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PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES/ENGINEERING
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WEST HAYMARKET JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY
1. West Haymarket Joint Public Agency agenda and attachments for the May 7, 2015 meeting are now available online.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

CAMP/CHRISTENSEN/COOK
1. Letter from Mary Buss regarding sidewalks in front of houses on South 35th from Van Dorn to South Street. (Sent to Public Works and Utilities)
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V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
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VAN DORN REPAIRS TO CLOSE LANES, REROUTE TRAFFIC

Beginning Thursday, April 30, pavement repair work will result in lane closures on Van Dorn Street from 9th to 11th street. Van Dorn Street will be closed to westbound traffic from 11th to 9th streets and to eastbound traffic from 10th to 11th streets. Additional traffic restrictions are possible during the project, which is expected to take about five weeks.

Van Dorn traffic will be rerouted on 13th, South and 9th streets. Lane closures and other restrictions will also affect traffic on 9th and 10th streets.

More information on the project is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: projects). For more information, contact Gaylon Masek, City Project Manager (402-416-7486 or gmasek@lincoln.ne.gov), or Manny Martinez, MTZ Construction (402-890-7062).
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 30, 2015
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Police Chief Jim Peschong, 402-441-7237
City Attorney Jeff Kirkpatrick, 402-441-6875
Health Director Judy Halstead, 402-441-4603

CITY THREATENS LEGAL ACTION AGAINST K2 RETAILERS

Mayor Chris Beutler today announced that the City Attorney has advised five Lincoln retailers known to have sold K2 that legal action will be taken against them unless they sign a community protection agreement with the City. By signing the agreement, the retailer makes a commitment to cease and desist from selling or distributing K2 products within the City limits.

“The recent increase in medical emergencies traced to K2 makes it clear that the sale, distribution and use of K2 products are a threat to public health and safety,” Mayor Beutler said. “While the recent raids have removed the products from stores, we want to make sure that this dangerous drug does not reappear on their shelves and become readily available in the future.”

The five retailers received letters from City Attorney Jeff Kirkpatrick saying that K2 products have been deemed a public nuisance. His goal is to have the community protection agreements signed by the retailers by May 15. Those receiving the letters include the two shops where police seized 1,200 packets of K2 last week – Aladdin Tobacco at 2630 Orchard St. and Island Smokes at 1075 N. 33rd St. The other three establishments receiving letters are Aladdin Tobacco, 2933 Starr St.; Dirt Cheap, 2705 Randolph St.; and Wicked Smoke, 1603 West “O” St. Kirkpatrick said any other retailers who offer K2 for sale will receive the same letter and face the same legal action. He said a similar strategy was successful in Yavapai County, Arizona.

Public safety and health officials say more than 100 people have overdosed on K2 in the past couple of weeks. The number of cases has dropped following the raid and recent public information efforts. K2, also known as spice, is a plant product sprayed with chemicals to induce a high. It is marketed as potpourri and labeled “not fit for human consumption.” It is legal unless smoked or otherwise ingested.

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department has started a database to help coordinate the reporting of K2 cases in the community and is monitoring for any trends or changes in reports.

“Our Health Department continues to work with community partners to share educational materials and answer calls from concerned family members,” Beutler said. “We are happy to see the reduction in overdoses, but we also know we have to remain vigilant to educate the public about the serious, potentially life-threatening effects of smoking K2.”
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 30, 2015
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Craig Aldridge, Engineering Services, 402-416-5349
                              Charlie Heng, K2 Construction, 402-416-6748

WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT SET TO BEGIN MAY 1

Beginning Friday, May 1, several streets north of Vine between 22nd and 26th streets will be temporarily closed in phases for the replacement of the water main. The main is being replaced on the following streets:

- Lynn Street from 23rd to 25th streets
- “W” Street from 22nd to 26th streets
- 23rd Street from Vine to “W” streets
- 26th Street from Vine to “W” streets

The project also includes the transfer of water service to a new main on 25th Street from Lynn to “W” streets. The project is expected to take until August 31, with sod replacement scheduled for September.

During construction, access to driveways may be restricted at times, with the roadways open to local traffic only from side streets. The City and the project contractor will work with residences and businesses to provide access during construction.

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- Craig Aldridge, City Project Manager, 402-416-5349 or caldriddle@lincoln.ne.gov
- Charlie Heng, K2 Construction Project Manager, 402-416-6748 or cheng@k2construction.biz
- Scott Rathjen, Project Inspector for Parsons Brinckerhoff, 402-610-6264 or rathjen@pbworld.com
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4.3 Special Permit No. 168B, an amendment to the existing special permit to allow for the expansion of a paved parking lot in a residential district, with a request to adjust the front yard setback, on property legally described as the east half of Lot 8 and Lots 9-12, Block 126, Lincoln Original, located in the NE 1/4 of Section 26-10-6, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, generally located at South 13th Street and H Street.

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Paul Barnes, 402-441-6372, pbarnes@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL; 6-0 (Lust, Harris, Weber absent). Public hearing before the City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, May 18, 2015, 3:00 p.m.

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

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Adjournment

PENDING LIST: None
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The Planning Commission meeting which is broadcast live at 1:00 p.m. every other Wednesday will be rebroadcast on Sundays at 1:00 p.m. on 5 City TV, Cable Channel 5.

