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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: November 26, 2014

THANKSGIVING MESSAGE FROM MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER

There is so much to be thankful for in our City of Lincoln, Nebraska.

The beauty and abundance of our Nebraska home surrounds us with golden prairie, green parks and an endless sky. Our neighborhoods are safe, our economy is thriving, and Lincoln is nationally recognized as a top place to live and work. Our spirit of community cooperation and determination has never been higher.

Today, we are thankful for all that we are, and all that we have done together. It is truly remarkable to live in a community that offers such a richly diverse partnership of talents, cultures and ideas. Lincoln is blessed with people who hold both a high standard for excellence and a deep compassion to neighbors in need. These values unite us.

On Thanksgiving Day especially, let us take time to lift up in gratitude the people who enrich our lives. Those who protect and shelter: our police, fire and armed forces. Those who care and educate: our teachers, health and wellness workers, and human services. Those who labor and provide: our businesses, employees, builders and farmers. Those who strengthen and inspire: our artists, entrepreneurs and our faith community. Those who lead and volunteer and find other extraordinary ways to devote themselves to our city. For these and many more, we are thankful.

With all our success however, I can’t help but feel that the best is yet to come. Across our city, there is a tremendous sense of energy and enthusiasm for the future of Lincoln. It is a blessing to be Mayor of such a unique and wonderful city. Perhaps then, we are most thankful for this boundless optimism and opportunity. Thankful to see that together we can do more, be more, give more and dream more. Thankful to know that our children are growing up in a city full of accomplishment, promise and potential. Thankful to live in Lincoln, Nebraska.
LINCOLN WINS AWARDS FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS

Two divisions of the City Public Works and Utilities Department received top state awards in November:

- Lincoln Water System (LWS) placed first in the “Best Tasting Water in Nebraska” competition conducted by the Nebraska Section of the American Water Works Association (AWWA).
- The City’s two treatment plants won first place in their categories at the Nebraska Water Environment Association’s conference. The Theresa Street Facility received the Wastewater Treatment Facility Operation and Maintenance Excellence Award for large municipal facilities. The Northeast Treatment Facility was the winner for medium facilities.

In the Best Tasting Water competition, LWS competed with six other Nebraska utilities for appearance, taste, scent and aftertaste. LWS is now eligible to participate in the national competition. Lincoln finished third in the national contest in 2009. “We take great pride in our efforts to safely treat and deliver over 35 million gallons of fresh high-quality water to our residents and customers every day throughout the year,” said Eric Lee, Assistant Superintendent of Water Production and Treatment at the LWS Ashland plant, where water from the City’s Platte River wellfields is treated.

“Too many people get the impression that water is the same everywhere,” said Mary Poe, chair of the AWWA contest committee. “But the flavor of your drinking water is affected by the minerals it encounters in the ground, along riverbanks and in aquifers, not to mention factors like how it’s treated and stored before it makes its way to your tap.” The Nebraska Section of the AWWA is a regional chapter of a national organization dedicated to promoting public health, safety and welfare through the improvement of the quality and quantity of water delivered to the public.

The Theresa Street and Northeast Wastewater Treatment Facilities were recognized for demonstrating outstanding performance in permit compliance, process control, maintenance management, innovative practices and efficient use of resources. Lincoln’s facilities treat an average of 27 million gallons of wastewater each day. The treated effluent discharged into Salt Creek must meet stringent requirements established by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency and the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality.

More information is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keywords: water and wastewater).
Mayor Beutler will be among the presenters at a capstone event for the “Make it Work for Lincoln” initiative from **8 to 10 a.m. Thursday, December 4** at the **Innovation Campus Ballroom, 2021 Transformation Drive.**

The initiative is aimed at identifying skill gaps in the City’s workforce and has been spearheaded by the Lincoln chapter of the Association for Talent Development (ATD).* In 2013, the ATD formed a Knowledge Management Council which includes representatives from the government, business and education sectors.

The effort has included surveys of employers and employees conducted this year by the Nebraska Departments of Economic Development and Labor. **The results of those surveys will be presented at the event.**

The presentations will be followed by a Career Academy Partner Summit from 10 a.m. to noon.

