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2. Correctional Facility Joint Public Agency (08.25.15) - Fellers
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4. Internal Liquor Commission (ILC) (08.31.15) - Christensen, Fellers, Eskridge
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VIII. CITY COUNCIL

JON CAMP
1. Lloyd Weathermon writing in regards missing garage sale signs with replies from Miki Esposito, Public Works & Utilities Director.
2. Jerry Conant thanking Councilman Camp for voting for a small property tax relief.
3. Theodore Wright writing about two large Bradford Pear trees blocking visibility. (Sent to Parks & Rec Forestry Department for a possible solution)
   a) Reply from Robert Weyhrich, Operations Forester, resolving the visibility problem.
4. Lee Todd strongly urging the City Council to vote in favor of Councilman Christensen’s proposal to cut city spending and reduce the tax levy by one cent.

JANE RAYBOULD
1. Councilwoman Raybould writing Public Works & Utilities on upcoming West A Neighborhood Association Meeting where concerns of the safety of West A and improvements scheduled.
   a) Reply from Miki Esposito, Public Works & Utilities Director, confirming representation at the meeting on September 21, 2015.
2. Sign in of the Scouts Treefield Park project who voiced concerns on the condition of West A and traffic safety, sent to Public Works & Utilities.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
1. The Everett Neighborhood September 2015 Everett Express now online.
2. Joseph Johnson suggesting Lincoln have ordinance similar to Dallas, Texas.
3. Dr. Carmen Hill Grant thanking Council for support of the Woods Park Tennis Center project.
4. David Teche supporting Councilman Christensen’s proposal to lower property taxes.
5. Tracy Corr asking Council not to cut the tax levy mid-budget by one-cent.
6. Aaron Saathoff not in favor of decreasing the city’s property tax rate in the middle of a two-year budget.
7. Denise Craig. Do not cut the tax levy. The money provides neighborhood services.
8. Email stating reasons not to cut the tax levy.
10. Dan McCoy writing about the tax cut and Cornhusker Highway.
11. Peggi Ammon stating she is appreciative Council voted to lower the property tax.
12. Yupin Kendrick. Do not lower the tax levy. Would have to cut services.
13. Andrea Davis. Rather pay the $1.25 a month and not take from libraries, parks, schools, and others.
14. Philip Ross. Do not cut the mayor’s budget which may hurt public services.
15. Ann Wahl. If funds don’t have a use apply them to the wheel tax.
X. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS
   See invitation list.

XI. ADJOURNMENT
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 1, 2015
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

CITY DIVIDEND FOR UTILITY OWNERSHIP CHANGES

The City dividend collected by the Lincoln Electric System (LES) has changed for fiscal year 2015-16, which begins today. The dividend is a payment to the City for its ownership of LES, and it was established in 2011 by a City ordinance.

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

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<th>Rate Class</th>
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<td>Residential</td>
<td>$2.15 per bill</td>
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The dividend supplements the in-lieu-of-tax payment LES pays to local governmental entities each year. The City received $6,788,424 from the dividend in 2013-14 and $7,029,648 in 2014-15. The dividend goes into the City’s General Fund, which funds basic City government services.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 1, 2015
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Greg Topil, Public Works and Utilities, 402-416-5150

13TH STREET TO CLOSE FROM “O” TO “P” STREETS
WEDNESDAY FOR ONE-DAY CRANE WORK

Motorists are advised that 13th Street from “O” Street to “P” Street will close Wednesday so that a crane can be used for signage work on the Wells Fargo Building.

The closure is expected to last from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Pedestrian access to the Wells Fargo Plaza will be maintained at all times through the entry doors on “O” Street and “P” Street. The sidewalk on the east side of 13th Street will remain open.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 2, 2015
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Janet Ball, Parks and Recreation, 402-441-7847
                        Chris Myers, Parks Operations Coordinator, 402-441-6051

PUBLIC INVITED TO VOLUNTEER AT IDYLWILD PARK

The public is invited to participate in a work day from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday, September 12 at Idylwild Park, at the corner of Idylwild Drive and Apple Street. The group will meet at the park for training prior to beginning landscaping work. The event is the second in the V.I.P. (Volunteer in Parks) Saturday series for volunteers to meet once a month at a different park.

To register, send an email to ParksVolunteers@lincoln.ne.gov. New volunteers are asked to fill out the volunteer application form and bring it to the event September 12 or submit it with their registration. The form is available at parks.lincoln.ne.gov (click on “volunteer,” then download the application from the list on the right).

