IN LIEU OF
DIRECTORS’/ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2016

I. MINUTES
   1. Directors’ Organizational meeting minutes of December 14, 2015.

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

III. CITY CLERK

IV. MAYOR & DIRECTORS’ CORRESPONDENCE

MAYOR
   1. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler’s public schedule for the week of December 25, 2015 through Friday, January 1, 2016.
   2. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler’s public schedule for the week of January 1, 2016 through January 8, 2016.
   3. NEWS RELEASE. Pioneers Park Nature Center closed January 1st.
   4. NEWS RELEASE. Public invited to winter birding at Nature Center.

V. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

CITIZEN INFORMATION CENTER
   1. City of Lincoln street condition update, December 24, 2015, 11:15 a.m.
   2. City of Lincoln street condition update, December 24, 2015, 5:45 p.m.
   3. City of Lincoln street condition update, December 27, 2015, 2:30 p.m.
   4. City of Lincoln street condition update, December 28, 2015, 9:10 a.m.
   5. City of Lincoln Parking Ban Update, December 28, 2015, 12:50 p.m.
   6. City of Lincoln Parking Ban Update, December 28, 2015, 3:30 p.m.
   7. City of Lincoln street conditions update, December 28, 2015, 8:30 p.m.
   8. City of Lincoln street conditions update, December 29, 2015, 8:30 a.m.

VI. FINANCE TREASURER

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

VII. BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSION REPORTS
   1. Public Building Commission (PBC) - Camp, Raybould
   2. Keno Review Committee - Gaylor Baird
   3. Problem Resolution Team (PRT) - Lamm

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS
IX. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP
1. InterLinc Correspondence from W David Bowden regarding clarity and transparency in city contracts

X. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
1. Correspondence from Speedway regarding StarTran-Transit Development Plan-21st & N Street
2. Letter from Mike Davis, StarTran Manager, on New Heart Hospital & New West ‘A’ Service

XI. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS
See invitation list.

XII. ADJOURNMENT
Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule
Week of December 25, 2015 through Friday, January 1, 2016
Schedule subject to change

Friday, December 25
CITY OFFICES CLOSED – CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Thursday, December 31
• KFOR - 7:45 a.m.

Friday, January 1, 2016
CITY OFFICES CLOSED – NEW YEAR’S DAY HOLIDAY
PIONEERS PARK NATURE CENTER CLOSED JANUARY 1

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For more information about the Nature Center, visit parks.lincoln.ne.gov or call 402-441-7895.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: December 29, 2015
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jamie Kelley, Pioneers Park Nature Center, 402-441-8708

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PUBLIC INVITED TO WINTER BIRDING AT NATURE CENTER

The public is invited to enjoy winter birding at the Chet Ager Building at Pioneers Park Nature Center from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, December 30 and Thursday, December 31.

Participants can enjoy the warmth of the indoors while viewing the spectacular show of birds in the bird garden and along the pond. Binoculars and birding guides will be available. Staff and volunteers will be on hand to help identify birds and discuss sightings.

The program is free of charge, but a suggested donation of $3 per person is encouraged.

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Date: December 31, 2015
Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule
Week of Friday, January 1 through 8, 2016
Schedule subject to change

Friday, January 1, 2016

CITY OFFICES CLOSED – NEW YEAR’S DAY HOLIDAY
OFFICE OF TREASURER, CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

December 28, 2015

TO:      MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER & CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS
FROM:    FINANCE DEPARTMENT / CITY TREASURER
SUBJECT: MONTHLY CITY CASH REPORT

The records of this office show me to be charged with City cash as follows at the close of business November 30, 2015

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<td><strong>Cash Balance on November 30, 2015</strong></td>
<td><strong>$290,981,659.84</strong></td>
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I desire to report that such City cash was held by me as follows which I will deem satisfactory unless advised and further directed in the matter by you.

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The negative bank balances shown above do not represent the City as overdrawn in these bank accounts. In order to maximize interest earned on all City funds, deposits have been invested prior to the Departments' notification to the City Treasurer's office of these deposits; therefore, these deposits are not recorded in the City Treasurer's bank account balances at month end.

I also hold as City Treasurer, securities in the amount of $22,954,435.05 representing authorized investments of the City's funds.

**ATTEST:**

Teresa Meier, City Clerk
Melinda Jones, City Treasurer
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CITY OF LINCOLN
SNOW REMOVAL UPDATE

For more information:
Public Works Snow Center -- 402-441-7644
Citizen Information Center -- 402-441-7547

Date: Thursday, December 24, 2015
Time: 11:15 a.m.

