I. MINUTES
1. Minutes of Directors’ Meeting of August 1, 2016.

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IV. MAYOR' CORRESPONDENCE
1. NEWS RELEASE. Volunteers needed for Party on the Plaza.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Public invited to Senior Center Picnic in Bennet.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Final Taking Charge Report available.
4. NEWS RELEASE. Parks and Recreation seeks Americorps Members.
5. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor says Council actions are short-term solutions to long-term problems.

V. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

HEALTH DEPARTMENT
1. Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department meeting minutes of June 14, 2016.

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1. Planning Department Administrative Approvals by the Planning Director from August 2, 2016 through August 8, 2016.

VI. BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSION REPORTS
1. Funder’s Group - Gaylor Baird
2. Public Building Commission (PBC) - Camp, Raybould
3. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board - Christensen
4. PBC Chair and Mayor Meeting - Raybould
5. Board of Health Meeting - Raybould
6. Information Services Policy Committee (ISPC) - Raybould

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

VIII. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP
1. Brad Strittmatter, Olsson Associates President, in support of the proposed 5% water and sewer increases, which will enable the construction of infrastructure to support Lincoln’s growth. (Delivered 08.08.16)
2. Jean Petsch, Nebraska Building Chapter, voicing opposition to the $1.2 million reduction in the General Fund budget for the Building and Safety Department. This is not a surplus.
3. Jeff Jenkins, Chief Financial Officer, Olsson Associates, writing in support of the proposed 5% rate increase for water and sewer fees. (Delivered 08.08.16)
4. Councilman Camp replying to Peggy Green on correspondence (Directors’ Agenda on 08.08.16, under Jon Camp) regarding mayor’s proposal to increase permit fees.
5. Richard and Karen Dienstbier disappointed in the response of the City Council to the Mayor’s recycling initiative. In support of the Mayor’s budget as proposed. (Delivered 08.08.16)
6. Councilman Camp replying to Aaron Clare regarding recycling. (Directors’ Agenda 08.08.16, under Jon Camp, #13)
7. Meredith McGowan disappointed the Mayor’s original recycling plan was not advanced.
8. John Whitmer urging support of the 5% rate increase for water and sewer fees.
9. Kirk Laughlin support vote on the recycling amendment to the budget. Against mandating.
10. Dave Anderson thanking Councilman Camp for voting against the water rate increase.
11. Marlys Freese in support of budget which will not increase our property taxes.
12. Chris Zygielbaum feel Council made mistake in rejecting the mandatory recycling.
   a) Dick Oxley’s with additional suggestion on costs per employee.
15. Dave Dingman commenting on the budget.
16. Brice Middleton thanking Councilman Camp on budget work and avoiding a tax hike.

**IX. CITIZEN CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Pat Tetreau in support of required recycling.
2. Mark Wilson asking Council to fully fund the Mayor’s budget for Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) response. (Delivered 08.08.16)
3. Mo Neal, UNL, asking to not cut the budget for tree services. Not fighting the diseases won’t work.
4. Rosina Paolini memo to Council.
   a) Letter to City Council for bringing forth a well thought out proposed budget and stating her thoughts on the budget.
5. Jim Frohman would like the full funding restored for dealing with the ash bore problem.
6. Jean Petsch, Associated General Contractors, with comments following up to the hearing testimony on August 8, 2016.
7. Tom Hardesty, Wellmann Heating and Air, thanking Council for attention shown in the Building and Safety Department’s budget.
8. Phil Schupbach commenting on recycling proposal.

**X. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS**

See invitation list.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:  August 8, 2016
FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Katie Kreuser, Parks and Recreation Volunteer Coordinator, 402-429-7411
Melissa Lindeman, Parks and Recreation Program Monitor, 402-441-4900

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PARTY ON THE PLAZA

The Parks and Recreation Department seeks volunteers for the upcoming Party on the Plaza, Saturday, August 13 at Union Plaza, 21st and "Q" Streets. Volunteer shifts are from 2 to 4 p.m. for set up, 4 to 7 p.m. during the event and 7 to 8 p.m. for event tear down. Party on the Plaza is a free event with a variety of activities for families.

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

For more information about Lincoln Parks and Recreation, visit parks.lincoln.ne.gov.
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
Aging Partners, 1005 “O” Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7070

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:  August 10, 2016
FOR MORE INFORMATION:  Paula Chamberlain, Aging Partners, 402-416-7693
                            Bob Esquivel, Aging Partners, 402-441-6102

PUBLIC INVITED TO SENIOR CENTER PICNIC IN BENNET
   Event to feature musician Johnny Ray Gomez

The public is invited to the Aging Partners All-Rural Senior Center Picnic Thursday, September
1 at the Bennet Senior Center in the American Legion Hall Post #280, 970 Monroe St. The event
will feature entertainment by musician Johnny Ray Gomez.

Lunch will be served at noon with entertainment starting at 1 p.m. There is a $4 suggested
contribution for people age 60 and over, and an $8 fee for people under age 60. A bake sale also
will be held.

“This will be a great event for seniors to meet a friend, or perhaps make new ones,” said Paula
Chamberlain, Aging Partners Rural Senior Centers Manager. “We hope people will have lunch
with us, enjoy the music of Johnny Ray Gomez, and take this chance to really find out what our
senior centers are all about.”

Reservations are required by calling 402-416-7693 by Tuesday, August 30.

September is recognized by the National Council on Aging as National Senior Center
Month. More information on Aging Partners is available at aging.lincoln.ne.gov.

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7511

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:  August 11, 2016
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831
                          Lisa PytlikZillig, Public Policy Center, 402-472-5678

FINAL TAKING CHARGE REPORT AVAILABLE

The final report of this summer’s Taking Charge budget survey is now available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: taking charge). More than 2,300 online and paper surveys were completed, and about 58 people attended the half-day Community Conversation.

For the portion of the survey that focused on current spending priorities, respondents were given $500,000 to spend on eight current programs with a total cost of about $2 million. The programs were chosen for the survey because they rank as lower priority compared to other City services.

- Respondents rated and ranked neighborhood swimming pools, in-home services for seniors and neighborhood snow removal as the most important.
- The Pioneers Park Nature Center was rated and ranked fourth, followed by library services, the health information and referral call center and non-injury traffic accident reporting. Parking and abandoned vehicle enforcement finished eighth.

About 55 percent of the respondents indicated that the City should either raise taxes or both cut programs and raise taxes.

For the portion of the survey that focused on future needs, respondents were asked to rate and rank five priority projects. Parks capital replacement and repair was rated and ranked as the most important of the five priorities. South Beltway construction, StarTran service expansion and Bennett Martin Library replacement and branch library repair finished second through fourth, while golf capital replacement and repair rated and ranked fifth.

The City has partnered with the University of Nebraska Public Policy Center (PPC) since 2008 on the Taking Charge process, which has included surveys and public meetings. More information on the PPC is available at ppc.unl.edu.

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PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
2740 “A” Street, Lincoln, NE 68502, 402-441-8261

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 11, 2016
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Deb Buckman, Program Coordinator, 402-441-4907

PARKS AND RECREATION SEEKS AMERICORPS MEMBERS

The Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department is accepting applications for 27 part-time Youth on the Move AmeriCorps members to provide academic support to students from kindergarten through 12th grade in Lincoln Public Schools. Program Coordinator Deb Buckman said the positions offer members an opportunity to “be a hero in the community and get things done!”

Members will provide enrichment opportunities in the areas of literacy, science, technology, engineering, art, math and physical fitness. Members will provide academic opportunities through service learning and educational field trips and will provide services both during and outside of regular school hours. Youth on the Move AmeriCorps members will be located at Belmont, Calvert, “F” Street and Irving Recreation Centers; Belmont, Calvert, Everett, Goodrich and McPhee Community Learning Centers; the Asian Community and Cultural Center; and Lincoln High School.