*Formerly the American Society for Training and Development (ASTD)*
CITY OF LINCOLN
COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS
Thursday, December 11, 2014, 4:00 p.m.
City County Building, Room 303, 555 South 10th Street

AGENDA

I. Roll Call
II. Approval of Minutes of October 30, 2014 Commission Meeting
III. Approval of Agenda for December 11, 2014 Commission Meeting

IV. Case Dispositions
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      1. LCHR NO.: 14-0904-002-PA
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      3. LCHR NO.: 14-0923-022-H
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V. Administrative Closures
   A. Failure to Locate Respondent
      1. LCHR NO.: 14-0702-11-E-R

VI. Old Business
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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URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE will be held on Wednesday, December 2, 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
December 2, 2014

1. Adoption of meeting record of UDC meeting of November 4, 2014.
2. Review and advise on redevelopment project for Swanson Russell Associates, 1202 P Street (Ernie Castillo, Urban Development Dept.)
3. Award Jury recommendation on 2015 Larry Enersen Urban Design Award.

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Memorandum

Date: December 2, 2014
To: City Clerk
From: Amy Hana Huffman, Planning Dept.
Re: Administrative Approvals
cc: Mayor Chris Beutler
    Planning Commission
    Jean Preister, Planning Dept.

This is a list of the administrative approvals by the Planning Director from November 25, 2014 through December 1, 2014:

Administrative Amendment No. 14068 to Special Permit No. 13022, Joshua’s Glen CUP, approved by the Acting Planning Director on November 26, 2014, requested by Civil Design Group, to show Lot 1, Block 4 for use as either a clubhouse or up to four dwelling units, on property generally located at S. 56th Street and Shadow Pines Drive.

Administrative Amendment No. 14085 to Change of Zone No. 2179G, Centro Plaza PUD, approved by the Acting Planning Director on December 1, 2014, requested by Olsson Associates, to reduce the front yard setback from 50 feet to 20 feet, on property generally located at N. 48th Street and R Street.
Dear City Council,

I hope you don't approve the building of an exterior staircase on the house at 1717 D Street. This historic house should remain as close as possible to its present looks, particularly since the block already has several apartment houses.

Our neighborhood is subject to a lot of pressure from developers, etc. to ignore our efforts to make the area livable for single families. Allowing any more buildings to hold multiple units increases the density, exacerbates the parking problem, and results in a higher move-out rate.

What we need is more stability. Your vote to deny this variance would be a big help.

Thanks!

Marge Schlitt
2600 C Street
402-474-0682
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for General Council

Name: Britta Church
Address: 5230 S 40 #82
City: Lincoln, NE, 68516

Phone: 4026012176
Fax: 
Email: britta.church@doane.edu

Comment or Question:
I recently submitted a letter on November 16th, 2014 and have not received a response. This is my second attempt and I would greatly appreciate a response from the City Council. Thank you.

Britta Church
5230 S 40 #82
Lincoln, NE, 68516
britta.church@doane.edu

City of Lincoln
PO Box 82307, Lincoln, NE 68501

Dear Councilman Camp,

I am fortunate to have moved to Lincoln to further my education. Recently, I have become very concerned about the traffic flow near my residence. When driving to or from my residence I have become increasingly alert to the number of accidents I see near 40th and SweetBriar Lane. As a resident of Lincoln, I am sure you share similar concerns.

I recently reviewed the LPD accident reports available on-line and found that there have been 5 accidents within the most recent 30 days at the intersection of 40th and SweetBriar Lane and the private drive I reside on. Each of these, have very similar scenes that I have come upon too many times. For instance, an accident that occurred on November 8, 2014 a car was hit when turning into the private driveway to my apartment complex, this same situation occurred on October 15, 2014 with the same result, an injury accident. I have included the diagram for each accident below.

I ask that you request a stoplight be placed at the intersection of S 40th and SweetBriar Lane. In requesting this stoplight you will be supporting the residents within your district that commute on a daily basis. This is a very small cost compared to the cost to the residents, the tax dollars that are spent on accident clean up, 911, and LPD each day. I believe that in the placement of a stoplight you would be impacting countless residents in a positive way.

Sincerely,

Britta Church
David

Please see the email below and attached screen shot concerning properties not in the LPS School District.

Thank you in advance for your response to Jill and me.

Jon

JILL CAREY
Lincoln City Council

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Fax: 402.474.1838
Cell: 402.560.1001

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Website: www.lincolnhaymarket.com

Hello Mr. Camp,
I have a question about the land near 112th and Old Cheney. I am curious to why this is not in the LPS school district when land to the east is? Driving to Waverly high school is very long trip and this is in the Waverly school district. You can see the newest LPS elementary school from this location. These homes all have Lincoln addresses. With the newest elementary school being built down south, near Yankee Hill and 70th, it seems to make sense that all homes south of Old Cheney would belong to LPS. I have attached the map that will show the pocket that is not included in the school district.

