I. MINUTES
   1. Directors’ Meeting minutes of May 16, 2016.

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

III. CITY CLERK

IV. MAYOR’ CORRESPONDENCE
   1. NEWS RELEASE. “Being Mortal” selected for One Bok - One Lincoln.
   2. NEWS RELEASE. Public invited to volunteer for shoreline cleanup.

V. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

FINANCE/TREASURER

HEALTH DEPARTMENT
   1. Tentative agenda for the June 14, 2016 Board of Health meeting no online.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
   1. Urban Design Committee meeting agenda for June 7, 2016.
   2. Administrative Amendment No. 16031 approved by the Planning Director on May 26, 2016.

VII. BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSION REPORTS
   1. Internal Liquor Commission (ILC) (05.23.16) - Christensen, Eskridge, Fellers
   2. Downtown Lincoln Association (DLA) (05.24.16) - Gaylor Baird, Eskridge
   3. West Haymarket Joint Public Agency (05.27.16) - Eskridge
   4. Problem Resolution Team (PRT) (05.26.16) - Lamm
   5. Corrections Facility Joint Public Agency (05.31.16) - Gaylor Baird

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

IX. COUNCIL MEMBERS

   JON CAMP
   1. Derek and Judy Andersen with concerns on the proposed route changes and schedules for StarTran Route 50.
   2. Jim Campbell stating to remember his experience with Animal Control when reviewing the budget.
   3. Jay Niebur writing in regard to the 84th and Pioneers pedestrian crossing.
X. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

XI. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS
See invitation list.

XII. ADJOURNMENT
Lincoln City Libraries (LCL) Director Pat Leach today announced that “Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End” by Atul Gawande has been selected as the featured novel for the 2016 One Book - One Lincoln community reading program. LCL has sponsored the annual program since 2002 to encourage reading and dialogue by creating a community wide reading and discussion experience.

Gawande, a practicing surgeon, addresses his profession's ultimate limitation, arguing that quality of life is the desired goal for patients and families. Full of eye-opening research and riveting storytelling, “Being Mortal” asserts that medicine can comfort and enhance our experience even to the end—providing not only a good life, but also a good end.

The book selection process began in February, when a 15-member selection team of community readers narrowed a list of 151 nominations to three finalists. The two runners-up are “The Fishermen” by Chigozie Obioma and “Bettyville” by George Hodgman.

The books are available at all Lincoln libraries in various formats, including print, audio and eBooks. Discussions and special events are being planned. Visit lincolnlibraries.org for more details.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:  June 2, 2016
FOR MORE INFORMATION:  Katie Kreuser, Volunteer Coordinator, 402-429-7411
                         Chris Myers, Operations Coordinator, 402-441-6051

PUBLIC INVITED TO VOLUNTEER FOR SHORELINE CLEANUP

The Parks and Recreation Department invites the public to participate in a shoreline cleanup along Oak Lake from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday, June 11. Volunteers should meet at the parking lot at Charleston Street and Sun Valley Boulevard. The event is the fifth in the VIP (Volunteer in Parks) Saturday series. Both current and new volunteers are welcome.

To register, send an email to ParksVolunteers@lincoln.ne.gov. New volunteers are asked to fill out a volunteer application form and bring it to the event 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.)

Volunteers are asked to bring gloves and wear sturdy shoes. Tools and materials will be provided. If weather affects the event, all registered volunteers will be notified.

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

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OFFICE OF TREASURER, CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

MAY 26, 2016

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 April 30, 2016

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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 $21,792,671.00 representing authorized investments of the City's funds.

ATTEST:

Melinda J. Jones, City Treasurer
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The tentative agenda for the June 14, 2016 Board of Health meeting is now available on the Health Department’s website – www.lincoln.ne.gov/health
URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE

The City of Lincoln Urban Design Committee will have a regularly scheduled public meeting on Tuesday, June 7, 2016, at 3:00 p.m. in Room 210 on the 2nd floor, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, to consider the following agenda. For more information, contact the Planning Department at (402) 441-7491.

AGENDA

1. Approval of UDC meeting record of April 5, 2016.

DISCUSS AND ADVISE
3. Sidewalk Café for Highnooners, 1414 O Street.

DISCUSSION
4. Staff Report & misc.: Update on past projects & up-coming reviews, etc.

Urban Design Committee’s agendas may be accessed on the Internet at http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/boards

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.
Memorandum

Date: June 1, 2016
To: City Clerk
From: Amy Huffman, Planning Dept.
Re: Administrative Approvals
cc: Mayor Chris Beutler
    Planning Commission
    Geri Rorabaugh, Planning Dept.

This is a list of the administrative approvals by the Planning Director from May 24, 2016 through May 30, 2016:

**Administrative Amendment No. 16031** to Special Permit #664C, Park Place CUP, approved by the Planning Director on May 26, 2016, to adjust the side yard setback along the north line of Lot 39 from 5' to 3', on property at 2916 Park Place Court, generally located at Normal Boulevard and Van Dorn Street.
Dear Mr. Camp,

We are Derek and Judy Andersen that live at 3405 Smith Street. We are troubled and very concerned about the proposed route and schedule changes for StarTran route 50 that we currently use. Judy has ridden the bus to teach at St. Mary's Elementary School (1434 K St.) for more than 25 years. She has conveniently boarded the bus each school day three blocks from our home near 37th & Smith before 7 a.m. and gets dropped off near the school in good time to begin the school day which starts at 8 a.m. daily.

With the proposed changes, there would be no place within a reasonable walking distance to catch the bus. The proposed schedule changes would not work with arrival to start the school day as a teacher needs (or arrival might have to happen even 90 minutes earlier than necessary just to be on time.) The proposed drop off location downtown would not be any where near St. Mary's School either as we understand the proposed changes. These are how we believe the proposed changes would impact us. Please update us if we are not accurate in our understanding.

In any case, we will be forced to buy another vehicle if these changes come to fruition because there would be no nearby place to catch the bus to work or get there on a reasonable schedule.

We are not the only one's that would be greatly inconvenienced by these changes, many along the current Route 50 would experience the same problems.

The Mayor and City wants to promote public transportation and a more "green" city. We will be forced to quit using public transportation and buy a second car which will put another vehicle on our congested streets and contribute to more carbon emissions. We make a concerted effort to manage our carbon footprint in our daily lives and are disappointed that the city would inconvenience an entire part of the city by taking away a convenient route to downtown.

Please take our concerns seriously before any action is decided. We would appreciate any update on the proposed route changes and schedules.