For more information about Lincoln Parks and Recreation, visit parks.lincoln.ne.gov.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 2, 2015
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Shane Dostal, Public Works and Utilities, 402-525-7852

MOTORISTS SHOULD EXPECT TRAFFIC DELAYS
TONIGHT ON S. 27TH STREET

Motorists are advised to expect traffic delays from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. tonight on S. 27th Street from Woods Boulevard to Highway 2. Concrete work will be taking place on the roadway with traffic expected to be delayed by up to 10 minutes. Motorists are encouraged to take an alternate route.

More information on City road construction projects can be found at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: projects).

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 1, 2015

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Adam Rhoads, Environmental Health Educator, 402-441-8035

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FALL COASTAL CLEANUP EFFORTS

Volunteers and volunteer groups are needed to help clean up litter and other debris from area lakes and streams during September and October. The effort is part of Keep Lincoln and Lancaster County Beautiful’s (KLLCB) 2015 International Coastal Cleanup, a world-wide volunteer project designed to remove trash from ocean beaches, lake shores, riversides and other waterways.

To volunteer, contact KLLCB at 402-441-8035 or kllcb@lincoln.ne.gov. KLLCB will work to set a date, time and location that is most convenient to volunteers among the numerous cleanup projects scheduled to be conducted this fall.

This is a great opportunity for families, sports teams, scouts, youth groups, churches and other groups. Both shoreline and lakeside litter pickups are needed, so groups with boats, canoes and kayaks are welcome to help reach more inaccessible areas.

Last year, volunteers picked up nearly 10,000 pieces of litter, including 1,300 food wrappers and 1,200 beverage cans. “The cleanliness of waterways in Lancaster County can impact rivers and oceans downstream,” said Adam Rhoads, KLLCB. “Although the nearest ocean is almost one thousand miles away, 80 percent of trash found in oceans starts out on land. Knowing how litter negatively affects our community and environment, it’s easy to see why our annual waterway cleanup program is so important.”

Rhoads said groups will be asked to tally each type of trash collected, as part of an effort to add to the worldwide marine debris database maintained by the Ocean Conservancy.

KLLCB is a program of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. The International Coastal Cleanup program receives funding from the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality.

More information on the program is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: kllcb), or by contacting Adam Rhoads at 402-441-8035 or kllcb@lincoln.ne.gov.
WEST NILE VIRUS ACTIVITY INCREASING

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD) has received a report of a fourth case of West Nile virus (WNV) in Lancaster County, and officials remind residents to take steps to prevent bites from mosquitoes, which could carry the virus.

“In September, we usually see an increase in the number of Culex mosquitoes, known for their transmission of the WNV,” said John Chess, LLCHD. “We want to encourage everyone in Lincoln and Lancaster County to ‘Fight the Bite’ by staying inside during dusk and dawn or wearing lightweight, long-sleeved shirts and pants. It’s also important to use EPA-registered insect repellents, such as those containing DEET, Picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus.”

Chess urged those using insect repellents to follow these general precautions:

- Always follow the label instructions.
- Apply repellents only to exposed skin and clothing. Do not use repellents under clothing.
- Do not apply to eyes or mouth, and apply sparingly around the ears. When using sprays, do not spray directly on the face. Spray on hands first, and then apply to the face.
- Do not allow children to handle the product. When using on children, apply to your own hands first, then put it on the child. You may not want to apply to children’s hands.
- If biting insects do not respond to a thin film of repellent, apply a bit more.
- After returning indoors, wash treated skin with soap and water. Wash treated clothing before wearing it again.

LLCHD also asks the public to help reduce the breeding areas for mosquitoes by eliminating standing pools of water:
• Store wading pools and containers where they cannot collect water.
• Change water in pet dishes and bird baths daily.
• Clear debris, weeds and litter from drainage ways
• Remove vegetation from sewage lagoons.
• Drill holes in tire swings.
• Fill low spots in your yard.

Most people who become infected with WNV do not develop any symptoms. About one in five will develop a fever with other symptoms such as headache, body aches, joint pains, vomiting, diarrhea or rash. Most people with this type of WNV recover completely, but fatigue and weakness can last for weeks or months.

Less than one percent who are infected will develop a serious neurologic illness, such as encephalitis or meningitis, the inflammation of the brain or surrounding tissues. The symptoms of neurologic illness can include headache, high fever, neck stiffness, disorientation, coma, tremors, seizures or paralysis. People over age 60 are at the greatest risk for severe disease, but it can occur at any age. Also at great risk are those with medical conditions, such as cancer, diabetes, hypertension and kidney disease and those who have received organ transplants. Recovery from severe disease may take several weeks or months, and some of the neurologic effects may be permanent. The death rate for those who develop neurologic infection due to WNV is about 10 percent.