City street maintenance operations have deployed 40 units to plow on snow emergency routes, major arterials, bus routes and school routes. Following plowing operations, street crews will apply deicer material on the main roads. The material spreading operation will continue into the late afternoon to help guard against refreezing.

Lincoln Police Department reports 30 accidents as of 11 a.m. today. The public is advised to use caution and drive carefully, and make sure to stay clear and allow the plow teams the room they need to conduct their operations.

StarTran reports that some buses are running as much as 10 to 20 minutes late.

Please stay informed on the status of snow operations in Lincoln. Additional information is available on the City website at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: snow). If you have questions, you may call the Public Works Snow Center at 402-441-7644.

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David Norris
Citizen Information Center
555 S. 10th St. - Suite 301
Lincoln, NE 68508
402-441-7547
City of Lincoln
Snow Removal Update

For more information:
Public Works Snow Center -- 402-441-7644
Citizen Information Center -- 402-441-7547

Date: Thursday, December 24, 2015
Time: 5:45pm.

City street maintenance operations worked all day to plow on snow emergency routes, major arterials, bus routes and school routes. Once plowing operations were complete, crews applied deicer material on the main roads, and have completed material spreading operation to help guard against refreezing. Six city crews will remain on the roads until 7pm to address some bus routes and secondary arterials. After 7pm, crews will be put on standby and will remain prepared to respond to emergency service requests throughout the evening and overnight.

Lincoln Police Department reports 54 accidents as of 5:30. today. The public is advised to use caution and drive carefully, and make sure to stay clear and allow the plow teams the room they need to conduct their operations.

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CITY OF LINCOLN SNOW EMERGENCY

For more information:

Public Works Snow Center -- 402-441-7644

Jamie Wenz, Citizen Information Center -- 402-326-7847

Date: Sunday, December 27, 2015

Time: 2:30 p.m.

The National Weather Service has issued a Winter Storm Watch for our area from late tonight through late Monday night. Significant snowfall and high winds are expected in the Lincoln area beginning in the early morning hours of Monday, December 28th. In anticipation of the snow event, the City of Lincoln has declared a snow emergency effective at 12:00am Monday, December 28th.

A snow emergency means parking is banned on both sides of emergency snow routes, bus routes and other major arterial streets. A map of these routes is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: snow).

Beginning at 8pm tonight, city crews will apply a pre-treatment of an anti-ice brine application to all emergency snow routes, major arterials, bus and school routes.

Upon completion of pre-treatment, material spreaders and plow teams are prepared to mobilize as the snow begins to accumulate.

The City reminds residents that is illegal to push or blow snow into or on any street, alley or sidewalk, and violators are subject to a fine. If you would like to volunteer to shovel snow for those who are unable to do so themselves, visit lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: snow angels) or call 402-441-7644 during regular business hours.

Please stay informed on the status of snow operations in Lincoln. Additional information is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: snow). If you have questions, you may call the Public Works Snow Center at 402-44-17644.

Jamie Wenz
5 City TV
555 S. 10th St, Suite 115
Lincoln, NE 68507
JWenz@lincoln.ne.gov
402-441-6688 (office)
402-326-7847 (cell)
CITY OF LINCOLN
PARKING BAN UPDATE

For more information:
Public Works Snow Center -- 402-441-7644
Citizen Information Center -- 402-441-7547

Date: Monday, December 28, 2015
Time: 9:10 a.m.

As a light snow falls in Lincoln, City street maintenance operations have deployed 20 material spreaders throughout the city, distributing pre-wetted granular salt with a focus on bridges, overpasses and key intersections. When snowfall reaches one inch in accumulation, plow teams will be deployed throughout the city.

The City is currently in a snow emergency. During a snow emergency, parking is banned on both sides of emergency snow routes, bus routes and other major arterial streets. A map of these routes is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: snow).

Beginning at 8 p.m. last night, City crews applied anti-ice brine to all major routes.

Motorists are advised to use caution when driving. StarTran reports that buses are running on time.

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CITY OF LINCOLN
PARKING BAN UPDATE

For more information:
Public Works Snow Center -- 402-441-7644
Citizen Information Center -- 402-441-7547

Date: Monday, December 28, 2015
Time: 12:50 p.m.