Sincerely,

Derek and Judy Andersen
Mr. Camp,
I live in the city limits and last Thurs. I had an obviously very ill raccoon that was not afraid of humans. It was drooling at the mouth and trying to get in our door. I called Animal Control and was informed that they no longer provide that service. They referred to Ne. Game and Parks which was closed.
My point is I hope you take this absent service into account when reviewing the budget.
Regards,
Jim Campbell
402-432-3400
Dear Honorable Council Member,

Today at lunchtime, I was walking my bicycle westbound in the southern crosswalk across 84th St at Pioneers. The same crosswalk that had a bicyclist legally run down, recently.

I waited for the Walk signal. Right-turning traffic did not yield to me as I approached the spot where the bicyclist was run down.

Would it be possible to increase enforcement of crosswalk rules?

I believe an officer would run out of ticket books by observing a volunteer pedestrian civilian or a plain-clothes partner using the crosswalks.

Sincerely,

Jay Niebur
Jay.Niebur@nreca.coop
(402) 483-9345
I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR CORRESPONDENCE
1. NEWS RELEASE. Public invited to “Connect the Hood”.
2. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler’s public schedule for the week of June 4, 2016 through June 10, 2016.
3. NEWS RELEASE. City adds hours, encourages recycling to reduce lines at landfill.

III. DIRECTORS

PARKS AND RECREATION
1. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will not meet in June.

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES/STAR TRAN
1. Michael Davis, StarTran Manager, replying to Todd Cuddy on TDP routing, explaining the campus connections.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP
1. Memo to Chad Blahak, Building and Safety Director, on constituent concern regarding junk cars near his business not being removed.
2. Article on Omaha budget, “City finalizes figures, counts surplus for 3rd year in a row”.

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
1. JoAnn Murphy commenting on the City Budget questionnaire.
2. Beck Stewart asking that her dismissed claim from a known pothole be reconsidered and paid.
   a) Photo of the pothole.
3. Deloris Hornung writing regarding an accident with a Lincoln Fire Department fire truck and denial of her claim.
   b) Assistant City Attorney, Elizabeth Elliott, denying the subrogation claim of State Farm Insurance.
4. InterLinc correspondence from Chris Hodges regarding motorcycles racing on 84th Street from A to O Streets.

VI. ADJOURNMENT
PUBLIC INVITED TO “CONNECT THE HOOD”

Combating and discouraging gang activity and participation by Lincoln’s youth is the focus of the free “Connect the Hood” event from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 5 at the “F” Street Recreation Center, 1225 “F” St. The event is sponsored by Operation Tipping Point, a collaboration of more than 20 community groups. “Connect the Hood” will showcase community organizations that provide resources to families during the summer. The event also includes food, fun activities for children, prizes and Police and Fire displays.

Operation Tipping Point provides youth ages 11 through 15 with alternatives to gang involvement through mentoring and positive, productive activities. One of the organizations involved in the Lincoln Police Department (LPD), which employs a full-time gang outreach specialist funded through a grant from the Lincoln-Lancaster County Human Services Office. Other partners include The Bay, Boys & Girls Clubs of Lincoln-Lancaster County, Lincoln Public Schools, CEDARS Youth Services and YMCA of Lincoln.

More information on “Connect the Hood” and other LPD community events is available at police.lincoln.ne.gov (click on “community events” from list on the left).

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Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule
Week of June 4 through June 10, 2016
(Schedule subject to change)

Thursday, June 9
• Meet with Girls State Mayors - 4 p.m., Mayor’s Conference Room, County-City Building, 555 South 10th St.

Friday, June 10
• Welcome Reception for Margaret Berry, Cornhusker Artist in Residence, remarks – 4:30 p.m., Cornhusker Marriott, 333 S. 13th St.
CITY ADDS HOURS, ENCOURAGES RECYCLING TO REDUCE LINES AT LANDFILL.

Public Works and Utilities officials say recent storm damage is contributing to long lines at the Bluff Road Landfill, 6001 Bluff Road. Closing hours today are being extended to 5 p.m. Saturday hours are 6:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. (instead of 3 p.m.), and Sunday hours are 6:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. (instead of noon).

“The extended hours this weekend will help us to accommodate the increase in material arriving at the landfill,” said Assistant Director of Public Works and Utilities Donna Garden. “We hope this will help to reduce wait times, but other factors limit the capacity of our landfill operations, so we ask for the public’s patience.”

Karla Welding, Superintendent of Solid Waste Operations, said the growth of the City has already put pressure on the landfill to purchase an additional scale and larger heavy equipment. “We will continue to do our best to accommodate the spike from the storms, but long-term we will need additional strategies and resources to deal with the growth in solid waste,” she said.

Officials pointed out that many construction materials are readily recyclable. “Most of our local contractors already understand the value of recycling those materials,” Garden said. “It helps the business’s bottom line while helping to control long-term costs and extend the life of the landfill.”

Contractors are also being encouraged to recycle building materials at these locations:
- Asphalt shingles can be recycled at Cather and Sons, 6400 N. 70th St. Roofing felt and nails are acceptable in these loads, but other materials are not.
- Metal can be recycled at several locations, including Alter Metal Recycling, 6100 N. 70th.
- Wood waste can be recycled at Hofeling Enterprises, 2200 S. Folsom Court.

More information is available at recycle.lincoln.ne.gov.

The City reminds property owners to be sure they are dealing with reputable and insured contractors when repairing their homes. Ask to see insurance certificates, check references and make use of online resources like the Better Business Bureau.

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Please be informed that there will not be a meeting this month for the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, July 14, 2016, at 4:00 p.m.

Have a great weekend!

Angela Chesnut  
Executive Secretary to the Director  
Lincoln Parks & Recreation  
2740 A Street  
Lincoln, NE 68502  
(402) 441-8264  
achesnut@lincoln.ne.gov
Todd,

Under the TDP routing, different routes will come into the downtown every 15 minutes. Buses will “pulse” at Gold’s meaning buses will come in at the same time and leave at the same time. Depending on which direction you are coming from, you may stop at Gold’s first or you may stop at UNL first. Most of the routes are interlined meaning you may be able to stay on the bus to travel on to your destination (Interlines are discussed on page 8-41 of the TDP report). If you transfer buses, you can stay on the bus you arrived on until the bus you are transferring to arrives. Transfer time is expected to be five minutes or less. This routing is very efficient, eliminates the difficult transfers riders experience today and provides many options of where to travel to on campus.

Campus connections by route:

Buses coming from the South
- Route 13 is interlined with the route 27. (For example if you stay on the bus you arrive at 12th and R.)
- Route 56 you will need to transfer at Gold’s to the 41, 27, 49 or 42.
- Route 40 is interlined with routes 42 and 49.
- Route 54 you will need to transfer at Gold’s to the 41, 27, 49 or 42.
- Route 53 is interlined with 41 Havelock.

