scheduled for Jan. 22, 2015.

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Office of the Mayor
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Lincoln, NE 68508
402-441-7831
cell 402-525-1520
dgonzolas@lincoln.ne.gov
Actual collections for the fiscal year to date are 1.45% under projections for the year.

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**2010-2011 THRU OCTOBER 2014-2015**

**SALES TAX REVENUES**

**CITY OF LINCOLN**
| Year          | 3%  | 5.16% | 6%  | 7.2% | 8%  | 9%  | 10% | 11% | 12% | 13% | 14% | 15% | 16% | 17% | TOTAL |
|---------------|-----|-------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Month         |     |       |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |       |
| January       |     |       |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |       |
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| June          |     |       |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |       |
| July          |     |       |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |       |
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**NET SALES TAX COLLECTIONS**

**CITY OF LINCOLN**

2010-2011 THROUGH 2014-2015
CITY OF LINCOLN
COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS
Thursday, October 30, 2014, 4:00 p.m.
City County Building, 1st Floor, 555 South 10th Street

AGENDA

I. Roll Call
II. Approval of Minutes of September 25, 2014 Commission Meeting
III. Approval of Agenda for October 30, 2014 Commission Meeting
IV. Case Dispositions
   A. Reasonable Cause / No Reasonable Cause
      1. LCHR NO.: 14-0721-014-E-R
      2. LCHR NO.: 14-0725-015-E-R
   B. Pre-Determination Settlement
      1. LCHR NO.: 14-0703-012-E-R
      2. LCHR NO.: 14-0829-020-H
      3. LCHR NO.: 14-0910-021-E
      4. LCHR NO.: 14-0923-021-H
      5. LCHR NO.: 14-1008-023-E
V. Administrative Closures
   A. Withdrawal
      1. LCHR NO.: 14-0826-019-E-R
VI. Old Business
   A. Civil Rights Conference – Save the Date
VII. New Business
   A. Outreach Activities
VIII. Public Comment**
IX. Adjournment

**Public comments are limited to 5 minutes per person. Members of the public may address any item of interest to the LCHR during this open session with the exception of LCHR cases. Also, no member of the public who wishes to address the Commission will be allowed to examine any individual Commissioner or staff member on any item/question before the Commission unless invited to do so by the Chairperson.

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Memorandum

Date: October 21, 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 October 14, 2014, through October 20, 2014:

**Administrative Amendment No. 14054**, to Change of Zone No. 04075E, Village Gardens PUD, approved by the Planning Director on October 14, 2014, requested by Olsson Associates, to delete the trip generation tables from the site and development plans, to revise the lot layout northwest of the intersection of Boboli Lane and Hidcote Drive to include a convenience store with fuel sales, and to update the ‘Usage Legend’ designating all the lots in Phase II and III for ‘Neighborhood General Type D’ - Medium Single Family’ dwellings except for the retirement housing lot at South 63rd Street and Yankee Hill Road, on property generally located at S. 56th Street and Pine Lake Road.

**Administrative Amendment No. 14063**, to Special Permit No. 06014, Southlake Community Unit Plan, approved by the Planning Director on October 14, 2014, requested by Olsson Associates, to revise the lot layout for Block 1 to increase the number of lots on the west side of South 94th Bay from 5 to 6, and to modify Notes accordingly, on property generally located at South 91st Street and Andermatt Drive.

**Administrative Amendment No. 14026**, to Change of Zone No. 05054A, Prairie Village North PUD, approved by the Planning Director on October 16, 2014, requested by Civil Design Group, to revise the lot and street layout, show a lot and street layout for the area outside of the PUD and provide street profiles for streets outside the boundary of the PUD, on property generally located at N. 84th Street and Adams Street.

**Administrative Amendment No. 14076**, to Special Permit No. 07015A, Tamarin Ridge Planned Service Commercial, approved by the Planning Director on October 20, 2014, requested by Jeremy Williams, to reduce the side yard setback for parking and/or display of motorized vehicles from 20 feet to 12 feet, on property generally located at S. 27th Street and Tamarin Ridge Road.