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

ACCOMMODATION NOTICE

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

FROM: Geri Rorabaugh, Planning  

DATE: April 29, 2015  

RE: Notice of final action by Planning Commission: April 29, 2015  

Please be advised that on April 29, 2015, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission adopted the following resolutions:  

**Resolution No. PC-01450**, approving SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 1856A, to amend the special permit to allow a building addition to the existing residential healthcare facility for up to a maximum of 27 residents, on property legally described as Lot 1, Block 3, Mar Ma Ra Lo Heights, located in the NE 1/4 of Section 10-9-7, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, generally located at 4610 Mandarin Circle.  

**Resolution No. PC-01451**, approving SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 15022, to allow for the expansion of a nonconforming use, to encroach into the front yard setback, on property legally described as Lot 15, Woods Bros. Country Club, located in the NE 1/4 of Sec. 1-9-6, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, generally located at 2120 Woodsdale Blvd.  

The Planning Commission action is final, unless appealed to the City Council by filing a notice of appeal with the City Clerk within 14 days of the action by the Planning Commission.  

The Planning Commission Resolution may be accessed on the internet at [www.lincoln.ne.gov](http://www.lincoln.ne.gov) (Keyword = PATS). Use the “Search Selection” screen and search by application number (i.e. SP1856A, SP15022). The Resolution and Planning Department staff report are in the “Related Documents” under the application number.
Annexation by Ordinance
Firethorn - S 84th & Van Dorn St
Effective: April 28, 2015
66.54 Acres
Annexation by Ordinance
Hwy 34 & Fallbrook Blvd
Effective: April 14, 2015
10.28 Acres

Area of Annexation
Ownership Parcels
City Limits Before Annexation

0 245 490 980 Feet
The Urban Design Committee meeting regularly scheduled for May 5, 2015 has been canceled due to a lack of agenda items.

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**Teresa McKinstry**
Lincoln-Lancaster Co. Planning Dept.
555 S. 10th St., Ste. 213 * Lincoln NE  68508
402-441-6164
STORM DRAINAGE PROJECT
48th Street and Rentworth Drive
Project #701569

The City of Lincoln awarded a contract to K2 Construction in the fall of 2014 to complete construction of a storm sewer system. The installation of the new storm drainage system directly north of Rentworth Drive east of 49th Street was completed in the winter of 2014. Construction for the remaining storm sewer work within 48th Street and along Rentworth Drive is scheduled to begin next week on May 4, 2015.

It is expected the storm drainage system construction in the area will take approximately 49 days to complete. The storm drainage work will involve lane closures of 48th Street, removal and replacement of street paving, curb and gutter, sidewalk, and a driveway. This work will also include construction of new storm drainage curb inlets and manholes.

There will be inconvenience to businesses in this area due to lane closures, barricades, pavement section removal and replacement, and other construction activities to complete the work. Access to businesses will be maintained throughout the duration of construction, but may be limited for the safety of the public.

We request the patience and cooperation of businesses in this area as the contractor progresses with this work. If you have a sprinkler system, it is advisable that you mark the location of the sprinkler lines and heads. The City does not accept responsibility for repair of sprinkler systems.

This project is funded with funds through the 2012 Storm Bond. The Public Works and Utilities Department will administer this contract, and Alfred Benesch and Company will provide construction management and inspection of the project. You may contact the Watershed Management Division at 402-441-7589 or the phone numbers shown below for any questions.

City Project Manager  Construction Project Manager  Contractor
City of Lincoln  Alfred Benesch & Company  K2 Construction
Jess Sundeen  Steve Irons  Charlie Heng
402-416-5341  402-310-7459  402-416-6748
Water Main Replacement
Van Dorn Street; 37th Street – 40th Street
Project #702780

The City of Lincoln will be replacing the existing water main along the north side of Van Dorn Street between 37th Street and 40th Street. Weather permitting, the contractor will start locating utilities in the area beginning April 30, 2015. Construction will then begin on Monday, May 4, 2015. The water main is scheduled to be completed by June 15, 2015. A majority of the project will be bored underground so there will be limited surface disruption. Upon completion of the installation and chlorination of the water main, the contractor will change over water service lines to the new water main.

TJ Osborn Construction will be the contractor for the project. The work will be performed with the north lane of Van Dorn closed. This will require head to head traffic from 37th Street to 40th Street. During water main construction there should only be minor disruption to driveway access. There may also be brief water service outages during the construction of the water main.

This project will overlap the Van Dorn Street; 33rd Street - 48th Street widening project which is scheduled to start May 26, 2015.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact one of the following people:

Jess Sundeen, Project Manager
City of Lincoln – Engineering Services
(402) 416-5341
jsundee@lincoln.ne.gov

Terry Osborn, Contractor
TJ Osborn Construction
(402) 432-0436
tjosborn@neb.rr.com
Subject: JPA Documents for May 7, 2015 Board Meeting

The agenda and attachments for the upcoming May 7, 2015 JPA Board Meeting are available online at:

http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/finance/account/jpa-mtgs.htm
From: Mary G. Buss
2530 South 35th Street
Lincoln, NE 68506

To: The Lincoln City Council
555 South 10th Street #111
Lincoln, NE 68508

ATTN: Jonathan Cook
John Camp
Roy Christensen

Gentlemen:

I am addressing this letter to the three of you Council members because I feel you each, as well as jointly, will give serious consideration to this situation. I reside in District 3, on the east side of South 35th, between Van Dorn and South Street.