Buses coming from the North will travel directly to UNL

Route 44 O Street - Coming from the East, this bus will travel directly to UNL

Buses coming from the West
- Route 51 is interlined with route 52.
- Route 46 you would transfer at Gold’s to the 41, 27, 49 or 42.

I hope this is helpful. Let me know if you have additional questions.

Thanks,

Mike Davis
Transit Manager
Dear Star Tran and Lincoln City Council,

I’m very disappointed that most of the revised Star Tran routes are bypassing UNL (Univ. of Nebraska) and are only loading and unloading at the Gold’s Building downtown. This will not encourage the 31,000 plus students, faculty, and staff to start using public transportation; and it even discourages those of us who use it now. Disappointed.

Sincerely,

Todd Cuddy
Chad

John Zapata (402-730-0866) called concerning junk cars that are not removed near his business at 19th & Yolande. Mr. Zapata has visited with Mel Goddard in the past. Would you please give attention to this matter and explain how this can be remedied. The area has several businesses trying to clean the area such as Geist Manufacturing, so this continues to be an eyesore.

Please respond to Mr. Zapata and copy me or keep me informed.

Jon

JON A. CAMP
Lincoln City Council
200 Haymarket Square
808 P Street
P.O. Box 82307
Lincoln, NE  68501-2307

Office:    402.474.1838/402.474.1812
Fax:       402.474.1838
Cell:      402.560.1001

Email:      joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com
City finalizes figures, counts surplus for 3rd year in a row

BY ROSEANN MORING
WORLD-HERALD STAFF WRITER | Posted: Friday, June 3, 2016 6:25 am

Mayor Jean Stothert wants to beef up hiring in two areas next year: police officers and the Public Works employees who repair streets and remove snow.

The mayor also hopes to increase the street resurfacing budget, she said in a press release Thursday.

Meanwhile, the city ended 2015 with a $10.8 million surplus, money that will roll over into the 2017 budget.

The city finalized its 2015 year-end figures Thursday, and Finance Director Steve Curtiss sent a letter to city officials detailing the numbers.

Stothert said she wants to use $500,000 of the surplus to increase the city's two reserve funds in 2017.

Curtiss said that at the end of 2016, the cash reserve fund is projected to hold $7.4 million and the contingency reserve fund is projected to hold $4.6 million. He said he'd like to see those two funds eventually total $20 million; he noted that Stothert has steadily increased the funds.

Stothert also wants to spend $1.65 million of the surplus on a new payroll system and human resources software.

That leaves about $8.6 million of the surplus to go into the city's general fund.

The City Council will be asked to vote on those money movements as early as this month, Curtiss said.

He said the 2017 budget proposal hasn't been finalized, including how much additional funding could be allocated for new city employees and street resurfacing. Stothert is scheduled to present her budget proposal to the council July 19.

The city recorded surpluses during Stothert's first two years in office as well. The surplus in 2014 was $13.8 million and in 2013 was $11.8 million.

The 2015 surplus resulted in part from some revenue sources coming in higher than expected: Sales tax revenue arrived $4.2 million above budget, for instance, and motor vehicle tax revenue came in $1.4 million above budget.

In addition, the Fire Department spent close to $1 million less than budgeted — the first time in "many years" that the department has come in so far under budget, Stothert said.
The city also spent $5.5 million less than expected on a category called retiree benefits and other accounts, according to the press release.

The restaurant tax generated $29.5 million, a little more than expected.

The Parks Department spent about $1.1 million more than expected in general fund money partly because of unexpected repair and maintenance expenses at city pools, including emergency repairs at Elmwood Pool, according to the press release.

And telephone occupation taxes came in nearly $2 million less than budgeted, which Stothert attributed to decreased landline use.

Property tax revenue came in slightly under budget. Stothert attributed that to valuation protests by homeowners.

Stothert won a 2 percent cut in the city's property tax rate in the 2015 budget.

Meanwhile, this year's property tax revenue could rise if the Nebraska Tax Equalization and Review Commission succeeds in its push to adjust valuations on about 100,000 residences in Omaha.

Contact the writer: 402-444-1084, roseann.moring@owh.com
I believe that the budget questionnaire published by the mayor is certainly lacking in options. It appears to be designed to lead responders in pre-determined directions. There was nothing in that survey that allowed voters to say NO to any more art or beautification projects, alley art, or exquisite bike trails. It seems to me that money should be spent where it reaches the most people and does the most good. There has been so much emphasis in the downtown, haymarket area while other parts of the city are in great need ... like where I live in northeast Lincoln. Visitors to Lincoln do not move here in droves. Yet we, as citizens are spending city dollars to impress them. If visitors were to see some of our street conditions, empty commercial buildings, etc, they might not be impressed. Art and wonderful downtown areas do not pay the bills of the city. So much emphasis has been made of bike paths downtown, that it seems as though the handicapped who cannot walk long distances or ride bikes, or those with little children have not been considered. Hopefully, some of you an come up with better plans.

I emailed Tom Casady to suggest that all bikers and motorcyclists be required to wear bright yellow, orange, or green shirts so that they can be easily seen. I've not heard back from him. Surely public service announcements could be made, a video showing the difference bright colors make for the automobile drivers. Especially at night, those in dark clothing come so very close to getting hit, time and time again. That clothing would help during daylight, too. We’ve had some really bad accidents because folks didn’t see the rider.

Have a great week, JoAnn Murphy
Dear Council Members,

I received a letter back from the City saying they would recommend that this not be paid. I would love to come “plea” my case on Monday, but I will be with my Step Mom in Omaha during a 7 hour surgery. My “side” of this is if you look at the larger picture of this pot hole, it IS a KNOWN hole because it has been patched countless times. It is a heavily traveled road being on 27th Street just south of Old Cheney. It is impossible to believe that no police, fireman or any kind of city worker had not been on that road and reported it. A 7” deep hole did not happen overnight and it was a known problem since it had been patched countless times before.

I would appreciate your consideration in this matter.

If I can be there a different day/time, I would also welcome that.

Sincerely

Becky

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From: Keith T McGinnis [mailto:keith.t.mcginnis.i22k@statefarm.com]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 3:47 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Accident with Lincoln Fire Dept Fire Truck

My name is Deloris Hornung and on 1-28-2016 I was involved in an accident in which a Lincoln Fire Department fire truck backed into my vehicle while I was stopped. And the City is denying my claim?

Attached you will find a copy of the accident report written by the officer at the scene of the accident. As you will see in the accident report, the fire truck went around two vehicles which had apparently been involved in an accident as their vehicles were stopped and passengers of those vehicles were sitting on the curb. I was behind the fire truck and I too went around the two stopped vehicles. The fire truck then stopped which in-turn I stopped too, assuming the fire truck had stopped due to traffic. The fire truck then started backing up and backed into my vehicle, again which was stopped.