City/County Planning Department
555 S. 10th Street, Ste. 213 • Lincoln NE 68508
(402) 441-7491
To: All PWU Employees, Mayor Beutler and City Council Members;


The newsletter features the following articles:

- Director’s Corner
- Winter is Coming
- Strong Lincs
- Transfer Station Undergoes Repairs
- Street Operations to Make Advancements in Winter Maintenance Program
- Bits & Bytes: OnBase

We hope that you enjoy reading the PWU newsletter and look forward to your comments and any suggestions you may have. Also, please forward to anyone you think would benefit from reading the newsletter.

Sincerely,
The PWU Marketing Team
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

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City:  Lincoln, NE, 68502

Phone:  4023268309
Fax:  
Email:  xxjonthomasxx@yahoo.com

Comment or Question:
Why isn't Lincoln part of the Next Century Cities program that would allow Lincoln to build and control it's own fiber optic network? Or, how much progress has been made to get Google Fiber to come to Lincoln? Time Warner is a toxic entity in Lincoln and there needs to be competition!

You guys can get some more info here - http://nextcenturycities.org/
I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR & DIRECTORS’ CORRESPONDENCE

MAYOR
1. NEWS RELEASE. Separation of grass and leaves continues until December 1, 2014.
2. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler and Public Safety Director Tom Casady will hold a news conference Monday, October 27th, 10:30 a.m., in Room 303 at 555 S. 10th Street to provide answers, and give an update, on the Public Safety Survey.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Library’s Storytime to feature Lincoln Stars Players. Schedule included.
4. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler’s public schedule for the week of October 25, 2014 through October 31, 2014.
5. NEWS RELEASE. FAQ added to City Survey on Public Safety Financing.
   a) Frequently asked questions on funding public safety improvements.
6. NEWS ADVISORY. The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department is sponsoring a tabletop exercise on Ebola Tuesday, October 28, 2014, 12:15 p.m. at 3140 N Street.

III. DIRECTORS

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1. Memorandum from Marvin Krout, Director of Planning, regarding Wastewater CIP Amendment.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
1. NEWS RELEASE. Community Health Endowment awards $590,000 in fall 2014 grant cycle.
PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT
Recycling Office, 2400 Theresa Street, Lincoln, NE 68521, 402-441-7043

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 24, 2014
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Gene Hanlon, Recycling Coordinator, 402-441-7043

SEPARATION OF GRASS AND LEAVES CONTINUES UNTIL DEC. 1

City Recycling Coordinator Gene Hanlon today reminded residents that they need to continue to separate their grass and leaves from their household trash until December 1.

The Nebraska Integrated Solid Waste Management Act requires that grass and leaves be separated from household trash from April 1 through November 30 of each year. During these months, grass and leaves are diverted to the City’s compost facility, and local waste haulers charge a separate fee for the yard waste collection.

Residents can place their grass and leaves with their household trash from December 1 through March 31. However, additional fees may be charged for regular waste collection based on volume and weight of the leaves and grass collected.

More information on the City’s recycling program is available at recycle.lincoln.ne.gov.

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Residents taking the City’s online public safety survey have asked some important questions about the issues. Mayor Beutler and Public Safety Director Tom Casady will provide answers and have an update on the survey at a news conference at 10:30 a.m. Monday, October 27 in room 303, County City Building, 555 S. 10th Street.
LIBRARY’S STORYTIME TO FEATURE LINCOLN STARS PLAYERS

Lincoln City Libraries is partnering with the Lincoln Stars hockey team for November’s preschool storytime program. Stars’ players will read aloud to the children and teach them about hockey and the equipment used to play the game.

“We are excited by the opportunity given to us by the Lincoln City Libraries for our Stars players to meet and interact with children from the community,” said Alanna Morse, Head of Business Development for the Lincoln Stars. “Many of these children look up to the players as role models, and we feel it is our obligation to set a good example and encourage reading on a daily basis.”