I am a 'senior citizen' with a couple of physically limiting conditions, but still need gentle exercise. Walking is something I enjoy, particularly out-of-doors. I cannot walk long distances, I want to stroll through my neighborhood, as opposed to public trails. The tough part of doing this is because there is sidewalk on only the east side of the street, and for only a short distance. It generally is in need of improvement and should be extended to cover the entire distance between Van Dorn and South Street.

Because of the above mentioned conditions, I find it necessary to cover that distance by walking in the street. I find walking on slopes difficult. It puts me in danger of falling. To avoid falling, I walk on the 'crown' of the street where there is little slope towards the curbs. In short, it is an unsafe practice for me and unfair to drivers of cars.

Is there any chance of installing sidewalk on the east side of the street in front of EACH of the houses on South 35th from Van Dorn to South Street? It's puzzling to me that this hasn't been done MANY years ago for safety reasons. Are some of these properties 'grandfathered,' and thus don't have to have sidewalks? Can this be legally changed? Are sidewalks included in the thrust for improving city streets? I feel they should be.

I would appreciate your feedback on this issue, individually or collectively.

Respectfully,

Mary G. Buss
Mary M. Meyer

From: Randy Smejdir <smej44@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2015 6:24 PM
To: Zachary J. Becker
Cc: Kristen A. Humphrey; Larry L. Jochum; Lonnie J. Burklund; Melissa M. Ramos-Lamml; Jon Camp; Michele M. Abendroth
Subject: Re: S 56 st road closing

Zachary thanks for your prompt reply and also Jon Camps quick action. I really appreciate that and please keep an eye on traffic backups. I assume your team will make use of traffic cameras.

The road department needs to look at how road work is prioritized. The section on 56th st between highway 2 and pine lake has been in horrible condition for over 5 years. It would have been nice to keep one lane open but I suppose underground utilities need work.

Have a great week and thanks for your dedication.

Sent from my iPad

> On Apr 27, 2015, at 4:40 PM, Zachary J. Becker <zbecker@lincoln.ne.gov> wrote:
> >
> > Mr. Smejdir,
> > Thank you for bringing your concerns to our attention. I am the construction project manager for the S 56th St. Project - please feel free to contact me at any time with any questions or concerns.
> > Signal adjustments have been implemented at locations affected by the 56th St. closure, especially 40th & Old Cheney. Adjustments will continue to be made as traffic settles into a daily routine, with some drivers finding a more convenient route. As is usually the case, when there is a heavy movement in one direction, there is also heavy movement on the cross street that must also be considered. Most of the time when folks go through an intersection they do not glance side to side to notice the stacking on the other street, which is part of the situation we must consider and adjust for. As it looks at this time, any adjustments made will not alleviate the delay totally, but even the delay for all directions of travel. We will continue to monitor this location and make adjustments when possible.
> > Again, feel free to contact me at any time.
> > Thank you.
> > Zach
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> > Zach Becker, PE
> > Construction Project Manager
> > City of Lincoln - Engineering Services
> > 949 W. Bond St. Suite 200
> > Lincoln, NE 68521
> > 402.613.3763
> > zbecker@lincoln.ne.gov
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> > -----Original Message-----
> > From: Randy Smejdir [mailto:smej44@gmail.com]
> > Sent: Friday, April 24, 2015 6:12 PM
> > To: Jon Camp
> > Subject: S 56 st road closing
Jon with the road closed has the roads dept re-timed traffic signals on the surrounding arterial e.g. 40th and old Cheney? The backed up traffic is totally ridiculous. It would appear nothing is being done.

Sent from my iPad

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Lynn:

Can we “just do it”? Ten minutes . . .

Thanks for prompt attention.

Jon

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Check our reception and event venues at:

http://www.facebook.com/pages/Apothecary‐Lofts‐Ridnour‐Rooms/173175799380032

Mr. Johnson....I continue to be distressed by the long uncut grass in Piedmont Park. I understood from our conversations last season that the grass would be cut, except under the trees. It is not. You suggested that a neighborhood association should mow the grass, but my tax dollars should cover the extra 10 minutes of mowing that would be required to make the park look neat and clean.

Parents who watch their children play soccer on Lefler's field, stand in grass up to their calves....and it will only get worse as the season progresses.
I just spoke with the gentlemen mowing the park who said they had not had any amended instructions about how to cut Piedmont Park and agreed that it would take an extra 10 minutes to finish mowing. I cannot believe that the City of Lincoln is in such financial distress that we cannot afford 10 more minutes of mowing, which is the reason you gave for leaving uncut grass.

I recently heard Mayor Beutler speak at an event. He bragged about the beautiful parks in Lincoln. Visitors who come to my house do not think we have a beautiful Piedmont Park....it looks minimally bad now, but will look horrible by the end of the season.

Please....give your authorization and communication to the mowing crew to finish cutting the grass.