Half-time AmeriCorps members must be 19 years or older and have a high school diploma or GED. They are required to complete 900 hours during a 10-month contract. Members receive a $301.27 living allowance every two weeks and an education award of $2,865 upon successful completion. To apply, contact Buckman at dbuckman@lincoln.ne.gov or 402-441-4907.

The Youth on the Move program is made possible through a grant awarded by ServeNebraska Volunteer Service Commission. For more information visit serve.nebraska.gov.

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

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:  August 11, 2016
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

MAYOR SAYS COUNCIL ACTIONS ARE SHORT-TERM SOLUTIONS TO LONG-TERM PROBLEMS

Mayor Chris Beutler today said several actions taken by the City Council majority yesterday and on July 25 are not “sustainable or responsible.” Changes to the 2016-18 City budget approved on 4 to 3 votes include a reduction in funding for Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) response, postponing the financing of street lights, and the one-time use of funds intended for another purpose.

“My Administration has worked to maintain a balance between keeping the City’s property tax rate low compared to other cities and providing the services that support our high quality of life,” Beutler said. “The key to that balance is fiscal responsibility, and that’s where the Council falls short. When faced with tough budget decisions, they chose not to choose. They have blown a million-dollar hole in future budgets because they don’t want to raise taxes or take responsibility for cutting programs. They cobbled together short-term solutions to long-term challenges.”

The Mayor said the EAB is likely already in Lincoln, and the $29 million dollar problem will become more expensive the longer the City waits to respond. Postponing the financing for street lights, he said, will result in larger budget increases in the future. And he said diverting $300,000 that homebuilders, developers and contractors paid in fees to the Building and Safety Department breaks a promise to those groups and creates an even bigger gap in future budgets.

The Mayor commended the City Council for agreeing to his budget proposals to add new Police Officers and Firefighter Paramedics and to increase water and wastewater rates to improve the infrastructure needed for growth. But on other issues, he said, the Council is “substituting political expediency for leadership.”

“Lincoln is the envy of cities across the country because we have made responsible fiscal choices and met our challenges head on,” he said. “The Council’s budget does neither.”

The Mayor’s proposed budget called for a 1.17-cent increase in the City property tax levy, an increase of $17.58 cents per year on a home valued at $150,000. Of the 15 largest cities in Nebraska, Lincoln’s property tax rate ranks tenth. The City receives only 15.7 cents out of every local property tax dollar. The Council is scheduled to adopt the 2016-2018 budget at its meeting Monday, August 22, and Mayor Beutler will wait until that vote before deciding whether to sign or veto the Council version.

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I. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 5:07 PM by James Michael Bowers at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. Members Present: Bill Avery, Katie Garcia, Jacquelyn Miller, Tom Randa, Dave Derbin (ex-officio), Molly Burton (ex-officio) and James Michael Bowers. Michelle Petersen arrived at 5:08 PM. Jane Raybould arrived at 5:09 PM.

Members Absent: Alan Doster, Craig Strong, and Tim Sieh (ex-officio).

Staff Present: Judy Halstead, Steve Frederick, Steve Beal, Andrea Haberman, Charlotte Burke, Tommy George, Samia Gamie, Dave Humm and Elaine Walsh.

Others Present: Lynne Knutzen-Young, Chad Magdanz and Sgt. John Walsh.

Introductions

New Board of Health member Katie Garcia, DDS. Dr. Garcia replaces Dr. Stark as the Lincoln District Dental Association’s representative to the Board of Health.

Others introduced – Samia Gamie, Lynne Knutzen-Yuong, Sgt. John Walsh and Chad Magdanz.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Bowers asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Agenda.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Miller that the Agenda be approved as printed. Second by Mr. Avery. Motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Bowers asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes.

Motion: Moved by Mr. Avery that the May 10, 2016 Minutes be approved as printed. Second by Dr. Petersen. Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

III. PUBLIC SESSION

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Health Director Update

Ms. Halstead stated Mayor Beutler will present his proposed budget for 2016-2018 to the Lincoln City Council on July 11, 2016. The City Council will hear
Department budget presentations beginning July 12, 2016. The Health Department’s presentation is scheduled for July 12, 2016 at 1:00 PM. She also stated the Mayor’s Office is seeking community involvement in the Taking Charge Survey. She encouraged Board members to complete the survey. The Survey is available on the City’s website. Survey results are used to help prioritize City services.

Ms. Halstead stated the Department received the requested $300,000.00 grant from the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality for the Hazardous Waste Facility.

The Department distributed surveys to Lancaster County health care providers regarding their current Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination practices and provided resources to providers to help promote the benefits of the vaccine. Ms. Haberman stated she will provide a presentation on the Department’s efforts to promote HPV Vaccinations at a later date.

Ms. Halstead announced Steve Frederick will retire from the Health Department on Thursday, June 30, 2016. She invited Board members to stop by the Department on Tuesday, June 28, 2016 from 2:00-4:00 PM to wish him well.

IV. CURRENT BUSINESS (Action items)

A. July 12, 2016 Board of Health Meeting

Ms. Halstead asked Board members of their availability for the July 12, 2016 Board of Health meeting. Several members indicated they would not be available (Petersen, Strong, Randa, Raybould).

Motion: Moved by Dr. Petersen that the Board of Health cancel the July 12, 2016 Board of Health meeting. Second by Dr. Miller. Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

V. CURRENT BUSINESS (Information Items)

A. Lincoln Police Department’s R.E.A.L. Program Presentation

Sgt. Walsh and Mr. Magdanz provided a presentation on the R.E.A.L. (Respond, Empower, Advocate, Listen) Program. The program is a collaboration between the Lincoln Police Department and the Mental Health Association of Nebraska. The Program began in 2011 and utilizes a proactive approach and lived experience to support persons who have interactions with the Lincoln Police Department. Training is provided to the Law Enforcement Academy, the Police Department, Nebraska law enforcement officers, the FBI, US Marshalls, and the Dispatcher Academy. Sgt. Walsh stated 1,450 individuals have been referred to the program and 300+ Lincoln Police Officers are utilizing the Program. Mr. Magdanz stated the Mental Health Association receives the referrals and works with the individuals to assist them with their behavioral health issues. He shared several success stories and provided information on the services they provide. Ms. Raybould thanked the Police Department and the Mental Health Association for the
good work they do with the individuals with behavioral health problems that come into contact with the Lincoln Police Department.

B. Animal Control Advisory Committee Update

Ms. Knutzen-Young, Animal Control Advisory Committee Chair, and Mr. Beal provided an update on the Advisory Committee’s activities over the past year. Ms. Knutzen-Young reviewed the Committee membership and stated the Committee meets quarterly. Accomplishments included reviewing and updating policies, following legislation, reviewing and updating Public Service Announcements. The Committee also assisted staff in updating the Animal Control website regarding the Spay/Neuter Program, Licensure, Barking Dogs, Hot Weather Precautions, and Dogs at Large. Staff and the Committee worked with Parks & Recreation regarding the five dog runs in the City. The Committee reviewed program objectives, monthly statistics and performance measures for the Program. The Committee will continue to work with the Animal Control Program on an education and outreach program, promoting pet licensing and vaccinations, continuing grants for the Spay/Neuter Program for low income individuals in the community. Ms. Halstead expressed thanks and appreciation to the Committee for the depth of the work they do on reviewing policies and promoting the work of Animal Control.

C. Health Hub Presentation

Mr. Humm and Ms. Gamie provide an update on the Community Health Hub Program. The Program is a contracted program with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Women’s and Men’s Health Program. The program hopes to increase preventive screenings and promoting healthy lifestyles in adults with emphasis on women 40-75 years of age, men 50-75 years of age and populations with disparate health needs. Ms. Gamie works with individuals in the community and coalitions, providing education, health coaching regarding preventive screenings and helping individuals with finding other health resources in the community.