Thank you for your time. I was not sure where to go my thoughts. I would love for my kids to attend school in LPS as it is much closer and just seems to make the most sense than driving 20 minutes to Waverly.
Again thanks,
Jill
Thanks for your response David. Jill, if you have any follow up questions please let me know.

Trent Fellers

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 2, 2014, at 2:26 PM, "David R. Cary" <dcary@lincoln.ne.gov> wrote:

Jill,

Thank you for your question about annexation in Lincoln and related questions about school district boundaries. I will provide an explanation below about annexation. This should answer some of your questions. For your more specific question about how school boundaries are established, I suggest you contact the LPS District Offices at (402) 436-1000. They should be able to get you in touch with the right person to go over those specific school district policies.

Property that is annexed by the City of Lincoln is automatically transferred to the Lincoln Public School district if that land is outside the LPS boundary prior to annexation. The land at 112th and Old Cheney Road is currently outside the city limits and will likely not be annexed for decades due to the city’s longstanding policy to annex only when urban services (most notably water and wastewater) are available. This area is in what we call “Tier II” of our future growth area and is not expected to receive urban sewer service until beyond the year 2040 since it is at the southern end of the Stevens Creek trunk sewer basin.

There is an “option in” process for a student to transfer from outside the district into LPS. That process could be an option for a student outside the district boundaries to attend an LPS school. In the past, property owners could request their land be transferred from one school district into the LPS district. The map that shows the patchwork of properties in and out of the LPS district in the vicinity of 112th and Old Cheney Road is the result of various properties working to be added to the LPS district in the past. We don’t believe this option to transfer land into the district is still viable, but that is a question better addressed to LPS.

The City of Lincoln is not involved in either of these two options listed above which is why I suggest you contact the LPS district office at (402) 436-1000 for more information on these or other options. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this or any other topic. Thank you.

David R. Cary, AICP
Long Range Planning Manager/Acting Director
Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department
(402) 441-6364
Hi David-

Could you help with Jill's question below? Thanks for your help.

Trent Fellers

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jill Carey <jmc1809@gmail.com>
Date: December 1, 2014 at 8:43:10 PM CST
To: <rchristensen@lincoln.ne.gov>, <tfellers@lincoln.ne.gov>
Subject: how does annexation work

Hello Council Members,
I am curious to how annexation of city land works.
I have a question about the land near 112th and Old Cheney. I am curious to why this is not in the LPS school district when land to the east is? Driving to Waverly high school is very long trip and this is in the Waverly school district. You can see the newest LPS elementary school from this location. These homes all have Lincoln addresses. With the newest elementary school being built down south, near Yankee Hill and 70th, it seems to make sense that all homes south of Old Cheney would belong to LPS. I have attached the map that will show the pocket that is not included in the school district. Maybe there is a special reason this land has not entered into the system. With the proximity to the city, it just seems silly to be driving to Waverly.
Thank you for your time. I was not sure where to go my thoughts. I would love for my kids to attend school in LPS as it is much closer and just seems to make the most sense than driving 20 minutes to Waverly.
Again thanks,
Jill
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: December 5, 2014
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Dorothy Skorupa, Parks and Recreation, 402-441-7951

FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT
“F” STREET COMMUNITY CENTER SUPPER PROGRAM

The public is invited to a fund-raiser Saturday, December 13 to provide groceries for the “F” Street Community Center’s supper program, which serves thousands of free meals annually to children in the Everett and Near South neighborhoods. The event is from 5 to 8 p.m. at O’Rourke’s Tavern, 1329 “O” St. It is sponsored by Star City Scene, an organization which promotes local music in Lincoln.

Funds will be raised through food sales and a silent auction for art and ornaments. Beverage charges are not part of the fund-raising event.

The “F” Street Community Center is part of the Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department, and more information is available at parks.lincoln.ne.gov.
ANTI-ICING EFFORT PREPARES FOR POTENTIAL FREEZING RAIN

With a slight chance of freezing rain Sunday morning, City Public Works and Utilities street maintenance crews will apply anti-ice brine to all main arterials from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. tomorrow.