Barbara Dunn, 5032 Valley Rd
From: Thomas S. Shafer  
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2015 12:52 PM  
To: 'coco.lawton@gmail.com'  
Subject: RE: G Street as a Bike Way

Ms. Lawton,
Thank you for your concerns about the City’s streets, in particular “G” Street. The City has over 1200 miles of streets to take care of and over the last five years has been able to address 62.5 miles of arterials and 28 miles of residential streets. With nearly 200 miles rated in poor condition, the City is unable to address all the needed repairs due to funding constraints and timing issues. I will forward this to the City’s Street Maintenance Division for their consideration and prioritization as they work through those areas in need of repair that we can’t put under contract in 2015. With the pavement management data collection we should be able to see where “G” Street ranks amongst the city’s priorities in relationship to it’s available budget.
Thomas Shafer  
Public Works and Utilities  
Design/Construction Mgr

From: Courtney Lawton [mailto:coco.lawton@gmail.com]  
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2015 11:44 AM  
To: Ed Zimmer  
Subject: G Street as a Bike Way

Hi Ed,
I don't know if you remember me, but I am Courtney Lawton, and my partner Kathie and I live in the South Capitol neighborhood. Like you we are avid bike commuters. G Street is a dedicated bike way, but the road, particularly between 8th and 20th, is in terrible repair, and the bike sharrows have been worn off the asphalt. Further, there are dangerous potholes all along G, particularly between 13th and 17th, and the asphalt is crumbling.
Could you forward this email to the people who can do something about it? I am also emailing my city councilor via the Feedback page.
Best Regards,  
Courtney Lawton
I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR & DIRECTORS’ CORRESPONDENCE

MAYOR
1. NEWS RELEASE. Van Dorn water main replacement starts Monday, May 4, 2015.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Water main replacement set to begin May 11, 2015.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Flood insurance premiums to drop again.
4. NEWS RELEASE. Storm drain construction near 48th Street to begin Monday, May 4, 2015.
5. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler’s public schedule for the week of May 2, 2015 through May 8, 2015.
6. NEWS RELEASE. Sheridan Boulevard closing Monday for Penny Bridge project.

III. DIRECTORS

CITIZEN INFORMATION CENTER
1. Memo from Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center Manager, giving links to the PSA on the dangers of K2.

LANCASTER COUNTY WEED CONTROL - CITY OF LINCOLN WEED ABATEMENT
1. Correspondence from Brent Meyer, Lancaster County Weed Superintendent, with link to May newsletter and link to report a noxious weed or to ask questions.
   a) Lancaster County Weed Control - City of Lincoln Weed Abatement May, 2015 newsletter.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP
1. Correspondence to LES, Doug Bantam, regarding placement of electric boxes, specifically on new homes.
   a) Question from Norm Slama on placement of utility boxes.
   b) Reply from Doug Bantam, LES.

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
1. Phyllis Chambers calling regarding Lincoln’s road congestion. (Sent to Public Works & Utilities)
   a) Reply to Phyllis Chambers from Gaylor Masek, Project Manager, Public Works & Utilities.
2. InterLinc correspondence from Donna Helgren on the denial of the sewage damage to her mother’s home. (Sent to Marcee Brownlee, Assistant City Attorney)
3. Becky Kramer writing on her experience on placing crosswalk/crossing lights for school children.
   a) Public Works & Utilities advisory, August 2013, regarding safe walking route.
4. InterLinc correspondence from Richard Avila stating he will attend the May 11th meeting to discuss storm sewer backup damage.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 30, 2015
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jess Sundeen, City of Lincoln, 402-416-5341

VAN DORN WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT STARTS MONDAY

Beginning Monday, May 4, the north lane of Van Dorn Street between 37th and 40th streets will be closed for water main replacement. The contractor began locating utilities in the area today, and the replacement project is scheduled to be completed by mid-June. It is being coordinated with the widening of Van Dorn from 33rd to 48th streets, which is scheduled to begin in late May.

Most of the project will be bored underground, with limited above-ground activity. Minor disruptions to driveway access and brief water service outages could occur during construction.

More information on City construction projects is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: projects).

Those with questions on the project may contact one of the following:
• Jess Sundeen, City Project Manager, 402-416-5341 or jsundeen@lincoln.ne.gov
• Terry Osborn, TJ Osborn Construction, 402-432-0436 or tjosborn@neb.rr.com

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WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT SET TO BEGIN MAY 11

Beginning Monday, May 11, several streets north of Vine between 22nd and 26th streets will be temporarily closed in phases for the replacement of the water main. The main is being replaced on the following streets:

- Lynn Street from 23rd to 25th streets
- “W” Street from 22nd to 26th streets
- 23rd Street from Vine to “W” streets
- 26th Street from Vine to “W” streets

The project also includes the transfer of water service to a new main on 25th Street from Lynn to “W” streets. The project is expected to take until late August-early September, with sod replacement scheduled for September.

During construction, access to driveways may be restricted at times, with the roadways open to local traffic only from side streets. The City and the project contractor will work with residences and businesses to provide access during construction.

More information on the project is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: projects). Those with questions or comments may contact one of the following:

- Craig Aldridge, City Project Manager, 402-416-5349 or caldridge@lincoln.ne.gov
- Charlie Heng, K2 Construction Project Manager, 402-416-6748 or cheng@k2construction.biz
- Scott Rathjen, Project Inspector for Parsons Brinckerhoff, 402-610-6264 or rathjen@pbworld.com
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7511

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 1, 2015
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Ben Higgins, Watershed Management, 402-441-7589
Terry Kathe, Building and Safety, 402-441-6447

FLOOD INSURANCE PREMIUMS TO DROP AGAIN

Mayor Chris Beutler today announced that Lincoln homeowners who buy flood insurance will see their premiums further reduced due to the City’s flood prevention efforts. Effective today, the City is being upgraded in the Community Rating System (CRS) administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Since 2009, the City has had a class 6 rating, which provides a 20-percent reduction in flood insurance. The upgrade to class 5 will provide a 25-percent reduction for the 1,740 Lincoln residents who participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and whose properties are located in the floodplain. The average savings for policy-holders will increase from $288 per year to $360 per year. Flood insurance premiums are being increased due to federal changes, but the total savings still adds up to about $500,000 City-wide.