For more information on WNV, visit lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: wnv).

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Please be informed that there will **NOT** be a meeting of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board in September! The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, October 8, 2015, at 4:00 p.m.

Have a great September everyone!

*Angela Chesnut*
Executive Secretary to the Director
Lincoln Parks & Recreation
2740 A Street
Lincoln, NE 68502
(402) 441-5264
achesnut@lincoln.ne.gov
**ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION**  
September 2, 2015

NOTICE: The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 2, 2015, at 1:00 p.m., in Hearing Room 112 on the first floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, Nebraska. For more information, call the Planning Department, (402) 441-7491.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Planning Commission action is final action on any item with a notation of “FINAL ACTION”. Any aggrieved person may appeal Final Action of the Planning Commission to the City Council or County Board by filing a Notice of Appeal with the City Clerk or County Clerk within 14 days following the action of the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission action on all other items is a recommendation to the City Council or County Board.

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2015

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held August 19, 2015, as amended.  
**APPROVED: 7-0; (Sunderman and Weber absent)**

Election of Chair and Vice Chair for a two year term. **Chris Hove elected Chair and Dennis Scheer elected Vice-Chair for a two-year term**

1. CONSENT AGENDA - None.

2. REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL:

4.2c Special Permit No. 15043, for a Community Unit Plan to allow for the addition of a 193-unit residential apartment complex, with waivers to reduce the parking ratio, increase the building height, and allow tandem parking in driveways, on property generally located at North 42nd Street and Vine Street. *FINAL ACTION*

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Paul Barnes, 402-441-6371, pbarnes@lincoln.ne.gov
Called under Requests for Deferral. Applicant’s request for a 2-week deferral granted, with CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION scheduled for Wednesday, September 16, 2015.

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA - None
4. PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

CHANGE OF ZONE:

4.1 Change of Zone No. 15024, from R-4 Residential District to H-3 Highway Commercial District, on property generally located southeast of Southwest 1st Street and West L Street.
Staff recommendation: Approval, Subject to a Zoning Agreement
Staff Planner: Steve Henrichsen, 402-441-6374, shenrichsen@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, subject to a Zoning Agreement; 6-1 (Beecham dissenting; Sunderman and Weber absent). Public hearing before the City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, September 21, 2015, 3:00 p.m.

CHANGE OF ZONE AND RELATED SPECIAL PERMITS:

4.2a Change of Zone No. 15025, from R-4 Residential District to R-5 Residential District, on property legally described as Lots 1 and 2, Outlot B, Wyuka Subdivision, generally located at 241 North 44th Street.
Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Paul Barnes, 402-441-6371, pbarnes@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL; 6-0 (Scheer declared conflict of interest; Sunderman and Weber absent). Public hearing before the City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, September 21, 2015, 3:00 p.m.

4.2b Special Permit No. 673A, to replace an existing radio broadcast tower with a new 330-foot tall radio broadcast tower, located approximately 500 feet from Vine Street, on property generally located at North 45th Street and Vine Street. **FINAL ACTION**
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Paul Barnes, 402-441-6371, pbarnes@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission ‘final action’: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set for in the amended staff report dated August 21, 2015: 6-0 (Scheer declared a conflict on interest; Sunderman and Weber absent). Resolution No. PC-01468.

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Applicant’s request for a 2-week deferral granted, with CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION scheduled for Wednesday, September 16, 2015.
5. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

USE PERMIT:

5.1 Use Permit No. 126D, an amendment to convert office space to apartments by increasing the number of multiple-family dwelling units from 195 to 297, and reducing the amount of office floor area from 225,000 to 174,000 square feet, on property generally located at Executive Woods Drive and Yankee Hill Road. **FINAL ACTION**

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Brian Will, 402-441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission ‘final action’: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set for in the staff report dated August 4, 2015: 6-0 (Harris, Sunderman and Weber absent). Resolution No. PC-01469.

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

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Adjournment 3:30 p.m.

PENDING LIST: None
PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION
NOTIFICATION

TO: Mayor Chris Beutler
Lincoln City Council

FROM: Geri Rorabaugh, Planning

DATE: September 3, 2015

RE: Notice of final action by Planning Commission: September 2, 2015

Please be advised that on September 2, 2015, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission adopted the following resolutions:

**Resolution No. PC-01468**, approving SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 673A, to replace an existing radio broadcast tower with a new 330-foot tall radio broadcast tower, located approximately 500 feet from Vine Street, on property legally described as Outlot A, Wyuka 2nd Addition, located in the SW 1/4 of Section of 20-10-7, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, generally located at North 45th Street and Vine Street.