Preschool storytime programs begin at 10:30 a.m. on the following dates:

• Wednesday, November 5 at South Branch Library, 2675 South St.
• Thursday, November 6 at Bethany Branch Library, 1810 N. Cotner Blvd.
• Wednesday, November 12 at Anderson Branch Library, 3635 Touzalin Ave.
• Tuesday, November 18 at Gere Branch Library, 2400 S. 56th St.
• Wednesday, November 19 at Eiseley Branch Library, 1530 Superior
• Thursday, November 20 at Bennett Martin Public Library, 136 S. 14th St.
• Tuesday, November 25 at Walt Branch Library, 6701 S. 14th St.

Pre-registration is not required, and newcomers are always welcome.

Preschool storytime supports early literacy by offering vocabulary development, experiences with a variety of literature and participation in language-related activities.

For more information on Lincoln City Libraries, visit lincolnlibraries.org. More information on the Lincoln Stars can be found at lincolnstars.com.
Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule
Week of October 25 through 31, 2014
Schedule subject to change

Monday, October 27
• News conference, City survey update - 10:30 a.m., Room 303, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.
• City Impact’s annual Hopes and Dreams benefit dinner and auction, remarks - 6 p.m., Embassy Suites, 1040 “P” St. (main ballroom)

Tuesday, October 28
• KFOR - 12:30 p.m. (previously recorded)
• UNL news conference, remarks - 2:30 p.m., Nebraska Innovation Campus Conference Center, 2021 Transformation Drive
• Mayor’s Committee for International Friendship annual dinner - 5:30 p.m., Lazlo’s Brewery and Grill, 5900 Old Cheney Road

Wednesday, October 29
• Lincoln Parks Foundation Trustee event, remarks - 7:30 a.m., Woods Tennis Center (west bubble), 33rd and “J” streets
• Downtown Lincoln Association’s Impact Awards, remarks, accept award for Tower Square and “P” Street project - 11:30 a.m., Embassy Suites, 1040 “P” St.
• International visitors, 28 German students visiting Lincoln East - 4 p.m., Mayor’s Conference Room, County-City Building

Thursday, October 30
• News conference, topic and location to be announced - 10 a.m.
• Nebraska Sports Council awards banquet, remarks - 6:30 p.m., Del Ray Ballroom, 817 “R” St.
FAQ ADDED TO CITY SURVEY ON PUBLIC SAFETY FINANCING

Mayor Chris Beutler said the City’s new online Taking Charge survey has prompted important questions from the public about funding public safety improvements. Public Safety Director Tom Casady has responded with an FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) now available with the survey and at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: survey faq). The FAQ is also available through the OPEN Lincoln public engagement tool at lincoln.mindmixer.com.

The public is being asked its opinions on how to fund a new 911 radio system and a fire station relocation plan. Casady is heading a 13-member public safety finance review committee that will make a recommendation on funding by the end of the year.

“What we have learned during the seven years of the Taking Charge engagement is that survey takers are quite serious about the choices they are asked to review,” Beutler said. “They recognize that the survey is their opportunity to help shape the policies that impact their lives. That’s why they seek out information and ask the tough questions.”

Among the questions Casady addresses are:
- Why hasn’t the City been saving the funds needed to replace the radio system?
- Why does there seem to be a lack of specifics about the radio system?
- Can’t the public safety agencies just use cell phones for communications?
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The survey provides detailed background information on the two proposed public safety projects and gives respondents the opportunity to evaluate the possible funding strategies, including increases in the sales or property tax and making cuts in other areas. Survey participants also will be able to offer opinions on the importance of other community needs that could be financed if the community decides a sales tax increase is the best funding mechanism. The City again partnered with the University of Nebraska Public Policy Center on the survey.
Frequently Asked Questions

Why hasn’t the City been saving the funds needed to replace the radio system?