Twenty material spreaders remain deployed this afternoon in Lincoln, with all units spreading deicing material on all major routes in a full-scale material spreading operation. If snowfall continues to accumulate, City plow teams will be deployed throughout the City.

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402-441-7547
SNOW EMERGENCY PARKING BAN TO BE LIFTED AT 4 P.M.

Mayor Chris Beutler has announced that the snow emergency parking ban for Lincoln will be lifted at 4 p.m. Monday, December 28. Where allowed, parking will again be available on major streets and bus routes after this time.

Please stay informed on the status of snow operations in Lincoln. Additional information is available on the City website at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: snow). If you have questions, you may call the Public Works Snow Center at 402-441-7644.
STREET CONDITIONS UPDATE

The City Snow Emergency and parking ban ended at 4pm today, but 20 City crews remained on the streets and continued their material spreading operation through 8pm tonight.

At 8pm, four crews remain on the streets. They will be on hand to treat trouble spots and will continue City-wide material spreading throughout the night.

Lincoln Police Department reports 25 accidents since midnight, and motorists are encouraged to use caution as icy conditions and re-freezing may occur as temperatures will remain well below freezing overnight.

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STREET CONDITIONS UPDATE

Light snow began in Lincoln shortly after midnight today. Material spreaders were deployed and additional personnel were called to assist. City crews focused on bridges and key intersections. Deicer applied on Monday’s snow event remained on the streets and helped keep roads from getting slick.

Lincoln Police Department reports only 3 accidents since midnight, but motorists are encouraged to use caution as there are still some slick spots on the roads.

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Annexation by Ordinance
Southlake - S 98th St & Andermatt Dr
Effective: January 5, 2016
27.94 Acres
Annexation by Ordinance
HiMark- S 88th St & Pioneers Blvd
Effective: January 5, 2016
4.72 Acres
-----Original Message-----
From: WebForm [mailto:none@lincoln.ne.gov]
Sent: Thursday, December 24, 2015 8:07 PM
To: Jon Camp
Subject: InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
Jon Camp

Name:     W David Bowden
Address:  706 W Godfrey Dr
City:     Lincoln, NE, 68521
Phone:    
Fax:      
Email:    wdb@gmx.us

Comment or Question:
Mr. Camp,

A quick read of the City Charter would seem to confirm both the City Attorney's opinion as to the Mayor's powers in making contracts and your opinion that said City Attorney should have told you about this sooner. The City Attorney doesn't work at the pleasure of the Mayor nor for the Mayor but rather for City Government, the Council included. That is clear from Article IV, Sec 15.

It seems to me you could get close to what you want in terms of clarity and transparency in contracting by making use of Article II, Sec 4. (Code of Ethics). Establishing an ethical code to followed by all city government employees (including the Mayor) when entering into contracts on behalf of the city is clearly within the power of the City Council, including penalties for not following said code. True, it is unlikely to allow the Council to invalidate any contracts (contracting would still be in the Mayor's power), but it would allow and promote the public airing of all contracts. Also, I fail to see how anybody could or would go on record as being against a fair and well-written code.

Anyhow, this seems to me to be your only approach to get from where you are to where you want to be.

Cheers!

Bowden

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December 17, 2015

The Honorable Chris Beutler, Mayor
City of Lincoln
555 South 10th Street, Suite 301
Lincoln, NE 68508

RE: StarTran—Transit Development Plan - 21st & N Street (Telegraph District)

Dear Mayor Beutler:

Representatives from EADO, LLC (Nelnet and Speedway) have been meeting weekly with your respective staff members since August of this year. Recently, we learned that the current StarTran’s Normal Route (#43) and bus stops (S. 21st & L Street and S. 21st and K Street) within the Telegraph District are proposed to be eliminated.

As we have discussed with you, the new Telegraph District (over 10 blocks in size) is master planned as a multimodal development that will create hundreds of new residential dwellings, many large and small employers’ sites and new retail shops. As you know, Nelnet’s proposed reuse of the 401 S. 21st Street Windstream building alone will bring over 500 jobs to the Telegraph District. Continuing the transit bus route will reduce the employee parking impact on the district.

Keeping a transit route directly serving the southern portion of the Telegraph District is imperative to the development and to the success of the City. We appreciate if your Administration would reconsider keeping a transit route serving the Telegraph District at 21st and K/L Streets.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need anything further.