**Resolution No. PC-01469**, approving USE PERMIT NO. 126D, an amendment to convert office space to apartments by increasing the number of multiple-family dwelling units from 195 to 297, and reducing the amount of office floor area from 225,000 to 174,000 square feet, on property legally described as Lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 14, 15 and Outlot B, Wilderness Woods Office Park Addition, Lots 4, 5, 6 and 7, Wilderness Woods Office Park 1st Addition, Lot 1, Wilderness Woods Office Park 2nd Addition, and Lot 1 and Outlot A, Wilderness Woods Office Park 4th Addition, all located in the NW 1/4 Section 26-9-6 of the 6th P.M., Lancaster County, Nebraska, generally located at Executive Woods Drive and Yankee Hill Road.

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. SP673A, UP126D). The Resolution and Planning Department staff report are in the “Related Documents” under the application number.
Dear Reader,

The next issue of *The Urban Page* is available at [http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/urban/reports/pdf/urbanpg/v19i2s15.pdf](http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/urban/reports/pdf/urbanpg/v19i2s15.pdf). This issue contains articles on:

- The City’s Problem Property Resolution Team
- Registration of Neglected Buildings
- Lincoln Community Scan
- Olga Kanne’s Retirement
- New Telegraph District at 21st & N
- New Lighting for the Elaine Hammer Trail Bridge
- Hudl’s new Haymarket Home
- West O Historic Highway Project is Complete
- CHE’s Place Matters Community Mapping Project

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Happy reading!
Our office has been busy fielding complaints and educating the public about the thistle that is flowering this time of year. Most, think it is musk thistle and wonder why aren’t you doing something about it???

The thistle you see flowering in August and September is called tall thistle, it is one of five native thistles that grow in Nebraska and is actually a beneficial plant in our landscape, let’s explore this…. a good thistle? Tall thistle is beneficial for a number of insects including; bumblebees, long-horned bees as well as a variety of butterflies and birds that are in the area this time of year, it also has its own natural enemies that help keep it from spreading like our noxious thistles. Typically you won’t find large infestations of tall thistle except for extremely wet years and it’s rare to see outbreaks for more than one season. This year happens to be one of those years that it’s more abundant and growing taller than normal. One of the ways to easily distinguish between tall thistle and our noxious thistles is the silver color on the underside of the leaves. Most native thistles are either silver or light greenish-gray in color, or have some silver on parts of the plant.

Tall thistle is most commonly confused with musk thistle in the eastern part of the state. Musk thistle will flower in May and June and typically is done flowering when tall thistle arrives on the scene in August.

All of our “noxious” thistles; musk thistle, plumeless thistle and Canada thistle are non-native to Nebraska and the United States.

**Tall Thistle**

*Cirsium altissimum* (L.)

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**Thistles of Nebraska**

Click on photo for more information on all the Thistles of Nebraska

**Inspection Activity Report**

As of August 31, 2015, the Weed Control staff has completed 9,238 inspections on 4,685 properties. Weed abatement within the City of Lincoln accounted for 6,408 inspections on 2,903 properties while noxious weeds accounted for 2,830 inspections on 1,782 properties. We’ve received 1,534 complaints from the public wanting help getting neighboring properties controlled. In order to gain compliance we’ve sent 2,401 letters and 1,435 legal notices requiring control. A total of 267 enforcements have been completed by our contractors, totaling $38,810 in control cost. We have two noxious weed 15-day notices scheduled for a bench trial. Possible fines totaling $1,500 each.
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.

Musk Thistle
Height 1.8–5.8 ft

Canada Thistle
Height 1–3.5 ft

Plumeless Thistle
Height 1–4.9 ft

Phragmites
Height 3.2–20 ft

Leafy Spurge
Height 3–2.8 ft

Sericea Lespedeza
Height 1.5–6.5 ft

Japanese Knotweed
Height 3–10 ft

Giant Knotweed
Height 8–10 ft

Purple Loosestrife
Height 1.3–6 ft

Saltcedar
Height 5–20 ft

Spotted Knapweed
Height 1–5.8 ft

Diffuse Knapweed
Height 1–5.9 ft

Lancaster County’s Noxious Weeds

Cutleaf Teasel
Height 4–6 ft

Common Teasel
Height 3–6 ft

Good Neighbors control noxious weeds — If you have questions or concerns about noxious weeds, please contact your local county noxious weed control authority, Nebraska Weed Control Association (www.newecc.org), or Nebraska Department of Agriculture.
From: Lloyd & Bev Weathermon [mailto:wl55947@windstream.net]
Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2015 5:49 AM
To: Miki Esposito
Cc: Natalie Weathermon; Cyndi Lamm; Jon Camp
Subject: RE: Missing garage sale signs