“This system rewards cities like Lincoln for taking extra steps to protect residents from floods,” said Mayor Beutler. “With this upgrade, Lincoln will be one of the highest rated cities in the nation, and that adds up to significant savings for our residents.” Lincoln is one of six cities in Nebraska and about 1,200 nationwide to take advantage of the NFIP, which provides federally backed flood insurance for communities that enact and enforce floodplain regulations.

The Mayor commended the Building and Safety Department and the Watershed Management Division of the Public Works and Utilities Department for their work with the CRS. Lincoln has been active in the CRS since October 1991. A City's rating is based on activities in the areas of public information, mapping and regulations, flood damage reduction and flood preparedness.

“Even those without property in the floodplain benefit from this program,” Beutler said. “These floodplain management practices save lives, protect the environment and prevent damage to private property and public infrastructure.”

The Mayor said a significant reason for the upgrade was the City’s work with FEMA to take into account the amount of open space the City has along major creeks and other drainage corridors. More information is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: stormwater).

The three goals of the Community Rating System are to reduce flood losses, facilitate accurate insurance ratings and promote awareness of flood insurance. More information on the CRS and the NFIP is available at floodsmart.gov.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 1, 2015
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jess Sundeen, City of Lincoln, 402-416-5341

STORM DRAIN CONSTRUCTION NEAR 48TH STREET TO BEGIN MONDAY

Beginning Monday, May 4, construction will begin for the remaining work on the new storm drainage system installed last winter in the area of South 49th Street and Rentworth Drive. The project will require lane closures on South 48th Street, and area businesses will be affected by barricades, pavement section removal and replacement and other construction activities. Access to businesses will be maintained but may be limited for public safety. The project is expected to be completed in mid to late June.

The remaining work includes the removal and replacement of street paving, curbs and gutters, sidewalks and a driveway. The work also will include construction of new storm drainage curb inlets and manholes. The project is funded through the 2012 Stormwater Bond Issue.

More information on City construction projects is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: projects). For more information, the public may contact the Watershed Management Division of the Public Works and Utilities Department at 402-441-7589, or one of the following:
• Jess Sundeen, City Project Manager, 402-416-5341
• Steve Irons, Alfred Benesch & Company, 402-310-7459
• Charlie Heng, K2 Construction, 402-416-6748
Date: May 1, 2015
Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7547

Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule
Week of May 2 through 8, 2015
Schedule subject to change

Saturday, May 2
- KFRX Annual Mayor’s Run, present art awards, remarks, start race - 7:45 a.m., State Capitol Building (south side)

Sunday, May 3
- Lincoln National Guard Marathon/Half Marathon, remarks, start race - 7 a.m., UNL Campus (14th Street, north of Vine Street)

Monday, May 4
- City-County Common meeting - 12:45 p.m., Bill Luxford Studio, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.
- Junior Achievement Young Entrepreneurs event, serve as judge - 6 p.m., Cathedral of the Risen Christ, 3500 Sheridan Blvd. (school gym)

Thursday, May 7
- KFOR - 7:45 p.m.
- News conference - 10 a.m., topic and location to be announced
- West Haymarket Joint Public Agency (JPA) public meeting - 3:30 p.m., Bill Luxford Studio

Friday, May 8
- Groundbreaking ceremony for Sally Wysong Elementary School - 11 a.m., 78th Street and Yankee Hill Road
SHERIDAN BLVD CLOSING MONDAY FOR PENNY BRIDGE PROJECT

Beginning after 8 a.m. Monday, May 4, all lanes of Sheridan Boulevard will be closed from Woodsdale Boulevard to 33rd Street for the replacement of the historic Penny Bridges. The street as well the Rock Island Trail from Calvert to South streets will remain closed for the duration of the project, scheduled for completion in late fall.

The side-by-side Penny Bridges were built in 1934 to carry Sheridan Boulevard traffic over the railroad, which is now a trail. They were built on both sides of a wooden trestle, which carried streetcar tracks over the railroad. The bridges got their name because the streetcar fare increased a penny if you rode past the trestle. The trolley operated from 1909 to 1945.

Before the bridges are demolished, a load test will be conducted as part of a larger, ongoing study by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) and the Nebraska Department of Roads. UNL Associate Professor Maria Szerszen will lead the test, which will be used to more accurately post load limits on older bridges in the future. Once monitoring equipment is in place, two loaded dump trucks will be driven onto the bridge, and the results will be recorded. The project also includes taking core samples and testing on the bridge deck for use in other UNL bridge studies.

For more information about the Penny Bridges Project, visit sheridanpennybridges.com.

(MEDIA NOTE: If you would like to cover the bridge load testing, please contact Devin Biesecker at 402-937-5515.)
The City government access channels -- 5 CITY-TV and 10 Health TV -- have produced the attached PSA about the dangers of K2 in cooperation with the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department and Dr. Ed Mlinek. Your help in distributing this PSA is greatly appreciated. Please let me know if you have any questions.