VII. FUTURE BUSINESS

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting – August 9, 2016 at 5:00 PM

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 PM.

Elaine Walsh
Recording Secretary

Jacquelyn Miller
Vice-President
DIRECTOR’S OFFICE

The Health Director provided orientation and Department tour to Katie Garcia, DDS. Dr. Garcia is a new member of the Board of Health, representing the Lincoln District Dental Association.

The Health Director attended the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Public Health Partners Meeting.

The Health Director and key staff attended the Community Health Endowment’s Annual Meeting. The Health Director also attended Community Health Endowment Funding Committee meeting and site visits to Fresh Start and Community Action Partners.

The Department will participate in the Annual City/County Food Drive for the Food Bank of Lincoln. This year’s theme is: The Administrative Aide will serve as the City Coordinator for the Food Drive.

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**Wildlife Removal** 283  347  387
**Dead Animal Pickup** 1309  1447  1501

**Lost and Found Reports** 1574  1657  1681
**Phone Calls** 32646  33218  37675
**Average Response Time (in mins)** 22  22  20

### COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

**Healthy Families Home Visiting Program**

CONGRATULATIONS to our Healthy Families Home Visiting staff on organizing two summer trips to the Lincoln Children’s Zoo! (See the staff picture below.) On June 29th, staff invited the families they serve to a free day at the Children’s Zoo to promote learning and bonding through a fun and educational experience. Fifty seven people attended. Each participant received a “goodie bag” of donated water bottles, stickers, etc. and a light snack was provided. The family’s trust in their home visitor is the basis that supports their effort to be the best parent they can be – not a perfect parent – but someone who is resilient and who builds confidence as they learn new skills. To that end, it is helpful to watch their home visitor model positive interaction with their child *outside the home*. This is especially true among the majority of families we visit who experience social isolation – who do not have supportive friends or family members, and who are without transportation and the means to buy a zoo pass. A huge THANK YOU to the Lincoln Children’s Zoo for the donated passes. The next summer trip to the zoo will be July 27th.
SUMMER VACCINE CLINICS

Every fall, the Department’s Vaccine Clinic becomes very busy just before and after October 19th. This is because Nebraska law requires private and public school students, from kindergarten through grade 12, to submit written verification of their vaccine status or risk exclusion from school by this date. We have accommodated these urgent requests in the past by expanding hours in the fall.

In order to discourage families from waiting and risk exclusion of their child, our Vaccine Clinic is offering extended hours in the months of June, July and August. In addition to our regular hours (Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), we are offering four Saturday clinics (1 in June, 1 in July and 2 in August) and extended hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays (until 6 p.m.). Usually it’s only a 1 to 2 day wait for service. Our message is: Don’t wait! Vaccinate! We have promoted our new Summer Vaccine Clinics with Lincoln Public Schools, all private schools in Lancaster County (before school was over for the 2015-2016 school year), through the Summer Food Program and the Children’s Environmental Health Program (with Child Care Center Directors), and via Twitter. We were interviewed on KLIN’s morning show and Channel 8 aired a story about the program. A big THANK YOU to staff who have adjusted their schedules to accommodate this effort!
DENTAL HEALTH & NUTRITION

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WIC Program Monthly Report for May

Caseload (Participation)

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Our May caseload was 3846 participants. Our current fiscal year average is 3791 participants per month, which is a 7.4% increase in participation from one year ago. Our Cornhusker Clinic location continues steady growth. We are seeing 922 participants at this location monthly and 86.74% of the participants enrolled at this location are participating in the program.

Dental Health

Dental Clinical Services

- Total number of clients served (unduplicated count): 493
- Total number of patient encounters (duplicated client count): 686
- Total number of patient visits (duplicated provider appointments/visits): 961
- Total number of Racial/Ethnic and White Non-English speaking patients: 388 (79%)
- Total number of children served: 294 (60%)
- Total number of clients enrolled in Medicaid: 344 (70%)
- Number of clients served during Thursday evening hours (unduplicated count): 53
- Number of patient encounters during Thursday evening hours (duplicated client count): 54
- Number of patient visits during Thursday evening hours (duplicated provider appointments/visits): 89
- Total number of Racial/Ethnic and White Non-English speaking patients: 41 (77%)
- Number of children served during Thursday evening hours: 53 (100%)
- Number of patients enrolled in Medicaid during Thursday evening hours: 45 (85%)

Community Based Dental Outreach Activities

WIC Fluoride Varnish and Screening Program: 40

- North WIC Office (27th & Cornhusker Highway): 6 children and parents
- LLCHD WIC Office: children and parent: 34 children and parents

School Based Program:

4 children identified with urgent care needs were provided free transportation and treatment services: 2 children enrolled in Medicaid (50%); 2 children uninsured (50%); 3 children of racial and ethnic minorities (75%); 1 child with language barrier (25%).
- 2 children from Elliott Elementary School with 2 patient encounters for a total of 2 provider visits.
- 2 children from Everett Elementary School with 3 patient encounters for a total of 4 provider visits.

Student Rotation Program:

- UNMC Dental Hygiene Student rotations: 3
- Southeast Community College Dental Assisting Student: 1

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH

Food Safety Program – FY15 Program Overview

Food Safety Goals
Protect human health by reducing the risk of foodborne illness.

Methods/Strategies (What we do)

- conduct uniform inspections of food establishments
- conduct new and remodeled facility plan review
- issue permits, collect fees
- provide compliance and foodborne illness prevention assistance
- investigate complaints and foodborne illness outbreaks
- take enforcement actions (NOVs, FENs, Court cases)
- provide food handler training in safe food preparation, hygiene, and sanitization

Indicators
Maintain number of food safety complaints at less than 325 per year and food-borne illness reports at less than 50 per year. (Note: staff have recommended that the foodborne illness indicator be changed to 75 per year.)

Inspect 95% of food establishments within established risk based intervals.

Decrease the average number of critical item violations by 5%.

Decrease the average number of regular violations by 5%.

Obtain compliance with all nine FDA Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards.

**Funding/Source**

In FY15, the direct costs of the Food Safety Program, including program supervision, was 85.4% fee and grant funded.

**Comparison and Status on Indicators**

**Complaints:** See Mayor’s Indicator chart below on complaints. In FY15, 357 complaints on food establishments were received, including 70 potential foodborne illness complaints. (2)

![Graph showing complaints and foodborne illness reports](chart.png)

The numbers of complaints received on food establishments had been trending down the previous three years, but increased in FY15. The number of foodborne complaints has fluctuated more, but is within a normal range. The number of complaints, especially on foodborne illness, is driven not only by local issues, such a Norovirus outbreaks, but by highly publicized national foodborne outbreaks of Listeria, E. coli, Salmonella and Cyclospora.

**Percent of Inspections Completed Within Risk Based Intervals:** Staff completed 83% of food inspections within risk-based intervals. While we did not meet our “stretch” goal of 95% within risk based intervals, this is the highest percent completion rate we have had for many years. And, it is important to note that 98% of food inspections were completed before or within 30 days of their risk based interval. In FY14, 80% of inspections were completed within the risk based interval. In FY13, 59% of inspections were
completed within the risk based intervals. In FY13, the Food Safety Program was short one staff person for several months, greatly impacting our ability to keep up with inspections. Once hired, the new person had to be trained per FDA Standards. It takes considerable time before a newly hired person can conduct independent inspections. (3)

Violations Found During Inspections: The average number of critical item violations in food establishments (restaurants) has remained stable, with a slight decrease in non-critical item violations over the last five years. (4)

FDA Program Standards: LLCHD continues to implement FDA’s Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards and meets seven of nine standards. This quality assurance program ensures overall program excellence in inspections, foodborne illness response, training, and community interactions. A separate report is typically presented annually to the Board of Health on the FDA Standards.