While it would certainly have been possible to budget funds annually over a period of years in order to accumulate enough money for a radio system, this is seldom how large capital outlay projects are financed. To make an analogy, few people save for years in order to pay cash for a home, or for that matter even a new car. Past radio systems have been funded with general obligation bonds, like other major municipal infrastructure. Even if the city had attempted to save up $20.5 million to pay cash for a radio system, the tight budget since 2000 would have made it incredibly difficult to do so without major cuts to the services funded in the City’s annual operating budgets.

Why does there seem to be a lack of specifics about the radio system?

Public safety radio systems for jurisdictions of our size are complex, and not easily described in a few sentences. Detailed information, however, is available in our consultant’s full 81 page report, which you may find online at: http://is.gd/radiosystemstudy. The consultant’s report, however, is not a proposal from an actual radio system vendor. After the City releases a Request for Proposals, each prospective vendor will need to develop their own plan to meet the City’s requirements. Different vendors are likely to have different approaches. Many of the specifics about exact system design and engineering and precise costs will have to await detailed proposals from the bidders.

Why is the radio system so expensive?

Public safety radio systems are engineered for reliability and redundancy. Towers and shelters are constructed to high standards, and sites include backup generators and power supplies. The radios carried by public safety staff and installed in police cars and fire apparatus are built to withstand the harsh use of law enforcement officers and fire and rescue personnel. The radio system directly impacts the safety of the public, as well as the safety and efficiency of our public safety professionals. Reliability, robustness, and resilience are necessary to assure that the radio system functions properly in critical circumstances. While a public safety radio system is certainly a major expense, to put it in perspective it will cost about the same as the replacement of the Harris Overpass a few years ago, and significantly less than a new elementary school.

How long will a new radio system last?

Radio systems need regular maintenance, software and hardware updates. A significant upgrade is likely to be needed about every 8-10 years, just like our current radio system. These costs are in our annual operating budget now, and we have done two significant upgrades during this system’s 27 year life. Some components need to be replaced regularly, such as computers and software, and some will last for decades with proper care, such as towers and shelters. With ongoing maintenance and updates, the radio system lasts as long as the technology is supported by the manufacturer. Our current system, EDACS, was launched in 1987, and vendor support ends in 2017. With the increasing pace of
technological change our next system’s underlying technology may not last 30 years like the current system, but 20 would not be an unreasonable estimate.

**Can’t the public safety agencies just use cellphones for communications?**

Ever dropped a cell phone, or got one all really wet? More importantly, cellular telephone systems are not engineered for the same level of reliability as a public safety radio system. Cell service is typically lost in events such as hurricanes, tornadoes, or ice storms. In emergency circumstances, even if cell sites are not compromised, the capacity of these systems is often exceeded as thousands of customers attempt to use their cell phones at the same time. Basically, when you most need to communicate on a cellular telephone network, it is least likely to actually work. Public safety radio systems are engineered to withstand the environments in which they are utilized. In addition, they are designed with redundancies to protect against a single point of failure, and to ensure public safety personnel do not lose communications in a disaster or during a critical event.

**Could our public safety agencies just use the State radio system?**

The Nebraska Statewide Radio System does not have sufficient capacity in Lincoln and Lancaster County to handle the load of nearly 2,500 additional radios that presently on the City of Lincoln system. Moreover, it operates in the VHF frequency band, optimized for outdoor mobile (vehicular) coverage in a rural setting. The City’s system, on the other hand, operates in the 800 MHz band, which is superior for building penetration, and is optimized for indoor portable (hand-held) coverage in an urban setting. Nonetheless, we could build (at our own expense) infrastructure needed for coverage in Lincoln and Lancaster County, add that to the Statewide Radio System assets, and share some of the network components, particularly the switches and computers that control the system. This is an option that we are considering, and we expect to see one or more vendor propose such an arrangement in response to our Request for Proposals. At this point, we cannot say that joining the state system will be either the best or the least expensive solution.