Thank you for the quick response. We are still waiting for responses back from Burlington northern and casey’s concerning whether their video cameras were able to record anything that might shed some light on the missing garage sale signs.
Sincerely,

From: Miki Esposito [mailto:mesposito@lincoln.ne.gov]
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2015 1:12 PM
To: 'Lloyd & Bev Weathermon' <wl55947@windstream.net>; 'Natalie Weathermon' <spanyl@yahoo.com>; Cyndi Lamm <CLamm@lincoln.ne.gov>; Jon Camp <jcamp@lincoln.ne.gov>; 'Jon Camp' <joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com>
Subject: FW: Missing garage sale signs

Hello Mr. Weathermon – below are the answers to your questions:

Do city employees pick up garage sale signs that are in the public right of way? We would only respond on a complaint basis. But generally, we will not take the sign but rather move the sign onto private property or other more appropriate place - - especially if the signs have been placed in a location where they might present a sight distance concern or other obstruction.

Are they disposed of immediately? Not typically.

Are city employees known to pick up items and put them in their own vehicles at the end of their shifts? No.

Are all city employees suppose to watch for improper placement of signs and remove then when they find them or is it done on a complaint basis? Generally, we only respond on a complaint basis and would first look for a more suitable location for the sign (see answer above). But - - we have removed commercial advertising signs if improperly placed because a business should really know better about the advertising rules; while a resident usually doesn’t know they aren’t supposed to place signs (e.g. garage sale) in public right-of-way and are temporarily placed and picked up anyway.

I hope that helps to answer your questions.
Sincerely,

Miki

Miki Esposito, Director
Public Works & Utilities
555 S. 10th St. Room 208
Lincoln, NE 68508
(402) 441-6173
mesposito@lincoln.ne.gov
Ms. Esposito==there were several more questions in my email to you and I had ask you to respond to them==but you chose to not answer some of them. Would you please review the questions hi-lited in purple below and respond accordingly. I think they are legitimate questions of your department that deserve an answer.

Sincerely,
Lloyd weathermon
402-484-7391
4739 s 70th st
Lincoln, ne 68516

Mr. Weathermon –
I made the rounds - - checking whether any of our field crews and/or inspectors have seen or know about the signs. Unfortunately, no one knows their whereabouts.
Sorry we couldn’t help you!
Miki

Miki Esposito, Director
Public Works & Utilities
555 S. 10th St. Room 208
Lincoln, NE 68508
(402) 441-6173
mesposito@lincoln.ne.gov
From: Lloyd & Bev Weathermon [mailto:wl55947@windstream.net]
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2015 8:45 AM
To: Miki Esposito <mesposito@lincoln.ne.gov>
Cc: Cyndi Lamm <CLamm@lincoln.ne.gov>; Natalie Weathermon <spanyl@yahoo.com>
Subject: Missing garage sale signs

Miki, I was expecting to hear from you concerning this issue by Friday august 14th as per your email replay to me on aug 10th. I hope you also received my 2nd email to you on aug 11th about the one sign suddenly showing up Monday morning at 70th & Havelock leaning against the apt building where it had disappeared from on Friday aug 7th and the landlord of the apt building saying he had nothing to do with the missing sign.

Here it is over a week past aug 14th and still no reply. As I said in my aug 11th email=it seems funny that the sign would suddenly appear Monday morning right after my daughter Natalie had made some calls to various city depts about her 4 garage sale signs going missing on Friday aug 7th and the only one to re-appear was the one that had been put on private property.

Are her signs in the possession of the city somewhere? Do city employees pick up garage sale signs that are in the public right of way? Are they disposed of immediately? These were good quality commercial signs used in a rental business with cardboard covering up the rental company's info. Are city employees known to pick up items and put them in their own vehicles at the end of their shifts? It would seem that if property picked up by city employees on city time would belong to the city and be disposed of in a manner that would benefit the city coffers. Is/was there an city employee whose duties are to check on items in the public right of way on duty Friday aug 7th or was someone else assigned to this task that day or are all city employees suppose to watch for improper placement of signs and remove then when they find them or is it done on a complaint basis??

She did file a police report and he is following up with casey's on their surveillance cameras and also with Burlington northern about their surveillance cameras at touzalin and Havelock avenue. She has not heard back from the police yet.