The driver of the fire truck commented that he would likely get in trouble for backing up a fire truck which he said was a no-no. The other firefighter’s came to my aid as well, making sure I was okay.

After the fire truck had stopped, the emergency lights went on and then it started to back up.

The reason I am writing is because my insurance company, State Farm paid for the repairs to my vehicle under my collision coverage, and I had to pay my $500 deductible. State Farm then told me they would subrogate against the responsible party and if successful they would recover and return to me my $500 deductible.

I then receive a letter (also attached) from Elizabeth D. Elliott, Assistant City Attorney that there is not sufficient evidence to support the conclusion that the City’s driver was negligent to a degree greater than mine.

Are these not the facts?:
My vehicle was stopped in traffic
The driver of the fire truck also stopped, then proceeded to back up, backing into my vehicle.
The driver of the fire truck admitted he backed up and also admitted that he should not have done so.
What is the rule within the fire department regarding a fire truck backing up on a city street?

So I would ask, in what way was I negligent, in any way?

And is it not true that the driver of the fire truck was in-fact negligent for backing up the fire truck?

I would ask that the Lincoln City Council do the right thing by seeing that the City accept responsibility for the damages caused to my vehicle that day.

Sincerely,
Deloris Hornung
2210 N 58th St, Lincoln NE  68505-1121

PS – This email is being sent via my State Farm Agent’s office as I do not have email.
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**DR Form 40, Jan 09**

*NOTE:* This form replaces DR Form 40, Jan 02.
**THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL ACCIDENTS**

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**DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT BASED ON OFFICER'S INVESTIGATION**

D1 stated he was traveling SB on S 40th, when he observed an accident just north of S 40th and Sheridan, B6-007774. D1 stated he pulled around the vehicles and had activated his overhead lights for the crew to assist. D1 stated he came to a stop, then he began to reverse V1, but V2 right behind him and he was not able to see it. D1 stated he was not able to stop before striking V2. D2 stated she was following behind V1, when V1 stopped just south of the accident. D2 stated she came to a stop and assumed it was due to traffic. D2 stated V1 began reversing and she was not able to move out of the way. No citations were issued.

**VEHICLE MOVEMENT BEFORE COLLISION**

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- **VEHICLE 2**: S 40TH ST

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**AIRBAG DEPLOYED**

- **VEHICLE 1**: Deployed - front
- **VEHICLE 2**: Deployed - front

**RESTRAINT USE**

- **VEHICLE 1**: Lap belt only used
- **VEHICLE 2**: Lap & shoulder belt used

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**ALCOHOL TESTING**

- Driver No. 1: Tested
- Driver No. 2: Not tested

**BAC LEVEL**

- Driver No. 1: N
- Driver No. 2: X

**ALCOHOL/DRUGS SUSPECTED**

- Driver No. 1: Yes - alcohol suspected
- Driver No. 2: Yes - alcohol & drugs suspected

**OFFICER NO.**: 1677

**DATE OF REPORT**: 01/28/2016

**APPROVED BY**: Officer Kurt Scovill
May 17, 2016

Donna Sisneros
State Farm Insurance
P.O. Box 106172
Atlanta, GA 30348-6172

RE: Subrogation Claim Against the City of Lincoln, NE
Your Claim No.: 27-7X33-102
Your Insured: Deloris Hornung

Dear Ms. Sisneros:

This letter is in response to above-referenced claim received in this office on May 9, 2016, regarding an accident that occurred on January 28, 2016, involving your insured’s vehicle and a City of Lincoln vehicle.

I have had an opportunity to evaluate this claim. The State of Nebraska is a comparative negligence state, which means that the appropriate measure of damages is determined by evaluating the actions of each of the involved parties and comparing the degree of negligence that should be assessed to each of the parties. After evaluating the police report completed by the Lincoln Police Department and the statement of the City’s driver, I cannot recommend that the City assume liability for this accident. It appears that there is not sufficient evidence to support the conclusion that the City’s driver was negligent to a degree greater than your insured. Therefore, I am referring this matter to the Lincoln City Council with a recommendation that the claim be denied.

The Lincoln City Council will consider this claim at its regularly scheduled meeting on June 6, 2016, at 3:00 p.m. You may contact the Lincoln City Council in writing prior to that date by email at council@lincoln.ne.gov.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth D. Elliott
Assistant City Attorney

EDE/skb
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for General Council

Name: Chris Hodges
Address: 911 Lamplighter Ln.
City: Lincoln

Phone: 4024834072
Fax:
Email: purplebird7@yahoo.com

Comment or Question:
Every summer, guys race motorcycles down 84th Street from A to O, down that big hill, and along O Street from 70th to 84th. The noise is terrible. It starts around 10:30 or 11:00 and goes on past midnight or 2 a.m. It's not constant, but it repeats frequently. Just when you think it's over, someone else starts up.

The police say they can do nothing. They will not stake out the area because 1. They cannot catch them while they are speeding and 2. The racers warn each other and move to a different area. No one does anything, so it keeps going on every year.

Can we require mufflers or silencers on motorcycles? Cars have to have them. It is unfair that motorcycles can be loud. Imagine if all the cars sounded like that. If the police won't do anything, can the city council help us?
Present: Leirion Gaylor Baird, Chair; Roy Christensen, Vice Chair; Jane Raybould; Jon Camp; Carl Eskridge; Trent Fellers; and Cyndi Lamm

Others Present: Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff; Teresa Meier, City Clerk; Lynn Johnson, Parks & Rec. Director; Rick Peo, Chief Assistant City Attorney; Thomas Shafer, Public Works & Utilities Design/Construction Manager; Jeff Kirkpatrick, City Attorney; and Miki Esposito, Public Works & Utilities Director

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

I. MINUTES
1. Directors’ Meeting minutes of May 16, 2016.

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA
Chair Gaylor Baird stated two adjustments to the agenda. One, is a discussion of budget hearings being scheduled for the Council, and two is a budget discussion request from Jon Camp.

Any other agenda adjustments? Gaylor Baird commented will put the adjustments under Miscellaneous.

III. CITY CLERK
Meier, in review of the formal agenda, stated on the consent agenda, Item 2 is a request of Public Works to set up a hearing date. Will need someone to make a motion.

Eskridge stated at first thought Backswing had a duplicate listed. Meier replied they have two, a Class CK and a Class L. Eskridge asked if there needed to be two managerial listings? Meier replied yes, a State regulation.

Under Liquor Resolutions will call Items 24 through 27 together. Will call Items 28/29 together. If they come it’s fine. Either way Officer Shafer will come forward and deny #28 and 29. Items 30/31 will be called together, 33/34 together. On Item 38 the applicant requested we delay the public hearing until next week, as they’re unable to attend today.