Hazardous driving conditions may exist Sunday morning, so motorists are advised to exercise caution. For more information on City snow operations, visit lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: snow).
Date: December 5, 2014
Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule
Week of December 6 through 12, 2014
Schedule subject to change

Monday, December 8
• City-County-LPS Super Commons meeting - 12:45 p.m., Bill Luxford Studio, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.
• Mayor’s Neighborhood Roundtable - 5:30 p.m., Mayor’s Conference Room, County-City Building

Tuesday, December 9
• Mayor’s Multicultural Advisory Committee - 4 p.m., Mayor’s Conference Room

Wednesday, December 10
• Project A.L.L. graduation event, remarks - 11 a.m., Community Health Endowment, 250 N. 21st St., Suite 2

Thursday, December 11
• News conference - 10 a.m., topic and location to be announced
• West Haymarket Joint Public Agency public meeting - 3 p.m., Council Chambers, County-City Building
The West Haymarket Joint Public Agency will meet on **Thursday, December 11** at 3:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, Room 112.

The agenda and attachments are posted at: [http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/finance/account/jpa-mtgs.htm](http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/finance/account/jpa-mtgs.htm)

Pam Gadeken
**ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE II**
**CITY PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES** | 555 So. 10TH, SUITE 203 | LINCOLN, NE 68508
P 402-441-7558 | F 402-441-8609 | pgadeken@lincoln.ne.gov
Hello all-

Please join us for The Lincoln Community Foundation Tower Square lighting of Ascent scheduled for Sunday, December 21st at 5:03 p.m., which is when the Winter Solstice begins! Feel free to share the invitation with anyone who might be interested in attending. We hope to see you there!
You are invited to the lighting of

Ascent

Lincoln Community Foundation
Tower Square
13th and “P” Streets

Sunday, December 21st, 2014
5:03 p.m., beginning of the Winter Solstice

Followed by remarks from
Mayor Chris Beutler and Artist Jun Kaneko

Parking is available at the Larson Building across from Tower Square.
To The Lincoln City Council:

I received a letter on December 2, 2014 (unfortunately it was after your November 24 Council meeting) dated November 13, 2014 from Marcee A. Brownlee, Assistant City Attorney, stating she was recommending a denial of Farm Bureau’s subrogation claim. The letter is not clear as to why she is denying our claim, however, the police report is very clear in stating that the Startran bus driver was cited/released for negligent driving. The police report shows contributing factors for Kevin Mendenhall (V1/M.) as “1. No improper action” and for the bus driver as (V2/M) as “10. Operating vehicle in erratic, reckless, careless, negligent, or aggressive manner.” (A copy of her letter is attached as well as a copy of the police report.) I left a voice message for Ms. Brownlee today asking for an explanation of her denial.

If you have made a decision to deny, I ask that you reconsider your decision. Kevin Mendenhall is a citizen of Lincoln and deserves your consideration. If the money paid for this vehicle damage, including his $500.00 deductible, is not reimbursed this will affect his policy premium.

I look forward to your response.

Georgie L. Binns SCLA CSRP
Subrogation Specialist
FBL Financial Group Inc.
Farm Bureau Financial Services
5400 University Avenue, West Des Moines, IA 50266
Ph: 515-226-6853 | Fax: 515-226-6311

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To: Mayor Beutler and Lincoln City Council Members  
From: Kenneth Kiewra  
Re: Country Meadows Street Improvements  
Date: December 8, 2014

I am a 21-year resident of Country Meadows (6400 South 66th Street) and a 26-year Department of Educational Psychology faculty member at the University of Nebraska. I ask that you please read and consider my concerns regarding the proposed cost-sharing street improvement agreement between the Country Meadows Homeowners Association and the City of Lincoln. I stand against the proposed agreement for the following reasons:

1. **The substandard street conditions are the fault and therefore the responsibility of other agencies and not Country Meadows.**

First, the developer and County are culpable.

When the neighborhood and streets were built, codes and regulations were in place to ensure that minimum standards were met. Individuals purchased property assuming that all the necessary rules had been followed and inspections were complete. That apparently was not true. The developer failed to uphold his responsibility to build roads according to minimum standards. The County was aware of this but failed to hold the developer accountable.

*Lincoln Journal Star* reporter Nancy Hicks wrote the following (10/2/13): “In 1989, when the county took over “limited” maintenance of streets in the subdivision, the county engineer had an agreement with developer Krein Real Estate to fix problems with the newly built road...The county gave the developer two years to rectify those deficiencies but they were never resolved,” said Ken Schroeder with the engineer’s office. “There is no record in the engineer’s files that the street repairs were ever done... It appears that there were subgrade failures, or problems below the paving itself,” Schroeder said.