Description

The LLCHD Food Safety Program was recognized as the winner of the 2015 Samuel J. Crumbine Consumer Protection Award. The award was presented to LLCHD by the National Environmental Health Association’s, the National Association of County and City Health Officials, and the U.S. Conference for Food Protection.

The Samuel J. Crumbine Consumer Protection Award is a prestigious award given annually by the Conference for Food Protection to a local health department that demonstrates unsurpassed achievement in providing outstanding food protection services to their community. The purpose of the award is to encourage innovative programs and methods that reduce or eliminate the occurrence of foodborne illnesses, recognize the importance of food protection at the local level and stimulate public interest in foodservice sanitation. As a Crumbine Award winner, LLCHD joins an elite group of local public health agencies that have demonstrated excellence in food protection through innovative, effective strategies and approaches to protecting communities from foodborne illness.
To meet the goal of protecting human health by reducing the risk of foodborne illness, the Food Safety Program issues permits, conducts inspections, educates food handlers, works with the Food Advisory Committee, and takes enforcement actions when necessary. In FY15, the Food Safety Program permitted 1,276 food establishments in Lancaster County, including restaurants, grocery stores, temporary booths, events and farmers’ markets and as of October 30, 2015 there were 1,384 food establishments in “active” status.(5) In April, 1,114 annual permit renewals were sent out, 49 more (about 5% more) than the previous year.(6)

Inspection intervals are risk based and range from one to three times per year. Staff performed 2,899 inspections. (7) About 14% of inspections (410) resulted in Notices of Violation being issued, with the majority for lack of compliance with Food Handler Permits. (8) Stronger enforcement action, the Food Enforcement Notice (FEN) is taken when violations pose an imminent risk to the public’s health. About 3% of inspections (105) resulted in a FEN, which were issued for serious or repeat higher risk food code violations. (8) This is about average for any given year. Each food establishment that receives and FEN is required to complete a plan of action on how to prevent such violations in the future. In addition, more frequent inspections are conducted at these facilities to ensure safe food preparation. Administrative meetings are also held in situations where repeat enforcement actions have not resulted in improved sanitation and food safety. In these cases, consultative assistance is offered or required to address the highest risk violations. Two food establishment permits were suspended based on significant risk to public health.

The inspection findings for all food establishments are available to the public on the Internet. The easiest was to find the website is to search “Lincoln food inspections” with your favorite browser.
http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/health/environ/food-inspections/
LLCHD’s unique Inspection Rating dial quickly shows how a food establishment compares to similar facilities in Lincoln.

Food Handler and Food Manager Permits

All food establishment employees must have food handler permits and each establishment must have a Food Manager in charge of the operation. Training food managers and food handlers in safe food handling practices, hygiene, and sanitation is critical to preventing foodborne illnesses in our community. 14,010 Food Handler and Food Manager Permits were issued. (9) Food Managers received continuing education through our Food Manager classes taught by LLCHD staff. Food handler training and permits are available both on-line through an interactive training program developed with UNL and via in-person classes. The vast majority of the food handler permits were obtained on-line. Food Handler classes are offered at least once per week and Spanish classes are offered at least once per month.

FDA Grants – INFUSE - Food Safety Consultation

Funded by FDA grants, LLCHD provides food safety
consultation to poorer performing food establishments to help them adopt active managerial controls to address the highest risk food code violations. Retail Food Safety Consultant Intensive On-site Intervention involved:

- 140 technical assistance and consultation visits.
- 14 food establishments went through the Active Managerial Control based intervention and implemented 30 AMC tools in their regular establishment policy and practice.
- Contact was initiated with an additional 16 establishments (10)

The Food Safety Consultant worked with the Food Managers for Excellence Taskforce to identify one of the “5 Key Food Safety Risk Factors” they believed most needed to change in order to improve food safety in Lincoln. They selected improving hand washing in food establishments to reduce risk factor violations for poor personal hygiene. The “TAKE 20! WASH YOUR HANDS” pilot project, a community behavior change effort, will be launched in several restaurants in 2016.

The Food Safety Program also received three separate smaller grants from the Association of Food and Drug Officials/FDA specifically to: update our InspectTab software for conducting electronic food inspections, staff training, and completing a self-assessment of FDA Retail Program Standard #6 Compliance and Enforcement. InspectTab was updated and staff have been using the new program for several months. In addition to many upgrades, LLCHD adopted FDA’s updated terminology for violations: Priority, Priority Foundation, and Core replacing the historic Critical and Non-Critical. While we are still warming up to naming scheme, we strongly supported the need for more than two categories of violations. Staff attended FDA training on risk based inspections. We completed the self-assessment for Standard #6 and determined that we did not meet this standard at this time. Specific changes in monitoring enforcement actions have been made and we are now in substantial compliance with Standard #6.

FY15 was a stellar year for the LLCHD Food Safety Program!

**HEALTH PROMOTION & OUTREACH**

**Summer Food Service Program**
The 2016 Summer Food Program feeding season began on May 23. It will be the longest summer season ever with 12 weeks of operation. As of June 30th, 40 sites had been in operation. In June there were 19,957 breakfasts and 32,345 lunches served, an average of 1,027 breakfasts and 1,591 lunches for each of the 22 days of operation. Sometime the morning of July 1st, there had been over 60,000 meals served for the summer, the earliest we have ever reached that plateau and on pace for a record summer.

Injury Prevention

Safe Kids Lincoln-Lancaster County was selected as one of thirty local coalitions to participate in a research project entitled “Evaluating the Impact of Car Seat Check-up Inspections on Caregiver Knowledge, Skills and Confidence Related to Child Passenger Restraint Use” that Safe Kids World Wide has been contracted to conduct by the National Safety Council. This is a follow up to a study conducted in 2005 (which Safe Kid Lincoln-Lancaster County also participated in) that collected data to determine what parents and caregivers learn and remember following a car seat check-up. In light of the changes in technology, updated guidelines from the American Academy of Pediatrics, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and increased efforts to raise awareness and educate families, there is a need to re-assess the impact of the current car seat checkups on knowledge, skill and confidence of caregivers who are participating today. We will be replicating the original study, with the aims of:

- Assessing improvements and retention of child restraint system knowledge, skill and confidence among caregivers who participate in a Safe Kids child passenger safety seat inspection and

- Comparing the results from 2016 with results from the 2007 report to assess whether recent changes to best practice have resulted in changes in caregiver behavior.

Each of the 30 coalitions will recruit 10 caregivers to participate in the study. Caregiver participation will involve two steps. The first involves completing the standard car seat inspection that they came to voluntarily, and completing a short survey. Then six weeks later, the same family member will return with same car, same car seat and same child at which time the car seat will be removed and they will be asked to reinstall it. A second inspection will occur to check the car seat installation and they will complete another brief survey. We successfully completed the study in June and July with six participants. Four additional caregivers will be recruited from the August 9th Healthy Families America car seat inspection at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department, with a follow-up inspection scheduled for September 27th. Study documentation on all 10 participants must be submitted to Safe Kids World Wide by September 30th.
INFORMATION & FISCAL MANAGEMENT

Staff are working with City IS, Building & Safety, Planning and Public Works to manage the upgrade of Accela scripting tool this summer. Staff have tested the impact of the upgrade on all existing applications to verify that they work. The upgrade will be done in July. Staff will begin the process of converting all existing application scripts to the new version. That effort is anticipated to be completed by September.

File servers are being upgraded in order to address security issues related to Microsoft no longer supporting the older versions of server operating systems. In addition, the Department will add a server for dental software to better assure continuity of operations, recovery of data and ability to respond if one server crashes or is unable to be used.
DIRECTOR’S OFFICE

The Health Director reviewed the Health Department’s budget with the Lincoln City Council on July 12, 2016. The City Council will formally vote on the budget on August 10, 2016 and will vote on the levy on August 22, 2016.