Sincerely,

Clay Smith | President
Speedway Motors Inc. | Speedway Properties | Museum of American Speed | Brick Development

cc: Mike Dunlap
Council Members

Enclosures
December 24, 2015

Mr. Richard L Schmeling  
4612 Van Dorn St  
Lincoln, NE  68506

Re: Your Letter Dated 12.19.15-New Heart Hospital & New West ‘A’ Service

Dear Mr. Schmeling,

We acknowledge receipt of your letter in which you present your ideas with regard to the new Heart Hospital and West ‘A’ route services. We will take your comments in consideration and pass them along to Nelson Nygaard.

Thank you for taking the time to let us know your perceptions and opinions for the StarTran Transit Development Plan.

The December StarTran Advisory Board meeting is cancelled due to the holidays. The next scheduled meeting is January 28, 2016, 8:00 a.m., at StarTran.

Sincerely,

*Mike Davis*

Mike Davis  
StarTran Transit Manager

cc: Jane Raybould  
Roy Christensen  
Cyndi Lamm  
Carl Eskridge
4612 Van Dorn Street  
Lincoln, NE 68506  
December 19, 2015

Mr. Mike Davis  
Transit Manager  
StarTran  
710 J Street  
Lincoln, NE 68508

Re: New Heart Hospital and New West A Service

Dear Mr. Davis:

I was pleased to hear of the revision of the new Sheridan Boulevard route to offer better service to Lincoln Southeast High School and solve a number of problems they had with the existing service and the new Sheridan Boulevard route as originally proposed. Principal Brent Toalson visited with me and was pleased with the concern you showed and your willingness to make changes.

Any major changes in the Preferred Alternative will have to be made by the City Council and will be dependent upon the funds they will be willing to allocate to StarTran in order to improve upon the Preferred Alternative currently recommended. However, before the City Council considers the matter on February 8, 2016, there are several minor tweaks that should be made.

Heart Hospital as restructured will run on South Street and will handle many of the former College View riders from 48th Street to 27th Street. Heart Hospital may also be used by some Normal Route riders.

Other than the usual problem of chronic underfunding for StarTran, I can not understand why Heart Hospital does not have 30 minute peak headway in the morning and evening - one of the few routes so structured in the Preferred Alternative. I ride both College View and the current Heart Hospital frequently and have gotten to know many of the riders. A lot of them are employed downtown and use the bus to and from work. A good friend rides College View every day from 33rd & South to Nelnet downtown. Others ride to the State Office Building.

My friend who works at Nelnet says that she will no longer be able to ride StarTran unless Heart Hospital has 30 minute frequency during morning and evening rush periods. She is currently working as a trainer for new employees at Nelnet and is locked into an 8 to 4:30 work schedule. Without the 30 minute frequency, she would have to take an earlier bus and
then waste about an hour not on the clock at Nelnet waiting to start at 8 a.m. She also faces a problem on the return home at the end of the workday because of the lack of 30 minute headway because she had pets that have been left alone and needs to get home to let them out. I think that many other riders on the new Heart Hospital will be similarly inconvenienced and it would be a shame to lose ridership by pinching pennies that should not be pinched. I can see a similar problem with the 60 minute headway on the new Veterans Hospital, Gaslight and West A not having morning and evening rush service may also be a problem. Work:Release Center people use these routes to an from their job sites and a number of them work at Kawasaki.

Another problem that requires minor tweaking involves the new West A going west on A Street from 9th rather than on E Street to 6th Street and then south to A Street. I understand the desire to run bus routes on arterial streets. There is a strong reason to avoid the curving residential streets on the current Vets Hospital east of the Vets Hospital and the current Arapahoe through Southwood, but the E Street/6th Street area is "old Lincoln" with the desirable square blocks. I used to have my law office at 9th & G and am well familiar with the traffic flow in that area. Maintaining the current E Street/6th Street routing would provide better service to Park Middle School and would not involve a substantial time penalty. The new West A routing west of 6th Street has a lot of "slop" in the schedule and can be kept on time easily even using the E Street/6th Street path.

A young single Afro-American mother tearfully spoke at the StarTran Advisory Board meeting how the proposed rerouting would force her to walk several additional blocks to catch the bus with her young children in tow. I know we can't tailor a bus system for an individual rider, but this tweak would be painless and would help this young mother cope with her difficult life. Please consider this tweak.

Very truly yours,

RICHARD L. SCHMELING
President, Citizens For Improved Transit

pc - Jane Raybould
Roy Christianan