YouTube Link:

https://youtu.be/jhqI03vvUM0

Dropbox Link for Media (TV and Radio PSA)

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/h5brs2hqnkc2ti8/AADrBaDhNDXSJyhQQgHtN3UQa?dl=0

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MAY 2015:

Leafy Spurge – Management, Strategy and Chemical Control 1

Biological Management of Leafy Spurge 1

Nebraska’s Noxious Weeds 2

Leafy Spurge – Noxious Weed in Nebraska since 1962

Management

Leafy spurge (*Euphorbia esula*) is a perennial plant ranging in size from 6 to 36 inches in height. A native of Europe and Asia, leafy spurge emerges early in the spring and gets a head start on other vegetation in a race for space, sunlight, nutrients and water. Prolific seed production and an extensive root system give the plant a huge competitive advantage and make consistent, long-term control difficult. Deep roots – which can exceed 15 feet in depth – store reserves of nutrients to see the plant through hard times, while lateral roots form a network that enable it to rapidly reproduce and spread. And, perhaps worst of all, leafy spurge is highly adaptable and can thrive in a variety of conditions and situations. Monitoring of areas with known or potential leafy spurge infestations is critical; adequate control is possible if management procedures are implemented in the early stages of infestation, before the root system gets fully established. 100% eradication of spurge is rarely achieved, but infestations can be reduced to manageable levels with the use of herbicides.

Strategy

The control of well-established leafy spurge stands must be considered a long-term management program. A landowner must develop a persistent annual program that will prevent the spread of larger stands, eliminate smaller infestations and prevent the spread to new areas. **No single treatment will eradicate this invader.** A consistent annual treatment program can provide long-term control. Once you have achieved a high level of control, remaining isolated patches can be spot-treated, resulting in a less costly control program. Be vigilant in your spray program.

Chemical Control

The key to controlling leafy spurge is early detection and treatment of the initial invading plant. Because the weed is difficult to eradicate, a persistent management program is needed to control top growth and to gradually reduce the nutrient reserve in the root system. Leafy spurge infests 1,521 acres in Lancaster County and the City of Lincoln. In 2014, our office made 799 inspections and found 490 properties infested.

Biological Management of Leafy Spurge

Two *Aphthona* flea beetle species have been released in Lancaster County. Flea beetles overwinter as larvae in soil near spurge roots. As soil temperatures warm up, generally in April or May, the larvae “wakes up” and begins feeding on spurge roots. Flea beetles typically take several years to impact leafy spurge infestations, but the payoff can be well worth the wait. **It is important to understand that flea beetles do not eliminate leafy spurge.** Chemical control around the perimeter of the release site is still required. When flea beetles work, they establish a natural balance with the weed, reducing it to a non-impact plant and tolerable member of the plant community. If you’re thinking about biological management as an easy way to control spurge – “forget it”. It actually takes a lot more time and effort than spraying spurge. Sheep and goats are another management tool.
Nebraska’s Noxious Weeds

It is the duty of each person who owns or controls land to effectively control noxious weeds on such land.

Noxious weed is a legal term used to denote a destructive or harmful weed for the purpose of regulation. The Director of Agriculture establishes which plants are noxious. These non-native plants compete aggressively with desirable plants and vegetation. Failure to control noxious weeds in this state is a serious problem which is detrimental to the production of crops and livestock, and to the welfare of residents of this state. Noxious weeds may also devalue land and reduce tax revenue.
Hello,

Below you will find the link to the May Newsletter. This month our report features Leafy Spurge.


If you would like to report a noxious weed or have any questions please contact the Weed Control Office at 402-441-7817 or weeds@lancaster.ne.gov.

Have a great day!

Brent Meyer
Lancaster County Weed Superintendent
444 Cherrycreek Rd., Bldg B
Lincoln, NE. 68528
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bmeyer@lancaster.ne.gov
www.lancaster.ne.gov/weeds

Play Clean Go
STOP INVASIVE SPECIES IN YOUR TRACKS.
PlayCleanGo.org
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Has LES changed its policy of routing electric lines between backyards?

Mr. Slama’s contact information is:

   402-477-0173
   Email: norm.slamia@yahoo.com

Thanks for your assistance.
This constituent called and asked for you.

Norm
402.477.0173
In case you haven’t spoken to him.

Re: zoning ordinances, placement of utility boxes, etc.

Thank you,
Mary

Mary M. Meyer
Lincoln City Council Office
555 S. 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

402.441.7515 Office
402.441.6533 Fax
Mary M. Meyer

Subject: Assistance on front yard electric boxes

From: Doug Bantam [mailto:dbantam@les.com]
Sent: Friday, May 1, 2015 3:50 PM
To: Jon Camp
Subject: RE: Assistance on front yard electric boxes

Jon
We will follow-up on your question and get back to you. Thanks for letting us know that there is a concern out there.
Doug

From: Jon Camp [mailto:joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com]
Sent: Friday, May 1, 2015 3:05 PM
To: Doug Bantam
Cc: 'Mary M. Meyer (mmmeyer@lincoln.ne.gov)'
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Check our reception and event venues at:  http://www.facebook.com/pages/Apothecary-Lofts-Ridnour-Rooms/17317579380032
Constituent call:

Friday, May 1, 2015, 8:10 a.m.

Phillis Chambers
Lives at: 70th and Old Cheney
Cell: 402.440.9755

Works at: 16th and K (State)
Drives to work: Highway 2

Complaint
Highway 2 is so congested because of all the construction going on.

Stated on 10th Street, by the McDonald’s, it goes down to one lane, causing chaos with all the trucks having to move to the left lane for the by-pass.

Recommended possible police helping, signs advising of upcoming lanes, etc.
I contacted Phillis Chambers at 3:00pm and left a phone message. My message stated that we are looking to try and get the permanent overhead electronic message board at 14th & Hwy 2 turned on to give further advanced warning of the construction taking place. Shane is swamped right now with traffic control for the Lincoln Marathon occurring this weekend. Hopefully he can get to this Monday.