**Will the other users pay their share?**

About one-third of the users of our radio system are not City of Lincoln agencies. Over the years, Lincoln invited State, County, and other users to operate radios on our system. We did so because it was advantageous for us to have nearby public safety agencies like the University of Nebraska Police Department, Lancaster County Sheriff, Capital Security Division of the State Patrol, and Airport Authority Police on the same network. Our police and fire personnel interact daily with these agencies. We also invited these users in order to spread the annual cost of operations across a larger user group. Each user pays an annual per-radio fee that offsets the total cost of operations. What these non-City users did not pay for was the central network and system itself. In a sense, as we had to build it anyway, revenue from non-City users was a good deal for Lincoln. With a new radio system, we will continue to charge an annual fee to non-City users, and we intend to recoup at least a portion of the system/network acquisition costs.
**Why do fire engines respond to medical emergencies, instead of just an ambulance?**

Ambulances carry two personnel. For most medical emergencies, more are needed for patient care. Consider someone experiencing chest pain, for example. First responders need to assess the patient, start an IV, administer drugs, connect an EKG, maintain an airway, communicate with the emergency room staff, monitor vital signs, and perform several other tasks. This really requires a team. Think of the size of the team that will attend this patient once he or she arrives at the hospital. In addition, just moving a patient often requires more than two personnel. Back injuries are the leading source of firefighter injuries in Lincoln, and patients are not getting smaller. The team arrives in two vehicles. The crew from the fire station is usually closer, because there are more fire apparatus than ambulances, and because the ambulances are more likely to be handling another call. All of our firefighters are emergency medical technicians, and many of our fire apparatus are also staffed with at least one paramedic. They also carry defibrillators and medical equipment. Thus, the fire crew is the quickest way to get a trained EMS provider at the patient’s side. They travel on a fire engine or truck simply because that is the vehicle they have. We have been testing an alternate response vehicle lately, essentially a crew cab pickup loaded with supplies, and a smaller vehicle may be a growing trend for responses to most medical emergencies as an alternative to the fire apparatus.

**What is so important about four minutes travel time from a fire station?**

Four minutes travel time to life-threatening emergencies is a national standard for urban fire and rescue services, adopted by the National Fire Protection Association and widely used as the benchmark U.S. cities. It is important, because the amount of time from the onset of an emergency to the arrival by emergency equipment and personnel makes a big difference in the outcome. A few minutes delay in the event of a stroke, fire, traumatic injury, cardiac or respiratory arrest can literally be the difference between life and death.

**How far beyond the four minute travel time standard are houses and businesses in Lincoln?**

There were 9,783 addresses in Lincoln beyond four minutes from a fire station as of August 25, 2014, 11% of the total addresses in Lincoln. The number goes up a little bit every week, as new building permits are issued and as construction occurs. Of those, 3,246 were more than five minutes from a fire station, and 613 are more than six minutes from a fire station. This is changing quickly, though, as considerable development occurs in northeast, southeast, and south Lincoln in the areas that are furthest from existing fire stations. Even more development in these areas is anticipated in the City’s Comprehensive Plan.

**What would happen to the two fire stations that would be closed?**

These facilities could be declared surplus, sold, and returned to the tax rolls. Alternatively, they could be repurposed for some other public use. For the first 100 years of Lincoln Fire & Rescue’s history, we occasionally moved fire stations to new locations to deal with the expanding city. Five of these former fire station buildings survive today. Former fire stations have become such things as a community center, Greek house, consignment shop, restaurant, art center, appliance store, and a recreation center.
Why don’t we just add four more staffed fire stations, rather than moving two stations and relocating existing equipment and personnel to two other newly-constructed stations?

By far the biggest cost of adding fire stations is staffing. It takes about 14 firefighters to staff a single apparatus at a fire station around the clock. The annual personnel costs would exceed a million dollars for each station. Unlike the construction cost, the payroll is an ongoing expense every year. As we dig out from the largest economic recession since the Great Depression, the City budget simply cannot take on this added expense without massive cuts to other City services or large tax increases.