Meier noted under Public Hearing-Ordinances 2nd Reading will call Items 44/45 together. And Items 46/47.

IV. MAYOR’ CORRESPONDENCE
1. NEWS RELEASE. “Being Mortal” selected for One Bok - One Lincoln.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Public invited to volunteer for shoreline cleanup.

Thomas Shafer - Public Works & Utilities Design/Construction
Shafer stated an update. Met on the 31st, Tuesday after Memorial Day, with UNL personnel and University staff on the need for a pedestrian facility, or sidewalk, on the west side of 48th Street along East Campus. Talked through to where the Long Reach Transportation Plan had identified either a trail, or a facility there, especially along Deadman’s Run. City staff recommendation would be a trail at the north end from the bridge up to Leighton, and some sort of sidewalk on the south.

Shafer said they measured a lot of the spacing between the sidewalk and trail, and between the fence and
where the existing right of way was. One option the University would be interested in is constructing a 7 foot sidewalk, to the south, relocating their fence, allowing the facility to be on University property and clearing and taking care of it, if the City would be interested in funding the trail portion from the bridge to the north. Need to work out some utility relocation and the fence, but think we’re on our way towards some cautionary agreement to bring to Council.

Would leave in Council’s hands on what to do with that particular item. We’re not ready to bring forward and if we had that in a local agreement there wouldn’t be a need to have this particular item on your agenda anymore. Don’t know if you want to move to pending, date certain, or uncertain. Remove entirely until we can come forward or if you have other wishes. That’s the status of where it is today.

Gaylor Baird stated, seems like it’s worth pursuing this if you can come to an arrangement. But also seems worth having this option of comparing cost before making a final decision. Would suggest we don’t necessarily make it an option until we know the cost to the City to do cost sharing.

Raybould asked what are the costs? The University has agreed to construct a 7 foot trail south of the bridge, along that road. Shafer commented he hasn’t said the University agreed. Just as he could not say what the Council might do, the same with the person from the University could not say what others would say. But that was the proposal they were willing to take and try to get approval. The 7 foot sidewalk to the south.

Christensen questioned if it’s City law. Do we, as a City Council, have the authority to tell UNL to build a sidewalk like we have the authority with any property owner? Kirkpatrick replied, yes. Christensen’s second question, are we treating the University differently than we treat other City property owners, in the past? Shafer said he doesn’t believe so, as we’ve always worked with property owners to find the best solution. If you recall, some challenges of the location are the trees, street lights, lack of right of way, and with the facility right up against the back of curb in some locations. Which means, as you may recall, in the winter plowing onto the sidewalk, pushing back in the street, back on the sidewalk. So, we look for the overall best for the community. Don’t think we’re treating them any differently than we would any other property owner to try and find the best place for the facility. Christensen asked, if it came down to it and we decided we wanted a sidewalk there, could we just tell them to do? According to City law? Yes.

Camp added, you said going onto University property, or is that right of way? Shafer answered they would relocate their fence. Now their fence is west of their property line. University property is between the fence and the curb, we don’t have a wide area there. You can tell them you can have a sidewalk but don’t believe you could tell them you’re putting on their property.

Lamm stated we’re being asked to do. Pending before us is telling the University to build the sidewalk. If the University doesn’t build the sidewalk and it comes back to us, the City is actually going to build for them, correct? Yes. Lamm added, if we vote, and vote to do then it kind of improves our leverage, doesn’t it?

Shafer replied or they could stop working with us because you’ve told them they have to do something. Their law of counsel may have a different opinion than ours.

Esposito stated she thinks Shafer was asking Council to decide today whether to place this item on pending with a definite date, or pending indefinite. What you think is the right thing to do so we can go back and negotiate with UNL.

Gaylor Baird asked what kind of time frame do you think is appropriate for a decision, the University
information we need to make a decision? Esposito thought keeping a date. We talked a little on keeping some pressure on with a certain date. Shafer added, we had the holiday and the University is now out, with folks taking vacations. Normally would say a month, but this is more like 6 weeks. Camp stated, August 1st.

Lamm asked, if we told the University to build the sidewalk adjacent to their property, would they have to move their fence in order to do? At this point is the fence in the right of way? Shafer replied, no, the fence is on their property. It’s curb, property, then fence. They have property outside of the fence. When you look at it don’t assume everything between the curb all the way to the fence is ours to work with. We go to the property line, with a lot of trees, street light poles, and a lot of signs which will be in conflict.

Camp thought it reasonable to do a 6 week forward. Gaylor Baird asked what date? Is August 1st the date of our meeting? Meier said she would look and have a correct date.

**Lynn Johnson- Parks & Recreation Director**

Johnson stated, a little background. The Ridge subdivision was approved in 1989. At that time the requirement was for street trees to be planted on private property. The City Council granted the developer authority to plant the trees between the curb and sidewalk. There was a requirement associated that the developer and/or future homeowners association to be responsible for maintaining the trees. We’ve identified this and haven’t had City staff do the work. A second, or conflicting, challenge is that there was an approved street tree plan for the subdivision approved by the City Forester. The developer, perhaps for marketing, planted about twice the trees we normally plant. So, not easy if we considered the City taking over the responsibility of caring for the trees. This is a situation with significantly more trees than normally planted in a residential subdivision, and tighter than normal. As they grow, mature, requires more maintenance over time.

Johnson added they had conversations with the Homeowners Association. Heard, how come we see City crews in the area? There’s a boundary at the Ridge subdivision and appears around it, so some streets that extend through the Ridge, and on either end, are areas where the City is responsible for tree maintenance. Think residents are seeing Parks crews working in the neighborhood, but they have to be working on a street portion outside of the original registered development.

We’re working through with planning doing some evaluation to see if this is the only subdivision with this requirement. Trying to see how large this challenge might be. If we went down the path of the City accepting some, or all, of tree responsibility, want to make sure we aren’t setting a precedent we’re not aware of.

Johnson noted, we’ve wanted to abide a potential solution because of the added number of trees. Maybe it’s a cost share issue with the neighborhood, one approach. The trees are trimmed contractually and maybe the City pays a portion and the Homeowners Association pays a portion. But that’s very preliminary.

He knows Council has been contacted, and wanted to let you know we are doing evaluation, working with planning and at other subdivisions to try and understand if we have similar situations elsewhere.

Peo stated it’s gets a little more confusing and complicated. When the Ridge addition was being thought of we had a preliminary plat, a plan for the entire area and scope. At that point street trees were to be on private property. When we filed the first portion of the grid, a small subdivision, had one corner, and in that particular corner we said yes. We gave the developer the right to move the street trees from private property to public right of way provided he would create a program to maintain those on a permanent basis. The other option was if there was a Homeowners Association could properly transfer the responsibility to them to assume the maintenance responsibility.