The Health Director and Division Managers met with Lincoln’s new Fire and Rescue Chief Mike Despain, and LFR Command Staff regarding shared areas of interest between the Departments.

The Health Director attended the Community Health Endowment Funding Committee Meeting.

The Health Director attended the Lutheran Family Services Health 360 Ribbon Cutting and Open House.

Staff continue to work on final preparation of documents for submission to the Public Health Accreditation Board for accreditation.

ANIMAL CONTROL

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Wildlife Removal  347  442  493
Dead Animal Pickup  1541  1673  1758

Lost and Found Reports  1833  2463  1872
Phone Calls  37366  38094  42091
Average Response Time (in mins)  19  22  20

Animal Control staff are been responding to an increased number of dog bite cases. There has also been an increase from previous years for Dangerous Dog declarations. More citations and defects have been written. There have been increased calls to Animal Control from the public and more calls are being dispatched.

Staff are attempting to talk to pet owners to impress on them the importance of keeping their dogs on leash and under control. More education is needed and we direct people to our website for pet licensing (new and renewals), education 30 second PSAs, information on vaccinations and about all other animal domestic and wildlife issues that might arise.

The Animal Control Manager spoke at the Capital City Kiwanis club on July 26th. About 30 members were in attendance. They asked staff to talk about all domestic and wildlife issues, what we do day to day and the services we provide. They had many questions and comments and expressed their gratitude for what the staff do.

Staff from Animal Control, the Capital Humane Society and from Lincoln Children’s Zoo will participate in a training and in service on zoonotic diseases on July 28th. Dustin Loy, DVM, Assistant Professor, Veterinary Diagnostic Microbiology and Tim Timmons, Communicable Disease Coordinator, LLCHD will be the presenters. We are pleased to have UNL partner with all of us and help out with this in service training session.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

Referrals of New Families

In an effort to increase the number of families referred to our Healthy Families Home Visiting Program, a targeted marketing campaign, featuring new marking tools, was developed by our leadership staff, home visitors and Advisory Committee. Our home visitation program is accredited by Healthy Families America/Prevent Child Abuse America. This evidence-based model includes a two phase assessment to identify overburdened families who are at high-risk for child abuse/neglect. If families are found to be at high-risk, they are invited to voluntarily participate in our intensive home visiting program. There is no cost to the family to participate. Our program’s proudest achievement is a very low rate of substantiated child maltreatment among the families we serve (1.5%) compared to the average among all home visiting programs in our state (4.8%).
The Healthy Families Home Visiting marketing plan focuses on two groups: potential families who would benefit from services (self-referrals) and health & human service agencies that could refer high-risk families. In the upcoming months, leaders and home visitors in the program will showcase our new marketing materials, and will review our positive outcomes, referral guidelines and the referral process during a personal meeting with agency partners, starting with the highest priority group first. Along with our partners, CEDARS Youth Services, we are formulating an approach to assure that families who could benefit from our program, know about and can access our services. We have been reviewing Place Matters data developed by our Department’s Epidemiology Team for the Community Heath Endowment of Lincoln to identify areas which have a concentration of poverty and bellwether crimes. Bellwether crimes include child abuse/neglect, domestic violence, protection orders and residential burglary. Deb Byrne, GIS Analyst for the Department, developed maps of the current caseload of our Healthy Families Home Visiting program and overlapped them with maps showing areas of poverty and bellwether crime. Indeed, our current caseload is concentrated in the same geographical areas of the County which have higher poverty and bellwether crime occurrence. Areas remain however, that show lower home visiting reach, although the area is moderately high in poverty and bellwether crime. It is important to note that child abuse and neglect happens in all geographical areas of our community. The enormous stress associated with poverty and crime however, can certainly impact one’s ability to parent in a positive way.

DENTAL HEALTH & NUTRITION

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Our June caseload was 3897 participants. This was our highest number of participants for the month of June since 2011. Our current average is 3803 participants per month, which is an 8.5% increase from one year ago. We had an 11.6% increase in infants who were exclusively breastfed in the month of June.

**Dental Health**

**Dental Clinical Services**

- Total number of clients served (unduplicated count): 534
- Total number of patient encounters (duplicated client count): 761
- Total number of patient visits (duplicated provider appointments/visits): 1040
- Total number of Racial/Ethnic Minorities and White non-English speaking clients: 424 (79%)
- Total number of clients with language barriers/need interpreter: 284 (53%)
- Total number of children served: 349 (65%)
- Total number of clients enrolled in Medicaid: 392 (73%)
- Number of clients served during Thursday evening hours (unduplicated count): 65
- Number of patient encounters during Thursday evening hours (duplicated client count): 68
- Number of patient visits during Thursday evening hours (duplicated provider appointments/visits): 112
- Total number of Racial/Ethnic and White Non-English speaking patients: (%)  
- Total number of clients with language barriers/need interpreter: 36 (55%)
- Number of children served during Thursday evening hours: 62 (95%)
- Number of patients enrolled in Medicaid during Thursday evening hours: 53 (82%)

**Community Based Dental Outreach Activities**

**WIC Fluoride Varnish and Screening Program**

- North WIC Office (27th & Cornhusker Highway): 20 children and parents
- LLCHD WIC Office: children and parent: 29 children and parents
- Educare: 87 Early Head Start children

**Student Rotation Program**

- UNMC Dental Hygiene Student rotations: 4
- Southeast Community College Dental Assisting Student: 1
ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH

West Nile Virus Surveillance / Vector Control

Goals (Purpose)

Protect human health by preventing the spread of West Nile Virus (WNV) by monitoring mosquito populations, responding to complaints, eliminating mosquito breeding sites, treating with larvicide, testing for WNV, and, rarely, spraying to kill adult mosquitoes.

Indicator

Resolve 90% of nuisance complaints on stagnant water or mosquitoes within 30 days. Maintain surveillance system to control outbreaks by reducing human West Nile Disease cases.

Strategies/Methods (What we do)

- educate public on WNV risk reduction
- investigate and resolve standing water and mosquito complaints
- trap, identify mosquitoes and submit Culex species for virus testing
- maintain pesticide applicator licenses for Health, Public Works and Parks staff
- coordinate spraying if needed

Funding/Source

Grants in Aid (100%)

Comparison

In calendar year 2015, 10 human cases of WN Disease were reported, (4 were neuroinvasive), compared to 7 in 2014, 14 in 2013, 16 in 2012, 1 in 2011, 3 in 2010, 1 in 2009, 5 in 2008, 12 in 2007, and 15 in 2006. Mosquito surveillance for WNV is shown in the chart below. So far in 2016, the current cumulative Minimum Infection Rate (MIR) is close to average. The two years with the highest statewide cumulative MIR were 2006 and 2012, followed by 2013. Lancaster County human cases were highest in
those years also.

Description

West Nile Virus has become an endemic disease in Lancaster County. Public education on reducing risk of contracting WNV is conducted and includes encouraging the use of insect repellants, wearing long sleeves and pants, and avoiding being out during dusk and dawn hours when mosquitoes that transmit WNV are most active. Health staff trap mosquitoes and send them to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services for identification and viral testing. The State Public Health Lab tests the mosquitoes for West Nile Virus. LLCHD assures that pesticide applicator licenses are maintained for Health, Public Works and Parks staff so that the community can respond if a WNV epidemic is predicted. Health would coordinate any community-wide mosquito spraying in an epidemic situation. In FY15 grant funds covered direct program costs of monitoring mosquitoes. In addition, Lincoln Municipal Code prohibits stagnant water on any property. The Health Department is required to investigate and resolve standing water and mosquito nuisance conditions.