What will the new fire stations look like?

We hired an architectural firm to produce a design. The new stations will look pretty much like newer fire stations around the country: utilitarian buildings with the basic areas needed for daily operations. These don’t vary much from city to city: a dormitory area, lockers and restrooms, an office, a day room and kitchen. The dominant feature of a fire station is the apparatus floor: the garage where the apparatus and equipment are kept. We hope to avoid two mistakes made on some of our older stations, insufficient apparatus space, and inadequate facilities to accommodate both male and female staff. One of the stations in Southeast Lincoln would be a joint police and fire facility, where about 50 police personnel would report for duty during the week. This would be significantly larger, with the same type of space found in Lincoln’s other two police substations at 27th and Holdrege and 49th and Huntington. Police officers who work in southeast Lincoln presently deploy from downtown. Response times and coverage are problematic due to the long distance these officers must travel at shift change. Significant fuel savings and personnel savings would also be realized with a southeast police station. With a joint facility, architectural fees, land acquisition costs, and some of the basic construction costs will be lower compared to separate police and fire stations. In addition, some of the interior spaces can be shared, lowering the total square footage needed in comparison to separate stations.
The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD) is sponsoring a tabletop exercise on Ebola involving many state and local agencies the morning of Tuesday, October 28. Although the majority of the exercise is not open to the media, reporters will be allowed to observe and record video at 12:15 p.m. in the lower level of the LLCHD, 3140 “N.” A news conference with health providers and emergency personnel will follow at 12:30 p.m. in the same location.
MEMORANDUM

TO: Planning Commissioners

FROM: Marvin Krout

SUBJECT: Wastewater CIP Amendment

DATE: October 23, 2014

CC: City Council, Mayor Buetler

The 2014/2015 - 2019/2020 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) was reviewed by the Planning Commission in May of 2014 and found to be generally in conformance with the Comprehensive Plan. The first 2 years of that CIP were then adopted as the 2014/2015-2015/2016 Capital Budget by the City Council in August of 2014.

According to the City Charter: "The council shall not appropriate any money in any budget for any capital improvement project unless and until the conformity or non-conformity of that project has been reported on by the planning department by special report or in connection with the capital improvement programming process."

The proposed amendment adds language to Project #0566, "Wastewater Construction Projects for New Growth" in the Public Works & Utilities Wastewater section of the CIP. The amendment adds the following text under the "Eligible projects include projects such as":

"N 84th to N 112th & Cornhusker HWY - Extend Trunk Sewer - $6,980.0 - TBD"

This segment of sewer line is estimated to cost approximately $6.98 million. Each of the identified individual sewer projects listed in Project #0566, including this added project, can be funded in the 6-year period of the CIP using assumed revenues for growth related projects.

This project is listed as a "To Be Determined" (TBD) project. This means the specific timing of the project is not yet known, but the conformity of the project is provided with Planning Commission action.
This wastewater improvement would serve land shown as Tier I, Priority B (2025) which is defined as areas "designated for development in the first half of the planning period". It is appropriate for the CIP to show services being provided to such priority areas at this time.

This project was reviewed with the 2012/13 - 2017/18 Capital Improvements Program in 2012 and was found to be In Conformance. Because this finding has been made, and the project description and funding amount have not changed from the time that it was made, the statutory requirement of a finding of conformance has been met and a new finding by the Planning Commission is not necessary at this time.

The CIP document is being amended to include this project and a replacement page (pp. 177 and 178) is included with this memo for your convenience.
0566  Wastewater Construction Projects for New Growth

**Description:**
Construction of new trunk sewers and sub-basin collection systems to serve new areas or provide additional service capacity to existing areas. Design, easement/right-of-way, and construction costs are included. Construction of Treatment Plant growth related projects are included. Projects are determined on an as needed and fund availability basis. Rate increases will be required to support this construction.