I have asked many questions in my 3 emails to you and would appreciate answers to all of them in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

Lloyd weathermon
402-484-7391
4739 s 70th st
Lincoln, ne 68516
Dear Mr. Camp,

I just read that the city council voted for a small property tax relief. I'm happy to hear that. I am retired, and my wife and I are finding medical costs to be quite a bit higher than I had planned for. Therefore, my $4100+ annual property tax is becoming more difficult to pay, and we will need to downsize pretty soon. I ask that you support any tax or spending decreases in the future. Thank you.

Jerry Conant
2835 O'Malley Dr., Lincoln, 68516
jb665@neb.rr.com
Dear Councilman Camp:

We are writing to complain about two (2) very large bradford pear trees that are blocking visibility of our shopping center property located at 5631 S. 56th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68516. These trees are just South of the Boosalis Bike Trail, and have grown very large. During Spring and Fall, our signage is blocked by the trees. When I have contacted City Parks & Recreation, which is responsible for City trees, they have told us that unless a tree branch endangers someone using the Boosalis Bike Trail, there is nothing that can be done. We question that, and wonder if you might have any helpful suggestions. Perhaps these large trees might be replaced with smaller trees.

Theodore D. Wright [Theo]
Executive Vice President
A.M. Davis Mercantile Company
P.O. Box 82226
640 S. 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68501

tdwr@amdmc.com

(402) 476-2100 [x105]
Good morning Mary, I met with Mr. Wright this morning on site and agreed to remove the ash and trim the pear. The work will be scheduled within 30 days.

Bob,

Please see below. Is there anything that can be done here?

When replying to the constituent do send copy to the City Council office.

Thanking you in advance,

Mary

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

402.441.7515 Office
402.441.6533 Fax
I strongly urge the City Council to vote in favor of Councilman Christensen's proposal to cut city spending and reduce the tax levy by one cent.

City Government should be looking to reduce the tax burden on the productive citizens of Lancaster County and this is the opportunity to do so. This money belongs to the citizens and NOT the City/County. Therefore I would encourage the Council to vote to return to its citizens as much of their tax money as possible. Councilman Christensen’s proposal is just the start of what I hope will be a long trend to lower taxes and create a vibrant economically thriving society in our city.

Thank YOU for your consideration,

Lee
Lee Todd
3900 Pace Blvd
Lincoln, NE 68502
cell 402-416-4800  office and fax 402-477-8887
Miki and Roger,

I just wanted to reconfirm your visit to the West A Neighborhood Association meeting on Monday, September 21, at 7 PM, at Roper Elementary School, in the multi-purpose room. I know the neighbors had some concerns on the safety of West A and when improvements are scheduled and would like an update on SW 40th Street bridge. Bill Vocasek is the President and he can be reached at (402) 438-1903. I’m also attaching a list of neighbors that came to a meeting on Scouts Treefield Park multi-family project this past August 10. They were certainly vocal about the condition of West A and traffic safety in light of this possible new development.

I will plan on attending as well.

Thanks again!

Jane

Jane Raybould
Lincoln City Council and
B & R Stores, Inc.
Vice President and Director of Buildings and Equipment
4554 W Street
Lincoln, NE  68503
(402) 464-6297  Office
(402) 434-5733 Fax
Mary M. Meyer

Subject: Roads Presentation and Update on SW 40th Street Bridge

From: Miki Esposito
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2015 1:21 PM
To: 'Jane Raybould'; Roger A. Figard; bvocasek@neb.rr.com
Subject: RE: Roads Presentation and Update on SW 40th Street Bridge

Councilwoman Raybould –
We will definitely have a representative there. Roger or I will follow up with you and Bill to let you know exactly who.
Thank you,
Miki

Miki Esposito, Director
Public Works & Utilities
555 S. 10th St. Room 208
Lincoln, NE 68508
(402) 441-6173
mesposito@lincoln.ne.gov

From: Jane Raybould [mailto:jane@brstores.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2015 9:29 AM

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InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
   General Council

Name: Dan McCoy
Address: 800 W. Dawes Ave
City: Lincoln, NE 68521

Phone: 402-416-2961
Fax:
Email: mrdano99@yahoo.com

Comment or Question:
you are crazy if you think this tax cut will help anybody....15 bucks per 100,000....THE ONLY PEOPLE THIS WILL HELP IS THE RICH WITH 1,000,000 DOLLARS PLUS HOMES...YOU GOT THE RICH PEOPLES MONEY DO NOT GIVE IT BACK TO THEM....QUIT HELPING THE RICH THEY DONT NEED IT!!!!!

oh by the way what a way to throw money away on cornhusker hwy....every time a car runs through that will cost thousands and these people are not going to get caught....I cant wait for winter to get here and cars trucks ripping up all those water lines up....
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for General Council

Name: Peggi Ammon
Address: 2825 S. 25th
City: Lincoln, NE 68502

Phone: 4024231535
Fax:
Email: mizrail@aol.com

Comment or Question:
I am very appreciative that you voted to lower the property tax! It is really wonderful to find elected officials that are looking out for the people that elected them!
Keep up the good work!!