Partnerships & Efficiencies

Collaboration with PWU and Parks assures spraying for adult mosquitoes can be performed if necessary in outbreak conditions. Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services does the mosquito identification and the Public Health Lab does all virus testing at no cost to the City or County.

Fireworks Impact Air Quality

While fireworks bring enjoyment to many, one unintended consequence is the increase in fine particulate air pollution. Fine particulate matter is so small that it can get deep into the lungs, enter the blood stream, and cause serious health problems. Exposure to high levels of particulate, even for a few hours, can
aggravate lung disease, cause asthma attacks and acute bronchitis, and cause angina, heart attacks, and arrhythmias.

LLCHD continuously monitors our air for fine particulate matter, technically known as PM 2.5. The Health Director issues a Health Advisory prior to July 4th, warning of the anticipated increased levels of fine particulate pollution associated with the extensive use of fireworks. The graph below displays the fine particulate levels measured in Lincoln for July 3rd through July 5th in 2016. The levels recorded were almost double the highest levels recorded in 2013 and 2014, and about 70 ug/m3 higher than in 2015.

Relative to the Air Quality Index (AQI), levels in the purple portion of the chart is categorized as “Very Unhealthy” for all people. “Very Unhealthy” means that everyone may experience more serious health effects. Thus, for several hours, the levels of particulate in the air caused by fireworks were high enough to significantly impact people’s health in Lancaster County. In the Omaha area, conditions were even worse, with peaks in the “Hazardous” level. The EPA’s Air Quality Index defines Hazardous as levels which should trigger health warnings of emergency conditions. The entire population is even more likely to be affected by serious health effects.
HEALTH PROMOTION & OUTREACH

National Bike Challenge Update

Currently, Nebraska is in 3rd place behind Wisconsin and Colorado. Lincoln is in 1st place but only by 20,000 miles. (Madison, WI is on our heels trying to reclaim their top spot from last year.) Any miles that a person rides on a bike (for recreation or commuting to work) all count! (Stationary bike miles don’t count though.)

Here’s the info about the National Bike Challenge which goes through September 30th:

- Sign up at [www.nationalbikechallenge.org](http://www.nationalbikechallenge.org)
- Create an account with your email address. Log your miles manually or sync with one of the three apps: Strava, MapMyRide or Endomondo. As you log your miles and earn points, you can see where you stack up on the leaderboards with other participants across the country.
- When you create your account, you can choose to join a workplace. The City of Lincoln workplace name is “City of Lincoln NE Employees”.

Ebola Full Scale Exercise – July 12, 2016

The purpose of this exercise was to practice the coordination and communication activities in an Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) scenario involving two patients among Hospital Infection Control Professionals, Hospital Emergency Preparedness Coordinators, Local/State Public Health Agencies, and Healthcare Coalition members.

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department participated in the EBOLA Hospital Activation Full Scale Exercise (FSE) on July 12, 2016 with all of its partners that tested the capabilities of emergency operations coordination, information sharing, medical surge and responder safety and health during an infectious disease outbreak. Overall the exercise went very well. There was great communication and interaction between participating facilities and organizations on a variety of topics throughout the exercise. The exercise had 73 people in attendance that represented 16 different organizations (Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), Nebraska Emergency Management Agency, Nebraska Public Health Laboratory, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department, CHI Health Saint Elizabeth Lincoln-Lancaster County Emergency Management Agency, Lincoln Fire and Rescue Bryan Medical Center, Midwest Medical Transport Company, EMS Innovations 10/11 News-Lincoln, KETV Channel 7-Omaha, KLKN TV Channel 8, Lincoln Journal Star and NET-Lincoln) throughout Lancaster County. The exercise allowed participants to voice their strengths and gain ideas and solutions from community partners who are vested in preparedness throughout Lancaster County.
INFORMATION & FISCAL MANAGEMENT

Three long-time employees in the Information and Fiscal Management Division will be retiring in the next fiscal year. Both sections are working to prepare for the impact of the retirements and manage the transition.

The Division Manager has completed documentation of Domain 11 – Maintain Administrative and Management Capacity.
Memorandum

Date: August 9, 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 August 2, 2016 through August 8, 2016:

Administrative Amendment No. 16037 to Use Permit #05006, Grainger Heights Use Permit, approved by the Planning Director on August 2, 2016, to adjust the lot dimensions and add three additional lots, generally located at S. 40th Street and Grainger Parkway.

Administrative Amendment No. 16040 to Change of Zone #15016, Wilderness Creek PUD, approved by the Planning Director on August 3, 2016, to revise the location of the common access easement along the south lot line of Lots 1 and 2, Block 1, provide a site plan for Lot 1, Block 4, modify the boundary of Outlot A, and modify interior setbacks, generally located at S. 40th Street and Yankee Hill Road.

Administrative Amendment No. 16053 to Special Permit #16007, Garage Rebuild, approved by the Planning Director on August 3, 2016, to increase the depth of the proposed garage from 21'2" to 24'0", at 1821 S. 13th Street, generally located at S. 13th Street and Rose Street.

Administrative Amendment No. 16054 to Change of Zone #08066, Antelope Village PUD, approved by the Planning Director on August 8, 2016, to adjust the side yard setback on two lots and to add a note that buildings shall not be allowed in Outlot A and that lot lines shall not be reconfigured any closer to any structure within the development; all in Antelope Square Addition, generally located at N. 22nd Street and Q Street.
Jon – I am writing in support of the proposed 5% water and sewer rate increases.

Developing and growing our community is vitally important to the health of this City and the surrounding region. While no one likes increases in user fees, the ability for the City to fund additional infrastructure through the proposed rate increase, paired with private investment in developing areas, will allow the City to expand its developable land base, and in turn, its property tax base. As I am sure you know, the availability of desirable buildable lots is limited in and around Lincoln therefore underserving the demand for home construction. I believe that supporting the user fee increase serves the community well both economically and through providing additional housing options for its residents.

We are involved in projects across Lincoln and Olsson Associates support smart growth. Specifically the user fee increase of 5% will allow the City to move forward with certain sewer improvements in portions of the Steven’s Creek watershed and thus add contiguous growth areas utilizing existing road infrastructure. The Planning Commission recently approved the development plans in the area of 98th and Van Dorn Street which aligns with the Capital Improvement Plan for infrastructure in the area. This is an efficient and economical use of funds that effectively multiplies their impact in the short term.

I would encourage you to vote in favor of the 5% increases to enable the construction of infrastructure to support Lincoln’s growth.

Thank you.
Brad Strittmatter
President
Olsson Associates
August 5, 2016

Council Member Camp
Lincoln City Council Member
Via Email

Dear Council Member Camp,

On behalf of the Lincoln members of the Nebraska Building Chapter, I want to voice our opposition to the $1.2 million reduction in the General Fund budget for the Building and Safety Department as it appears in the City Council’s budget due for final vote on August 10.

We appreciate the spirit and effort put forth by each and every council member to control spending and tax rates. However, with all due respect, we oppose eliminating $1.2 million from the General Fund to the Building and Safety Department budget on the assumption the department will fund the gap by pulling dollars from the Building and Safety Permit and Fee Revenue Fund. In our opinion, this is a short-sighted solution and the wrong approach for the following reasons.

The Special Revenue Fund in the Department, which collects the permit and fee revenue generated by the activities of the Department, was never intended to be a substitute for General Fund funding for programs that provide a general benefit to the public. Executive Order # 051123, dated August 1996, which serves as the operating policies for the Department today does not authorize the use of permit and fee revenue in the way which will be forced by this general fund budget cut.

The revenue in the Building & Safety Revenue Fund was and is paid on behalf of past, current and future property owners for the intended use described in the Department operating policies. This does not include funding general benefits to the public, specifically in this case activities relating to fire prevention education, fire investigation, bomb squad and housing code enforcement.