$0.25 million will be set aside each year for economic development projects.

Eligible projects include projects such as:
- Extension of main from approx. 95th & D St to SW, $500.0 - 2016
- Extension of main from 84th & Rokeby Rd east, $400.0 - TBD
- Extension of internal mains 1-80 to W. Holdrege, NW 48th to NW 56th, $322.0 - 2017
- Sewer north and south of Rokeby, East of 40th, $520.0 - 2015
- N 84th to N 112th & Cornhusker HWY - Extend Trunk Sewer - $6,980.0 - TBD

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0617  Trunk Sewer SW Salt Creek (SW Village) (SV)

**Description:**
Extend Trunk Sewer from S 7th & Old Cheney to NE 51st & W Denton Rd. Area. Currently served by Temporary Lift station. Extending the described trunk sewer provides for meeting future growth and development needs of the City as outlined in the City's Comprehensive plan. Annexation Agreement Commitment.

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Description:
Replacement of P Street Liftstation at "P" Street and Survalley Blvd. This station has reached the end of its useful life and requires additional capacity to serve new development in the West "O" Street basin.

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News Release

Community Health Endowment Awards $590,000 in Fall 2014 Grant Cycle

The Board of Trustees of the Community Health Endowment (CHE) is pleased to announce funding awards for 12 projects totaling $591,864. Added to previous commitments, these awards bring the total committed in FY2014/15 to $1.5 million. Since its inception in 1999, CHE has committed nearly $22 million to make Lincoln a healthier community.

New grants are:

- **Children** (90% from low-income, minority, or New American families) will be engaged in after-school and summer recreation programs that maintain or improve fitness and knowledge of good nutrition. (Lincoln Parks & Recreation, $12,460 over one year.)

- **Physicians** trained at the Lincoln Medical Education Partnership will understand and implement the medical home model while reducing unnecessary emergency department and urgent care visits by 5%. (Lincoln Medical Education Partnership, $20,000 over one year.)

- **Low-income, uninsured patients** will receive free dental care and information about establishing a dental home. (Nebraska Mission of Mercy, up to $10,000 over one year.)

- **A planning grant** will guide the development of community strategy and partnerships to address the impact of parent and child trauma on physical health. (Child Guidance Center, up to $20,000 over one year.)

- **Early Head Start/Head Start** children and families will receive nutrition education and coaching that helps improve children’s health behaviors and Body Mass Index (BMI) scores. (Community Action Partnership of Lancaster and Saunders Counties, $139,404 over three years)

(continued)
• Homeless women in transition will address housing and health care needs and establish a medical home. Fresh Start will complete an energy audit and roof repairs. (Fresh Start, $121,426 over three years.)

• Consumers of behavioral health services will receive medication compliance education and co-pay assistance. (Lutheran Family Services, $15,000 over three years.)

• A transportation program serving people who are low-income, elderly or disabled with more than 16,000 trips for medical visits per year will save $40,000 annually by converting vans to use natural gas as fuel. (Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital, $33,175 over one year.)

• Matching loan repayment funds will help attract two additional primary care physicians, provide capacity for an additional 3,000-4,500 appointments and reduce wait times for appointments. (People’s Health Center, $86,000 over four years.)

• Integrating a dental assistant into the primary care setting will provide dental homes for 500 children and 500 adults and educate nearly 65 pregnant women on the importance of early dental care. (People’s Health Center, $25,169 over one year.)

• A new model of care coordination will be piloted with low-income, high risk elders, allowing them to age in place and resulting in decreased hospital admission, re-admission and emergency department use. (Tabitha, Inc., $78,250 over two years.)

• Individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities will achieve improved health outcomes by participating in fitness/recreation activities. Increased awareness and understanding among community members and recreation advocates will help create more inclusive recreation environments. (The Arc of Lincoln, $30,980 over one year.)

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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 projects and programs, 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 nearly $22 million to the community.