Thanks

Gaylon Masek
Project Manager
City of Lincoln, Public Works & Utilities Department
Engineering Services, Design/Construction Section
949 W. Bond Street, Suite 200
Lincoln NE 68521
Dear Council Members,

I have received a letter from The City of Lincoln, Ne Law Department, dated April 17, 2015. It is in response to a claim I filed with the city. They stated the City of Lincoln holds no responsibility for the sewage damage to my 98 year old mother's home at 2540 N. 42nd St. This was a result of the failure of the Theresa Street Wastewater plant during the rain storm in Oct. 2014. They claim that after an investigation there was no negligence on the part of the city and Lincoln will not be liable to pay all or even a portion of the claim that was made on behalf of my mother. We filed a claim for clean up costs only and not for property loss.

Of course I am very disappointed in the decision and do feel there is some negligence by the city and the plant. I think, and hope you agree that all citizens of the community are entitled to fair and equitable services. All people have the right to the same treatment. To my knowledge, this rain storm fell in all parts of Lincoln in the same or similar amounts. Yet only those with sewers going to the Theresa wastewater plant were involved and suffered horrible and damaging sewer backups. This is certainly not equal treatment.

I sincerely hope the members of the Lincoln City Council will review this rebuttal and vote against the recommendation of the Law Dept. I am seeking full or at least partial compensation for my mother.

Thank you.

Donna Helgren
Dear City Council Members-

I am writing to make you aware of a situation concerning the students at St. John the Apostle Catholic School and neighborhood resident in northeast Lincoln. I have spoken with Public Works and the Mayor’s office on several occasions concerning the safe crossing of school children near Carlos and Holdrege Streets. In the past, I have also contacted principals at Mickle Middle School and Kahoa Elementary as there are a handful of those students walking across Holdrege at or near this intersection. Here is a brief summary of my experience with this situation.

- **2007-08** I had several phone conversations with the city project manager for widening Holdrege Street. I received verbal confirmation that the city would install a crosswalk signal with the widening of Holdrege Street project as traffic would increase with development of 84th and Holdrege area. Upon completion of the street widening project (and absence of crosswalk or crossing lights), I placed a call to Public Works Department and was told the project manager was no longer with the city and there was no plan to place crosswalk/crossing lights.

- **2009-10** Principal of our school St. John the Apostle, Dennis Martin, began work with Safe Routes program to fund a push button crosswalk at Carlos and Holdrege Streets. This process failed.

- **2011-12** Phone calls to Public Works office left without results and told traffic studies did not indicate crosswalk/lights were warranted.

- **2013** Contacted Lin Quenzer, Mayor Beutler’s ombudsman. Letter writing campaign from school families and school directory sent demonstrating population north of Holdrege Streets at over 50 families with walking children demonstrating concern of citizens. Public Works sends the attached letter, dated August 2013, to residents on Holdrege about installation of crosswalk and crosswalk light stating completion of project by summer 2014—including lights. Crosswalk and signs installed as promised but lights are still not present.

- August 2014 no lights installed at the crosswalk as school begins so follow up email and phone conversation lead to September meeting with parents at St. John’s School. City traffic engineers, Scott Opfer and Lonnie Burkland, explain at the meeting traffic studies done on three different dates do not warrant a crossing light. The dates of these studies are not made public and the results are confusing as one day netted zero walkers although we students that walk or ride their bikes home daily. Pressure from the city traffic engineers to “choose” an RFB (Rapid Flashing Beacon) over the traditional push button crosswalk was intense. It was even implied that the current crossing light in front of our school could be removed. We were told money is not the issue and that there is funding available. We were also told that a Rapid Flashing Beacon could be installed in just a couple months if we would just give the go ahead. Response from school parents remains a traditional push button light should be installed.

- **January 2015** letter sent to our pastor and superintendent of the school requesting a meeting explaining the RFB (rapid flashing beacon) as a good option instead of the traditional crosswalk light. Initially, the school response was no need for the meeting if the city wasn’t planning on following through with the crosswalk light. In March, our principal called to ask for a meeting with the parents and the city for April 2015. There has been no response from the public works department on that request. I have also emailed and telephoned the mayor’s ombudsman without response.
My experiences have been very frustrating up to this point. On three separate occasions over the past eight years, we have been led to believe a traditional push button crosswalk light that would stop traffic would be installed. City traffic engineers have been evasive and are currently unresponsive.

My questions are numerous – including why additional studies were conducted after the October 2013 letter was sent out about the installation of the lights. The RFB that we are being “offered” is flawed for this situation mainly as traffic is not required to stop for RFBs. There is no law in Nebraska that states cars must stop for people waiting to cross at crosswalks. So we are asking these children to step into traffic knowing that children cannot accurately gauge the speed of approaching vehicles. Frequently, one lane of traffic will stop and wave the children across the street, only to have the traffic in the opposite direction continue to approach. There is no “WALK” signal for the children to know that it is safe to cross the street on the RFBs. Also, parents acting as crossing guards are not an option as we cannot legally stop traffic as only police officers may direct traffic--- per phone conversation with LPD.

This is the city website that you may find useful for reference
https://lincoln.ne.gov/city/pworks/engine/traffic/signal/pedest.htm

I am hopeful that as city council members, you may be able to assist in finding resolution for this dangerous situation before a child is hurt or even killed. I appreciate your time and service to Lincoln.