“William Krein, who signed that document with the county engineer, said he sold the property to the homeowners’ association and it was the group’s responsibility to repair the road... Krein said it was his understanding the homeowners didn’t want much maintenance because they didn’t want people speeding through their neighborhood. The potholes serve as speed bumps, he said.”

Krein must have been chuckling when he said this knowing that he built substandard roads and avoided the County’s directive to fix them.

Second, the City did not fulfill its 1995 Annexation Agreement obligation to maintain the streets.

Lack of proper maintenance led to Country Meadows streets becoming the worst in Lincoln according to city council members. According to another Nancy Hicks *LJS*
article (10/7/13), “Council members said 66th Street in the Country Meadows subdivision in southeast Lincoln may be the worst street in town.”

Over the past 10 years, I have personally lodged several complaints about poor road maintenance to City officials without result. Meanwhile, I have dozens of photographs documenting worsening and neglected road conditions over many months at a time as well as shoddy and minimal repair work when such work was done.

2. The notion of private citizens paying to repair public roads is nonsensical.

People pay taxes so that government agencies take care of and pay for public things that all citizens benefit from like parks and roads. Moreover, when I purchased my house, I indirectly absorbed some of the road-building costs paid by the developer. I should not have to pay road construction costs a second time.

It is also nonsensical for a neighborhood association to force all its members to pay for a public project. What’s next: Country Meadows funding the building of a new bridge in Wilderness Park or a new bike path downtown? The roads throughout Country Meadows are not ours, but public property.
3. **Road reconstruction is a low priority, and paying $10,000 to have it done is a financial hardship.**

As poorly maintained as our roads are, I would much prefer to live with them than to pay $10,000 for repair. I have a tough enough time paying for people and things on my own property without paying for things on the City’s property. I have a child in college and another soon on the way. I have 90-year old parents who depend on my support. I recently replaced a roof and heating system. I don’t have money to spend on something so inconsequential.

4. **The proposed plan violates agreements, codes, and personal rights.**

The proposed plan to reconstruct the Country Meadows’ streets in not in line with the 1995 Annexation Agreement, which states that, “such reconstruction shall be in accordance with then existing City of Lincoln Standard Specifications for Street Construction.” The 2004 Specifications I found on-line call for a wider road surface than proposed and for curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and streetlights, all of which are absent from the proposal.

I understand that the neighborhood association has agreed to amend the Annexation Agreement to allow the City to build substandard streets. There are two things wrong with this. First, the Association has not sought homeowners’ approval to amend the agreement. The vote of June 2, 2014 was on cost-sharing to fund street improvements. The ballot made no mention of amending the Annexation Agreement. Second, and more importantly, the City has a legal obligation to all citizens to uphold its standards. If roads are reconstructed in Country Meadows, and whether I have to pay for them or not, I expect, and am legally entitled to, the full benefit of residency that other citizens throughout Lincoln are entitled to and enjoy. I expect roads of full width that include curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and streetlights. These are important safety features that cannot be compromised.

In essence, the proposed solution is a violation on several levels and really makes no sense because it replaces substandard roads with substandard roads.

In closing, I should also mention that I am not alone in my opposition to this plan. Twenty-two percent of residents did not vote in favor of the shared-agreement to reconstruct Country Meadows’ roads.

Thank you for reading this and for considering the points I made.
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Others:  Teresa Meier, City Clerk; Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff to Mayor Beutler; and Mary Meyer, City Council Staff

Chair Emery opened the meeting at 2:02 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

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Meier stated immediately prior to the regular City Council meeting we have the Board of Equalization on the Downtown Business Improvement District and the West Haymarket/Downtown Business Improvement District.

Continuing Meier stated under Public Hearing - Consent Agenda items #1 and #2 were introduced by Cook, and item #3 introduced by Eskridge.

Under Public Hearing - Liquor Resolutions items #12 and #13 will be called together. On item #19 everyone viewed the memo request for public hearing and action to be continued to December 15th.

Meier added under Ordinances - 2nd Reading items #20, #21, and #22 will be called together.

Item #30 has a Motion to Amend, No. 1.

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   b) Councilman Trent Fellers receipt of explanation to Ms. Carey from David Cary, Acting Planning Director.

VI. ADJOURNMENT
Chair Emery adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m.