The Building & Safety Revenue Fund balance at this time is not surplus! The balance of $8.2 million represents $3.5 million of inspections and work in-progress (fees paid, but inspections not complete assuming each permit only receives one more inspection); $2.5 million as required surplus to cover two months of operating expenses for the department; and the balance is needed to cover the ebb and flow of the construction cycle in the city. The Department cannot sustain funding for the several existing general public programs beyond 2016-18. This is very short sighted.

The multiple construction industry taskforces who voluntarily serve the department agreed to increase fees and permits during past code cycles (as early as 2011) with the understanding that the increased revenue would provide funding for additional inspectors and plan reviewers on staff. The Department still has not been given the approval to hire those positions, yet now the Council’s budget is forcing the
permit and fees revenue to be used for non-authorized purposes while the Department goes understaffed!

The Department, along with input from the multiple industry taskforces are already contemplating a permit and fee increase in the near future to cover their operations. If the Building & Safety Revenue Fund is expected to bear this shift into the future, fees will have to be increased on the industry sooner and at a higher rate. Permits and fees are a flow-through cost. In the end, whether you pay it as a tax or a fee, it is still a cost to the property owner.

Let's be fair and keep the fees/permits paying for what it was intended and use general fund for what it was intended without mixing it together.

Please restore the $1.2 million budget item to the Building and Safety Department to fund the activities relating to fire prevention education, fire investigation, bomb squad and housing code enforcement.

Sincerely,

Jean Petsch
Executive Director
402-641-3855
Jon,

I met you a few years back during the campaign at a meeting at Olsson Associates. I am writing you to support the proposed 5% rate increase for water and sewer fees. I understand the difficulty associated with increased taxes and normally would always support the position that we are all taxed too much as it is. In this case, I think the rate increase is justified. The trade-off of a very minor monthly increase in exchange for the City to make prudent decisions over the next 6 years with their Capital Improvement Plan is important to keep Lincoln affordable for people to buy homes here. With the severe shortage of lots in town, many of our employees are either unable to afford or cannot find an acceptable housing alternative. Shutting down or delaying the Capital Improvement Plan will only make things worse.

Lincoln’s water and sewer rates are not excessive. We work with neighboring communities and states and see this information daily. I urge you to support the 5% increase.

Thank you for your service to Lincoln.

Jeff Jenkins | Chief Financial Officer | Olsson Associates
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Peggy

Thanks for your email and concerns on increasing permit fees. You raised several good points, especially about collecting fees from all parties who currently skirt the required installations.

In hearings on the biennial budget, a clear point rose to the surface...we were told by one department that fees have to increase by 3% even though our economy has increased at barely 1%...BECAUSE the City negotiates such high compensation and benefit increases for employees.

FYI, go to this website and just see the high compensations and number of staff Lincoln has: [http://journalstar.com/data/salaries/](http://journalstar.com/data/salaries/)

Best regards,

Jon

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InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
Jon Camp

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Comment or Question:
Dear Councilman Camp,
We were very disappointed in the response of the City Council to the Mayor’s recycling initiative. You all basically gutted the recycling process. Recycling is part of who we are as religious people living in the city. Caring for the earth is an imperative for us. Recycling would have extended the life of the landfill for a much longer period of time.

Regarding the Mayor’s budget. It is the peoples budget because it incorporates a number of areas that the public really cares about such as taking care of our parks, continuing to build on the success of our libraries, working toward completion of the south beltway and other areas that will keep Lincoln growing and moving forwards as a community. We are in support of the Mayor’s budget as it is proposed,

Sincerely,
Richard and Karen Dienstbier
Aaron:

Thanks for your email and concerns about recycling.

I strongly believe in recycling. . .I even “recycle old buildings“ saving thousands of tons of debris from the landfills.

But I do not believe in the “heavy hand of government” and mandates that result in unintended consequences and penalizing businesses, property owners and increasing costs to citizens.

The revised legislation adopted by the City Council is a strong positive step requiring the availability of curbside service to all citizens and stepped-up education. I am very disappointed in the mayor’s veto and comments which reflect his failure to work with the City Council, his immature attitude, and his lack of transparency.

Aaron, let’s all work together. . .step up education with the $500,000 in funds in the legislation. . .provide more drop-off sites. . .and provide individual-to-individual peer pressure to encourage greater recycling.

Best regards,

Jon

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Hi, Jon. Hope you are well. I miss our occasional conversations.

I wanted to thank you for voting against the water rate increase. I know you must have felt like the proverbial "voice crying in the wilderness" on this one—-again. One of these days the taxpayers will begin to think that perhaps privatizing our utilities might be a better idea than entrusting it to the city. It seems to me that city officials want it three ways: an increase in rates (or fees) and floating new bonds. I truly believe the city, county and state governments are playing fast and loose with "the good life".

Other than writing to my city councilman, is there anything I can do to voice my displeasure?

Dave Anderson

ECK Quote of the Day
Hi
I am writing in support of the budget which does not increase our property taxes. We have been hit with a sewer tax increase, sales tax for the arena and South Pointe, and potentially SEC wants to raise our taxes as well. Enough is enough. If our home value has gone up there should be more revenue. Increasing property taxes is making it less appealing to be a home owner.

Thanks for your work for the city of Lincoln
Marlys Freese
Jon,

I am one of your constituents and I feel very strongly that you and your fellow Republicans have made a mistake in rejecting the mandatory recycling bill proposed by Mayor Beutler. Open your mind to doing the best for the environment and the community. Lincoln has made such great strides recently, it is really a shame that we have taken one giant step backward.

Chris Zygielbaum
Mr. Camp:
I would believe the experts at a research university such a Purdue before I would believe LIBA when it comes to handling Emerald Ash Borers.
See this link:

https://www.newterrain.us/urban-ecology/purdue-eab-research-saving-trees-saves/

Richard Sutton
Nancy,

As always I find your articles very interesting and educational.

The section about "Benefits can be costly" was surprising to say the least. It quotes Judy Halstead director of the City-County Health Department as saying that Health Insurance Coverage for family plans cost the city $20,000 for each family covered employee. As a retired finance person who worked for corporations and consulted with company's on their financials, I find this amount astoundingly high.

I would like to suggest that you do another article comparing health insurance costs that are paid by the employer of: City of Lincoln, County of Lancaster, State of Nebraska, UNL, LPS, Large local businesses, Medium and small local businesses.

I believe you will find that our tax supported entities health insurance costs per employee are significantly higher that private tax paying businesses.

Regards,

Dick Oxley
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Lincoln, NE
Mary M. Meyer

From: MJ McGowan <mmanleymcgowan@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 09, 2016 2:09 PM
To: Jon Camp
Subject: Lincoln's Recycling Plan 2016

I'm disappointed that the Mayor's original recycling plan was not advanced by the City Council.

Lincoln is way behind on recycling efforts.

I can't quite believe that the plan was ultimately "watered down."

Meredith McGowan
5909 Minter Lane
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Hi Mr. Camp,

I am writing you regarding the Mayor's proposed budget, and urging you to support the 5% rate increase for water and sewer fees.

The improvements and development possibilities, and the resulting tax generated, will be a major benefit to our community.

Thank you for all that you do!

John Whitmer
7620 Jason Dr.
Lincoln, NE 68516
Sorry this is not so timely, but I finally had time to email you and remembered to do so. I support your vote on the recycling amendment to the budget. I am not in favor of mandating recycling and banning certain items. #1 who would be policing this. Are the refuse collectors actually going to tear open garbage bags and sort thru this at the street to look for "criminals"? Also, #2, I am generally opposed to paying someone to pick up something of mine that they are then going to sell to someone else.
The mayors response was that education has been shown not to be effective yet he included education in his plan. If he didnt believe it to be effective then why he include it in his plan?
I appreciate the service you have provided to our city over the years. Thank you and keep up the good work!