Best Regards,
Becky Kramer
402.464.1618
The Public Works Department has met with St. John’s Parochial School, and we have developed a safe walking route from their school at 76th and Vine Street through the neighborhood and across Holdrege Street. This route also gets children to the neighborhood north of Holdrege Street.

In association with this safe walking route, the Public Works Department has decided to provide a safe crossing across Holdrege Street. In order to do this, we will be installing a signed and marked crosswalk in front of your house. In addition to the crosswalk, curb ramps and a short portion of sidewalk will be constructed by the Street Operations Division within the next seven days.

The curb will be ground and a concrete curb ramp constructed at the location marked on the existing curb. Please mark the locations of any sprinkler systems which may be impacted by this work.

The signed and marked crosswalk is a temporary accommodation to the students crossing Holdrege Street. During this coming fall and winter, the Engineering Services Division will be designing a pedestrian traffic signal to be installed at this crosswalk location. Most likely, we will be installing a traffic signal pole and a traffic signal cabinet.

If you have any questions regarding this work, please contact the person listed below. Thank you.
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

Name: Richard R. Avila
Address: 4420 Judson st
City: Lincoln, NE 68504

Phone: 402 610-1249
Fax:
Email: ravila@hampton1.com

Comment or Question:
Dear council, my name is Richard R. Avila, i want to be sure that my name is on the list for the May 11 city council council meeting. Many of my neighbors and by self will be attending this meeting in attempt to collect damages from the storm sewer back up Back on Sept 30, oct 1. of 2014. I disagree with the citys findings as does many of the home owners in my neighborhood to the fact that they are saying it was a act of god, if this was truly a act of god,every one on this side of town would of got storm sewer back up in stead of the ones on the one line to the Theresa plant location. I want you to stop and take a look at the situation if it was to happen to you, we alll are resonsible and have insurance, unfortantely Insurance will not cover this as it is not flood waters and storm sewer back up is excluded in policies, so why should we all be out finicially on this distruction because the citys lines would not keep up that we are on, please think about the situation before the meeting on the 11th, as im sure there will be many other upset homeowners as well as myself to discuss this issue.

thank you vary much for taking the time to read and how much money this has set all of us back in life.

Thank you so kindley.
MINUTES
DIRECTORS’ MEETING
MAY 4, 2015

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

Others Present: Teresa Meier, City Clerk; Tom Casady, Public Safety Director; Denise Pearce, Senior Policy Counsel; and Judy Halstead, Health Department Director

Chair Emery opened the meeting at 2:03 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

I. CITY CLERK
Meier, in review of the formal agenda, stated under the Consent Agenda, Items 1 and 2 introduced by Cook, Item 3 and Items 6 through 8 introduced by Eskridge.

Under Public Hearing - Liquor Resolutions will call Items 17 through 23 together. Will also call Items 12 and 13 together, both Meier’s, Innovation Campus.

Confirmed everyone will attend with Ms. Sanchez admitting she forgot, but now planning on being at the meeting.

Emery added C-Span is doing city tours and they asked for 5 minutes at our meeting. They are doing short segments and will show on Channel 78.

II. MAYOR
1. NEWS RELEASE. Van Dorn repairs to close lanes, reroute traffic.
2. NEWS RELEASE. City threatens legal action against K2 retailers.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Water main replacement set to begin May 1.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Tom Casady, Director
Casady stated Item 36 is a resolution to contract with a lawn care firm which sprays for weeds at 3rd and South Street. Also mows a parcel which the City owns, acquired with a land swap with LES several years ago. The parcel is not suitable for a fire station, and we haven’t been able to sell at this time, mainly as it has a high tension power line overhead. We still have to maintain this property until it’s sold. Will mow every couple of weeks over a course of months.

Camp asked how large is the parcel? Casady replied right at an acre. It’s between Union Hill and Cavvy Road on the east side of the street. If you see the transmission line, it’s located right beneath.

III. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

PLANNING COMMISSION
PLANNING DEPARTMENT
3. The Urban Design Committee meeting scheduled for May 5, 2015 has been canceled.

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES/ENGINEERING
1. ADVISORY. Storm Drainage Project. 48th Street and Rentworth Drive, project #701569.
2. ADVISORY. Water Main Replacement. Van Dorn Street; 37th Street - 40th Street, project #702780.

WEST HAYMARKET JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY
1. West Haymarket Joint Public Agency agenda and attachments for the May 7, 2015 meeting are now available online.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

CAMP/CHRISTENSEN/COOK
1. Letter from Mary Buss regarding sidewalks in front of houses on South 35th from Van Dorn to South Street. (Sent to Public Works and Utilities)

JON CAMP
1. Zach Becker, Construction Project Manager for S. 56th Street Project, thanking Mr. Smejdir for writing and explaining the implemented signal adjustments and possible other commuter routes.
   a) Randy Smejdir thanking Zach Becker and Councilman Jon Camp for their prompt replies and quick action.
2. Barbara Dunn correspondence explaining the Piedmont Park uncut grass, with note from Councilman Camp to Parks and Recreation.

DOUG EMERY
Thanked the Health Department, LPD, and Fire Departments for being on top of the K2 issue, which has become considerably better.

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
1. Correspondence to Courtney Lawton from Thomas Shafer, Design/Construction Manager, regarding city street concerns, especially G Street. (Refer to #4, Correspondence from Citizens, April 27, 2015)

VI. ADJOURNMENT
Chair Emery adjourned the meeting at 2:06 p.m.