Peo noted in looking at the documents going forward the Ridge has 30 some additions now, and can only find
2 to 3 in which we said anything about the developer being responsible to maintain street trees. Think partly because the law changed, and street trees went to the public right of way. And we had a street tree plan in the preliminary plat days that people would look back on and say, that’s the trees you installed without saying anything. More intense than what we do today. We need something in writing saying, if you want to continue to do this you will have to assume the responsibility.

Don’t know if we actually crossed our T’s and dotted our I’s very well as there’s still a lot of ambiguity as to who is responsible. Is it the developer, or has it been transferred to a Homeowners Association? As that’s what you do through protective covenants you put on your properties. Looking at the original addition of the Ridge they identified one street for street trees and called it Ridge Boulevard, which now is Ridge Drive. But we didn’t talk about Ridge Road which went through part of the subdivision then. Later with a 13th addition, additional streets were platted, and think there was an idea the developer be responsible for the street trees. But again, we didn’t identify specifically what street trees. The covenants I’ve seen only identified one road, Ridge Drive. So, not sure where we’re at totally. We do have an ordinance in our books, a Parks and Rec with the City, saying it will be responsible for street trees on street right of way. Kind of conflicting with ourselves except it was a contractual relationship we were trying to establish. If you want more than we do, you do it at your cost. Becoming a lot more complicated then we thought it would for a conclusion on this side.

Raybould asked if the trees were originally planted on property considered private? Peo thought on the first plat they came in and moved the trees to public right of way. Raybould asked, do we know if a Homeowners Association properly informed and assigned that responsibility? Peo said, a Homeowners Association was created, The Ridge Homeowners Association, and they were given the responsibility to maintain what they called the Ridge commons, defined as Ridge boulevard plus an easement area which belonged to the school system. There’s no map or description of what Ridge Boulevard was. Looking at the final plat Ridge Boulevard is now called Ridge Drive. It was Laredo Drive, changed to Ridge Boulevard, and we gave the developer permission to change. He didn’t do it with a plat, we came to the City Council and amended the name. Clearly we’re talking about Ridge Drive, the entryway into Ridge subdivision at that point. Again, 30 some subdivisions later, all of the streets have been platted and the street trees are more intense for the most part than what we would have intended.

Raybould asked if no one has maintained the trees, not even the Homeowners Association? Johnson replied they have somebody doing work as the trees are in reasonably good condition. I think we’ll struggle at some point as a significant number are Ash Trees. We’ll deal with that at some point as well.

Peo added two or three years ago we had to contact the Homeowners Association at that time and tell them they were responsible, didn’t think it was the City, at least for the trees in question.

Gaylor Baird commented as you’re resolving this particular location’s situation, you’re looking elsewhere in the City. If you could come up with what you think is a solution to prevent this from happening in other places that would be desirable. Peo thought at the time with the ordinance meant to put the trees back in the street right of way. It was because people thought it was a City tree and the City should be responsible. Should be on City property. That happened and why we’ve had a long standing ordinance, Chapter 12, on the City maintaining their City street trees. What gets complicated is when developers want to do more than what we would for standard improvements, how do you work that out? So we sometimes contractually say, we’ll bargain to allow more but you need to help pay for it or be responsible for it. Maybe a better solution would be for them to have escrow money for the City to utilize rather than coming back to the Homeowners Association or developer.

Gaylor Baird commented if you could provide recommendations. Let us know, looking at the big picture, not just this area. Camp asked if anyone responded to the gentleman who contacted us? Johnson replied he’s been
working with his wife. Camp requested to let them know it’s being looked at. Are there other areas in the City which we might be facing down the road? Peo answered probably not big areas. But a lot of times people have an entryway and they want to possibly have an island. We say you maintain rather than the City, so there might be quite a few of those, and easier to maintain than street trees.

**Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff: Budget**

Hoppe stated last week there obviously was conversation probably on budget and want to clarify a couple of items so we all have a similar set of rules. First, on the numbers think it’s important to hear our perspective on a couple of items. There was a lot of confusion on what we think is about a 3.5 million dollar deficit in the General Fund. It does not include any new services. The 3.5 million is what we’re short in providing the same level of service in 2016-17 as we did in 2015-16 plus the additional amount we will need to fund the police fire pension. Last week, because of news and reporters, things going back and forth, think a couple of places reported as if the deficit included new spending items, it does not.

Secondly, on the numbers side think it’s important to Council if you start deliberating, think what the 3.5 million represents in the entire budget. It isn’t 3.5 million of 170 million. It’s 3.5 million of a much lower figure. Holding public safety harmless which is more than half the General Fund budget, and take out fixed costs, like payments on bond and debt. If you did this the amount more like 50 to 60 million, and could argue probably a little lower because in that 50 to 60 million number are a lot of core services which I cannot image any of us would be willing to cut. Think it’s important to realize what that amount is.

Hoppe continued, of the 50 or 60 million, or potentially less, there aren’t that many departments I would call large General Fund appropriations besides Parks, Health, StarTran, Libraries, and to a lesser degree, Aging. We’ve been talking about some of these programs because if we find Public Safety at the highest level, which I’ve heard Council and the community do, then those are the places we really do need a conversation about how they’re funded.

Secondly, heard that Council Members would like to be a little more involved in the Mayor’s budget, released on July 12th. Want to point out a couple of items. Number 1, we have been listening. Met together in January and March and there’s been phone calls, back and forth, with various Council Members. We’re diligently trying to fund several of the priorities we heard you say were important. For instance, we are looking for money for additional police officers, money for StarTran transit development plan additions. Looking to try and find another million dollars for the pension so we can follow through with the Pension Committee recommendations. Those things we believe we should be able to get in. Looks good now and we’re hopeful as we program the Mayor’s budget we can include.

Hoppe noted the other part which became clear is Council Members feel like they want more information. Certainly something we can talk about on how it happens. If you want to hear about new spending in the Mayor’s budget we’d be happy to identify for Council during Council hearings so you know what’s been added, and what it previously existed. Furthermore, had a conversation with Lamm and she asked about the current program cuts we asked of the Directors as we put together the budget. As pointed out our current budget book set up and the practice we use did not typically move this information pass. However, if Council wants to hear what programs did Directors talk to you about as places where we could potentially take reductions, great, happy to do. Again, we would be pleased to do this during budget hearings if Council wishes. But a little difficult to do until the budget is actually completed. We’re still in the process. We’re happy to do more on the information side. More challenge however is the process side.