Very Sincerely

Peggi Ammon
Dear Everett Neighbors and Friends of Everett,

Attached please find a link to an on-line copy of the September 2015 edition of the Everett Neighborhood Association newsletter, the Everett Express. Newslink, a local newsletter writing company, produces the Everett Express as an in-kind donation to ENA. Volunteers are in the process of distributing hard copies door-to-door, but we also want to provide an electronic copy to members and interested parties for whom we have email addresses. This is the third of four newsletters that will be printed in 2015. The next newsletter will arrive in December 2015.


(If clicking on the link does not take you directly to the newsletter, copy the link and paste in your browser.)

Best,
Laurie Weber
ENA Membership and Communications
Dear council members,

I want you to NOT lower the tax levy. $1.25 lower in monthly tax makes no sense when you will have to cut all the great services Lincoln provides. Without these services, I would move away to a better city.

Yupin Kendrick
Lincoln, NE

Sent from my iPhone
Councilman Christiansen,

The tax cut you offer adds up to around $1.25 a month for someone like me in Lincoln.

Because we aren't sure what departments the $1.8 million dollars will be taking AWAY from, I'd rather pay it. Otherwise, it's probable that it will take from libraries, parks, schools, and other things that make this city "The Good Life" it promises.

Andrea Davis  
1701 S. 24th St  
Lincoln 68502
Dear Lincoln City Council,

Please do not cut the mayor's budget that would any way hurt public services to parks, streets, and swimming pools. This is what makes a community worth living in. We have a strong economy that should sustain a tax base that fuels only the highest level of public service in every neighborhood and zip code. Thank you for supporting a strong community. Reducing the taxes hurts the health and economy of this city.

Sincerely,

Philip Ross
810 Rockhurst Dr.
Lincoln, NE 68510
Dear Council Members:

Please forget the piddling, proposed property tax relief ($15 annually on a $150,000 home). If there isn't already a use for the funds which would result, consider applying them to a really onerous tax - the wheel tax - which goes up and up and up. I'm paying $74 this year for wheel tax on a 15 year old car for which the personal property tax is $5, and I only drive about 3500 miles a year. Forget making a political "show" of bragging rights about cutting property taxes which really are meaningless compared with the wheel tax bite.
Members of the Council!

Why not this for Lincoln? It would be a simple ordinance and not very controversial! Please advise!

Joseph W. Johnson, Jr.
2800 Woods Blvd, No 908
Lincoln, NE 68502

The City of Dallas, Texas passed an ordinance stating that if a driver is pulled over by law enforcement and is not able to provide proof of insurance, the car is towed. To retrieve the car after being impounded, they must show proof of insurance to have the car released. This has made it easy for the City of Dallas to remove uninsured cars.

Shortly after the "No Insurance" ordinance was passed, the Dallas impound lots began to fill up and were full after only nine days. Over 80% of the impounded cars were driven by illegals. Now, not only must they provide proof of insurance to have their car released, they have to pay for the cost of the tow, a $350 fine, and $20 for every day their car is kept in the lot.

Guess what? Accident rates have gone down 47%, and Dallas' solution gets uninsured drivers off the road WITHOUT making them show proof of nationality. I wonder how the US Justice Department will get around this one. Just brings tears to your eyes doesn't it?

***GO Dallas***
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General Council

Name: Dr. Carmen Hill Grant
Address: 1508 Skyline Drive
City: Lincoln, NE. 68506

Phone: 402-488-1586
Fax: NA
Email: Drdoctor2002aol.com

Comment or Question:
Dear Members of City Council:

The Board of Directors and I thank you for your support of the Woods Park Tennis Center project. As you know, WPTC reaches out into the community to a diverse population of young, old and special needs individuals through its many programs.

Having learned to play tennis through a public parks program myself, I know firsthand the benefits that such parks programs offer. Lincoln is, indeed, fortunate to have such an extraordinary parks system which benefits so many: Lincolnites, travelers and visitors alike.

Thank you for your continued efforts and support in making Lincoln such an outstanding city in which to work, live and visit.