Hoppe stated important to consider. The process governed by the Charter, City Ordinances, and is an established process where Mayors, over the last 30 years, have released the Mayor’s budget in early July. The calendar is built backwards from that date, so can’t do a lot of things too early before that piece is done. There wouldn’t even be a very good way to give you all the updated numbers at this point because the budget pages
aren’t laid out yet. Not all decisions are done and numbers change quickly as we review and possibly find different funding sources, or chose to make a lower priority. Decisions are still being made.

If Council wants more budget information early in June do have suggestions. We could get together and talk about revenue track. If you want to hear about some of challenges driving potential new spending certainly can talk about Emerald Ash or about the South Beltway, Parks maintenance. But we’re not ready to talk about specific proposals yet because as said earlier, the Mayor’s budget isn’t done and we need time to get it released by July 11th. Only ask you to factor in, as you make your requests on what you want to hear this month, before July 11th, that we consider our budget office has a staff of 3. They’re working nights to try and get the Mayor’s budget done. Keep in mind although a lot of decisions have been made those decisions are always in flux, numbers change as they plug them into the program, and has a ripple effect across the budget which requires our almost constant attention over this period of time.

Hoppe stated he was thinking of a couple of things we could do in addition to the June piece. One, just looking at the current 2015-16 budget is a great primer for the next biennial. In about 99% the budget doesn’t really change. Usually it’s the 1% or 2% on the edges that we debate. Took time today, went on line and printed a list of the Mayor’s office budget program prioritization. All 211 or 212 programs the City has is listed in priority order, from highest to lowest. Some background information on the objective and lists approximate cost. Those things are really helpful if you were to come and say, if I was looking for some money I’d look in X program, and that allows us to take a look at how it’s structured. Are there some things we could be doing differently? Services that could be changed in some way?

Would also emphasize if you want further dialogue or have questions please pick up the phone and call. We will be happy to try to educate as best we can and try to meet your needs to make these decisions. We recognize it’s difficult particularly since the Council does not have a large staff in order to do these things.

Hoppe stated want to get on the table and look forward to a discussion on the rest.

Camp said, in speaking for himself, you really have most of the Mayor’s budget, we didn’t know before the meeting what was going to be discussed. So think we’re looking for information and it’s very difficult in early July to make our tentative changes within 3 weeks on the Mayor’s proposed budget. In some cases only had 15 minute briefings by staff and sometimes that’s very little time for questions. So, yes the Mayor is in charge here but think it’s a team effort to go through and understand where items are and have input, so when the Mayor proposes this budget it has some reference to that, directing it go to the public without going to your own City Council is a little disheartening. So, it’s really an information exchange. From my perspective those short briefings have just been a topic, it’s a big budget, and think what we’re asking is to do that. The fast pace coming towards us and there’s just not time.

Hoppe replied he understood, and will try to resolve that reserve I’m hearing, but as I indicated, it’s in the fourth quarter of the game, difficult for us to change the rules and back up the calendar. Understand what you’re saying, it is complex. But we can’t release our budget three weeks early. Camp stated, asking you to change the rules, you’re coming up with budget items to have some give and take here where you have some challenges. We see elected officials. Hoppe stated with that part absolutely willing to do. If we want to talk about the South Beltway, where we’re at and where we’re going with this. Great. But we’re not ready yet to put the whole picture in front of you of what that’s going to look like in the Mayor’s budget.

Camp said also in the group is adding our staff, we’d appreciate it. Hoppe replied, certainly a discussion.

Lamm recognizes the budget is somewhat overwhelming and her question is, are we able to go to the Department Directors and ask them for what budget they submitted? What they asked, or when it was submitted to the Mayor? Hoppe answered he’s certainly willing to do after release of the budget and give you
that information, but they haven’t even heard yet what is in and what is out in our budget. Puts us in quite a
disadvantage to argue over, or talk about, items that we haven’t decided on. But, yes, happy to provide.

Lamm commented, you misunderstood, not talking after the release. I’m saying could we now because we
know there’s concern on the part of administration, could we have access? Could we go to the Department
Head for a copy of what they submitted to the Mayor for their proposed budget? Hoppe replied the process
is, the Mayor releases his budget. My answer is, it would be taking completely out of context with what they
propose before we had an opportunity to propose as the administration. Lamm said, therein lies one of my
frustrations. Hoppe said, I would ask you why when we handed out the budget calendar in July you didn’t say,
we want to change the process? We certainly could have accommodated a request like that, then, but now
we’re 4 weeks out. Awfully late in the game to say, I want to hear it in this manner without giving us an
opportunity to fix the budget calendar to allow for that.

Lamm stated the Charter says, it’s required 40 days to end of the biennial. Not that the Mayor can’t release
it sooner, only that it has to be released. Hoppe replied they build the budget calendar based on the July
release. If it had been sent to us that you wanted this in mid June, then we would have adjusted accordingly.
Just trying to convey that it’s a little late to turn this train around at this point.

Fellers stated his frustration is we lay at the feet of the citizens a survey that says, pick what you want to save
and what you don’t, but us, as elected officials can’t. Do appreciate the program prioritization and the
information here but we can’t see behind the curtain so that we can start making, or getting education on the
budget and what’s going to be released on July11th. Once there away we go. Fellers reiterated that’s his
frustration. It’s easier to make decisions when you have information and when you’ve given it. Would love
to have more conversation with you, Hoppe, over the next six weeks on how we could figure out how to work
together to fix that 3.5 million dollar shortfall ahead of your release so we’re all on the same page.

Hoppe replied, that’s not how the process works. The Mayor releases the budget. Fellers asked, who says
that’s the way it has to work? Hoppe asked, why are you telling me this 4 weeks before the release? Why
didn’t we have this conversation when I could have done something about it? Fellers stated, because here
we’re sitting where you guys have put out a survey asking citizens to pick individual programs to save, or not
save, and we know there’s items the public is going to want to keep. We have to sit here helpless until July
11th to figure out what’s going to happen.

Hoppe stated, didn’t ask any questions about services which already exist. The budget simulation that we’ve
done, pretty consistently. Fellers commented, it’s not a simulation when you’re using it to decide which
programs you’ll save and which ones not. Hoppe answered that’s not the only criteria for deciding what we’re
going to put in the budget or not. But gaining some public feedback is not inappropriate.

Fellers said he agrees, but at least work with us. We’re sitting here offering to work with you over the next
6 weeks before you put your budget out to help solve the problem. Hoppe asked, what is it you’re asking us
to do? Fellers stated work with us. Hoppe replied, just said we’d sit down and if you needed information we
would certainly provide it. Fellers noted, then you said we couldn’t get the ...

Hoppe stated he doesn’t want this to become confrontational, and do appreciate working with you (Fellers),
we’ve had a good relationship. I’ll listen, but you’ve have to consider our perspective. Are you really going
to insist we start arguing about potential cuts before we even have a chance to release our recommendations?
Don’t think it’s fair as it takes the budget completely out of context. You don’t see what we actually offer,
don’t see why we chose to make the choices we did, and we’re still working on those details now is what I’m
telling you. This is the way it’s been for 30 years. If you to change I understand, but don’t know how this
becomes the Mayor’s fault because we have a process built by calendar that you no longer think is valid.
Fellers replied we’ll work to change the process because now we’re doing two year budgets in 6 weeks in July. We can have a discussion on that, a separate issue. What we’re talking now and will work together to fix. So, if you’re willing to do that I’m willing to meet.

Raybould stated her question, and not to diminish the concerns and questions of my colleagues but know in the Nebraska Legislature the Governor is entrusted, required and obligated to release the budget. It’s a process, but it seems like the process for the other State Senators, and the Appropriations Committee, starts the minute the Governor releases the budget in the State Legislature. Correct me if I’m wrong. Fellers noted Raybould is correct, but they have 6 months to work on a budget. The Appropriations Committee starts in January. They may not have the budget out until August. May not pass until June. We’re doing it in 6 weeks.

Raybould commented that’s really commendable, I know the County Board doesn’t do it any differently than what we’re doing, except they work with the departments and elected officials and come up with the budget. Basically elected officials and department directors tell us this is our budget, this is what we need, and we respond, this is where your budget needs to be in order for us to get it balanced. I know there’s a give and take but if we spend 6 months of City Council’s time working on budget, that really diminishes our capacity to take on other pressing issues facing the City Council on a weekly, if not daily, basis. Fellers interjected, absolutely wrong. Raybould added do think there is a process in place and if we want to change the process it’s a discussion item we can have if the process needs to be changed. But it is what it is for now. Think we’re all willing to work together to come up with solutions and think the dialogue has started. If we all have great ideas should be willing to share, possibly in another separate meeting to talk about how we view and how we think suggestions should be made on cutting the budget.

Raybould noted, but we can’t really make them until the Mayor finishes his budget and gives us the budget to review. If you want longer periods of time maybe next year we can say, let’s start the budget process maybe get the budget instead on June 11th, May 31st. Fellers added, but that will be a mid-biennial, and we’ve been told we can’t make changes to that budget.

Christensen, stated he would like to see, as the Mayor comes up with priorities would like to negotiate and have input in establishing the priorities. Think that’s what we’re asking for, not just to respond. But to help in the formation of what do we want to do. That’s what I’m asking for in the next 6 weeks. To sit down and say, what is it we’ve in Parks & Rec? What are the processes you’re internally going through? When we participate as part of the team it’s different then participating with this wall here. Now we’re done, now you take over, and it would be a different process all together if we had staff. But then Raybould has good points and Lamm asked, okay can we get directly from the directors? What the directors have asked of the Mayor? The answer is no. Hoppe stated the answer is yes. Said we would release. Don’t think it’s fair to us talking about cuts that we may, or may not, have taken, and out of context of the rest of the budget.

Christensen replied he understands. But saying we can participate now before the budget is released if you would allow. Hoppe replied, it’s the Mayor’s budget, the process in place. Understand you don’t care for it and I encourage you to change it.

Raybould stated she remembers we had meetings in March or April and the Mayor and staff point blank asking us, what are your priorities? I told my two priorities are to get funding for StarTran, and the R. E. A. L. Program. Lamm stated she never got asked that question. Raybould said, we all did.

Christensen commented that’s not the same as working on the process of coming up with the priorities in context of all of the other projects. Of all money.

Fellers stated that’s not what we’re talking about right now. Talking about 3.5 million dollars in City services which might go away. Regardless of what we said 6 months ago, 9 months ago, we’re not talking of that now.
We’re talking about 3.5 million dollars of shortfall in City services.

Eskridge added that’s really where he was going. As he understands it’s something Hoppe has offered to talk about in terms of the revenue issues and where we are with revenue and the impact. Kind of broadly speaking. Some of the large items we’ve talked about over the last 6 months or so, the South Beltway, pension, all the large items, how are we going to fund? So that seems like something we should discuss.

Gaylor Baird what I hear we’re asking for is some constructive dialogue. Any process can always be improved and it sounds like there are some concrete ideas which haven’t been done. Think it would be helpful for all of us to keep in mind that the way ideas are communicated matters. If asking to work together, be part of a team, to participate and have input, it probably makes sense to make a phone call, to reach out in person, through email, but to do it through a partisan press release communicates a very different message about intent.

Gaylor Baird added it doesn’t lead to constructive dialogue. Camp commented, let’s have open meetings, have the Mayor attend. Let’s have openness, not do the behind closed meetings. Oh, here’s the budget when we thought it was a totally different issue. Hoppe stated, that didn’t happen, sorry you feel that way. Camp said it was about budget in that meeting. Let’s have transparency. Hoppe said, again to let Council know positions.

Christensen commented think we’re at a point where we can’t change the schedule. I think you’re right, too far, fourth quarter. But think what we can do is have more dialogue to figure out what to do about the 3.5 million dollars and then when this is done, talk about what we would like the process to look like next time.

Hoppe stated he would close by inviting Council, if you have suggestions about how, in the next 6 weeks, we can help you better prepare certainly we’d be interested in having those conversations. I would hope there would be a dialogue by phone call, getting together in small group meetings. However you want to go about doing that rather then the process that took place last week.

V. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

FINANCE/TREASURER

HEALTH DEPARTMENT
1. Tentative agenda for the June 14, 2016 Board of Health meeting no online.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1. Urban Design Committee meeting agenda for June 7, 2016.
2. Administrative Amendment No. 16031 approved by the Planning Director on May 26, 2016.

VII. BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSION REPORTS
1. Internal Liquor Commission (ILC) (05.23.16) - Christensen, Eskridge, Fellers
2. Downtown Lincoln Association (DLA) (05.24.16) - Gaylor Baird, Eskridge
3. West Haymarket Joint Public Agency (05.27.16) - Eskridge
4. Problem Resolution Team (PRT) (05.26.16) - Lamm
5. Corrections Facility Joint Public Agency (05.31.16) - Gaylor Baird

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

IX. COUNCIL MEMBERS
JON CAMP
1. Derek and Judy Andersen with concerns on the proposed route changes and schedules for StarTran Route 50.
2. Jim Campbell stating to remember his experience with Animal Control when reviewing the budget.
3. Jay Niebur writing in regard to the 84th and Pioneers pedestrian crossing.

X. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

XI. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS
See invitation list.

XII. ADJOURNMENT
Chair Gaylor Baird adjourned the meeting at 2:58 p.m.