Sincerely,
Dr. Carmen Hill Grant- President
Friends of Woods Tennis, Inc.
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
   General Council

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City:    Lincoln, NE 68502
Phone:   402-423-2406
Fax:      402-423-4122
Email:    dteche@cfslinc.com

Comment or Question:
I support Councilman Roy Christensen's proposal to lower property taxes, as long as it does not compromise vital services in Lincoln.
City Council-
Please do NOT cut the tax levy mid-budget by one cent. I would rather the approximate $1.25 I would save per month in property taxes be invested in important city services such as parks, pools, libraries, pothole and sidewalk repairs, etc.
--Tracy Corr
Dear Lincoln City Council:

I am writing to express my opposition to decreasing the city’s property tax rate in the middle of this two-year budget cycle. This move is a political stunt and, as such, will damage Lincoln’s reputation for good governance. This is the wrong tax cut at the wrong time. Here’s why:

We need good roads. Lincoln already has a road system that is inadequate for a city of over 250,000 residents. This tax cut will make it harder to pay for road expansion and improvements in the coming years. We desperately need an east beltway to compliment the yet-unbuilt south beltway, and reducing the property tax levy now will not help make this a reality. Many arterial streets need extensive repairs or replacement, and this tax cut will hinder these projects as well.

We need good parks. Already, park maintenance in Lincoln slipped as a result of the 2008 recession. There are already too many unkempt, weedy areas. Parks provide a place for children and adults to play and relax. They greatly enhance the quality of life in Lincoln. They do not need further cuts.

We need good police and fire protection. These services should not be cut, and their costs will rise in coming years. This tax cut will hinder expanding police or fire protection.

We need good city and county health services. They are already stretched and serve generally serve the poorest, most vulnerable residents. They do not need to be cut.

We need responsible governance. Paying for a tax cut with one-time budget savings is irresponsible. In future years, more services will need to be cut and more needed projects will not go forward.

It’s time to take a stand. LIBA and groups funded by the Koch brothers such as Nebraskans For Prosperity are wrong. Taxes are the price we pay to live in a modern, civilized society. The Lincoln Journal Star recently noted that Lincoln’s tax levy isn’t excessive when compared to other cities in Nebraska. I urge the Council to reject this political stunt and keep the property tax levy unchanged.

Sincerely,

Aaron J. Saathoff

Lincoln Resident

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Aaron J. Saathoff
From: Denise Craig <denisecraig8@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2015 5:21 PM  
To: Council Packet  
Subject: Tax levy

Please do not cut the tax levy. I support the neighborhood services this money provides.

Denise Craig  
3345 S Street  
68503

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone
From: mv65506@windstream.net [mailto:mv65506@windstream.net]
Subject: Tax Levy

> I would rather keep the tax levy than give up all of this:
> What I WON’T be able to buy with my $1.25 if the City Council cuts the
> Tax Levy.
> Looking at the cost of neighborhood services, we get a lot of services
> for our taxes. If the Tax Levy is cut, the average Lincoln resident
> who owns their home will receive a whopping $1.25 per month in tax relief.
> Here are five things that I WON’T be able to buy with my $1.25:
> >> 1. A pool for kids Cost: $850,500.00
> • Hundreds of kids swim on swim teams in the summer. Unfortunately,
> when my local pool closes, my $1.25 won’t be enough to build one in my
> backyard or to join a private pool. Maybe I could afford a plastic
> baby pool if I save up all year.
> >
> > 2. A book & media collection Cost: $280,000.00 • My local library
> branch alone has over 35,000 items that Lincoln citizens can access
> for free. My $1.25 won’t buy one book at a bookstore much less
> thousands of books and media if my local branch is closed.
> >
> > 3. Replacement play equipment for neighborhood kids Cost: $3,500.00 •
> Thousands of kids in Lincoln count on walking to the local park to
> play on the equipment since they don’t have yards. We have at least
> two parks in Lincoln have having aging equipment that must be replaced to remain safe.
> My $1.25 won’t allow me to replace aging equipment that has become
> unsafe in our parks. And, of course, families who don’t own their home
> won’t get any of the proposed tax “relief” since it is based on
> property taxes, but they will still lose services.
> >
> > 4. A contractor to fill the potholes in my street Cost: $125 per
> pothole • Since funding for local streets and sidewalk repairs likely
> will be cut, I guess I’m going to have to hire a private contractor to
> fix our potholes.
> Unfortunately, even if everyone on my street pools our $1.25 we still
> won’t have enough to fill one hole.
> >
> > 5. A contractor to build a bike lane Cost: $5,000 – $100,000 per mile
Please do NOT cut this. The cut needs the funding and the amount being saved per home not worth the cost it will take on the parks, libraries and other areas it supports.

I am a voter and do so each opportunity—I am not in favor of this cut. It would be a disastrous move to the wonderful things available to the residents of Lincoln, especially to our children.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Varenhorst-Wohlers