Kirk Laughlin
Jon,

I just sent you a cc about Nancy Hicks article containing the City of Lincoln Cost for Health Care Coverage in today's LJS.

I would suggest that along with the $1.4 million in accrued Sick and Vacation Pay, the Health Care Costs per employee would be another place that Mayor Buetler could work on to reduce his increased budget for future periods. Both seem extremely high and perhaps way out of line.

I appreciate and support your work on trying to hold taxes down and trying to stop the recycling program that Buetler is trying to push upon us. Perhaps the taxpayers involved will hopefully be able to vote on it.

Regards,

Dick Oxley
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Mr. Camp,

My name is Dave Dingman. We met at a recent LIBA government caucus meeting where I discussed my thoughts on the mayor's proposed recycling ordinance. Before I get too far ahead of myself, let me just say thank you for your years of dedicated and diligent service to the citizens of Lincoln.

As I have been watching the city budget conversation with great interest, I would like to know whether or not the Council has discussed reducing the proposed landfill fee increase of $8 per ton over the next two years. From what I can tell, there is no real justification for the increase. The city does not claim any new operating expenses at the landfill. With the recycling ordinance axed, for now, has the council looked to this new fee increase as a means to find the cuts necessary to not raise property taxes?

I realize that the city (not the Council) likes to use the landfill fee as a sort of slush fund that no one pays attention to, but these rates have already increased 37% since 2012. Now, they are expected to increase another 27%. In other words, over a 6-year period from 2012-2018, Lincoln's landfill rate will have increased by 64%. Lincoln has some of the lowest landfill rates around, yet this increase is felt beyond the trash haulers. It is felt by every resident as these costs are passed on from the haulers to homeowners and landlords and then renters. The city claims this will only raise refuse collection rates by an average $1.33 per month per customer. That's another $15.96 annually for families that already have a hard time making ends meet and it is even worse for businesses trying to cut costs.

If you are looking for additional cuts that are perhaps less politically challenging than public job salaries, perhaps you can look at keeping the proposed $1 per year increase in the occupation tax and reducing or eliminating the $3 per year landfill fee increase.

Regards,
Dave Dingman
Councilman Camp,
Thank you for your outstanding work on the budget and avoiding a tax hike on an already burdensome tax levy!

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Comment or Question:
I support required recycling. It needs to support recycling efforts already in place and to expand the recycling we are capable of as a city. We need a sustainable approach to energy and resources that minimizes damage to our environment. Incentives for recycling should exist. Restaurants should also participate in recycling efforts. The amount of plastic and disposable materials we put into our landfills could help our planet and society immensely.
Dear Lincoln City Council,

I had intended to provide these remarks at the hearing on 8/8, but scheduling prohibited this. The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is an invasive beetle that threatens to destroy most of North America's 8.7 billion ash trees, including 54,000 in the city of Lincoln. EAB has arrived in Nebraska, and it is just a matter of time before it begins killing ash trees here.

The experiences of other cities dealing with EAB infestation have shown that prompt, proactive responses are much more cost-effective than delayed or inadequate ones. The money spent now to address this threat will reduce future spending that would otherwise be needed to manage a crisis of tree death in the city. It is fiscally responsible to allocate the needed funds now.

Our mature tree canopy is one of Lincoln's greatest assets, representing the multi-decade investment of generations of Linconites. These trees improve air quality, increase property values, reduce summer cooling costs, and enhance our quality of life. Mature trees also play a critical and underappreciated role in stormwater management, which has been highlighted by difficulties encountered in other areas that have been hard-hit by EAB and by our own recent storms. In short, Lincoln's trees are an essential part of our infrastructure and require the same sustained investment, maintenance, improvement, and growth as other infrastructure. We face a tremendous threat with EAB, and I urge you to fully fund the Mayor's request to respond to this threat in a way that will improve Lincoln's tree canopy in the long-term.

Best regards,
Mark Wilson
Please include this letter in tonight's minutes. Thank You!

Please do Not cut the Budget for tree services in meeting tonight. If cut Lincoln will not be the same city visually it is now. I lived through the 1974 super cell F4 tornado in Louisville KY which took out a major portion and 1,000's of trees in Cherokee Park. It is just now recovered enough to be a people friendly place again. Forty Years later! Not fighting these diseases is just stupid. With rising temps we need the wind and sun protection they provide.

Mo Neal
Prof Emeritus, UNL

Sent from my iPhone
Good Morning to you all:

I appreciate how you listen, are thoughtful to those who testify and ask provoking questions.

I articulate better in written form and have attached a concise testimony with targeted bullet points.

Thank you so much for your time, your commitment to maintaining the fabric of this amazing city.

Respectfully,
Rosina Paolini
Thanks to the Mayor and the City Council for bringing forth a well thought out budget proposal.

We all bleed red... social services like public transportation, in home services for the elderly, libraries, parks and trails, and community recreation centers need to be accessible and available to us all whether we choose to use the services or not.

In past years Aging Partners, Star Tran, Parks and Recreation Dept. and libraries have been cut to the bone. Any further cuts will be amputations of whole limbs and we not are talking about surgical cuts, but a serrated raw cut that cuts into the fabric of our city; our community. Some of the proposed cuts are amputating the head of the Park and Recreation department, the heart of in home services for the elders and the feet/roots of our tree city when we cut funding for the emerald ash bore. Our ash tree was planted by a 7 year old as a school project in the 1940’s as the story goes. Today, the estimated cost of removing that tree is $1500. The longer we wait, the higher the price tag. We saw what the Dutch Elm disease did to our city. Snow removal needs to come out of the “street fund”. Snow removal prevents potholes that also comes out of the street fund. Street funds need to be used for both maintenance and building of streets. Removing the snow prevents accidents, decreases the use of police and fire services, decreases the potential for injury. When one rides their bike on the street, the majority of the riders pay wheel tax on the car they drive less often. The general fund is for services, keeping and adding staff to restore the many positions that have been cut in various departments over the years, not streets.

**You like solutions:**

Our city is not growing, the population has not significantly increased the way our square mileage has increased. Urban sprawl is cost inefficient. Along with low density come the responsibility of fewer taxpayers to build and maintain the infrastructure of urban sprawl, new schools, libraries, trails, parks, increase police coverage, and new fire stations. Set a limit on the city limits.

Tax those through their workplace who live outside the city limits and use the infrastructure of our city “a Lincoln User tax” if you will. Curt Donaldson’s idea from a decade ago.

Do you get incremental raises at work? Does your cost of living go up? Incrementally increase the property tax proportional to the increase in cost of living.

Merge the county and city together since 96ish % of Lancaster County is Lincoln. This has been done in some departments and it seems to work.

Inform the public of the many pots of money that support this city (private partnerships, grants, dividends on investments)

When developments, trails, bridges, parks are built/created, mandate a maintenance endowment to couple the initial investment.
I would like to see the full funding restored for dealing with the ash bore, this is a problem that we must address.

I would also like to have some mechanism in place that would prevent the Parks Department or the Mayor from raiding these funds for other purposes such as mowing, snow removal or public art. How about putting the funds in an enterprise fund?

Finally, the responsible administrators should be required to report the status of all funds every six months to guarantee that these funds are properly used.

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Good Morning-

I would like to follow up on two items from our construction industry testimony presented last night; one specific to our Association and one applying to the information presented by all three testifiers.

First, regarding the funds held in the Building and Safety Reserve Fund, specifically the amount that represents the “$2.5 million as required surplus to cover two months of operating expenses for the department”. All three testifiers quoted this figure (as well as probably every email you received from contractors) as that was the data we received from the Building and Safety Department and the Mayor’s Office. However, based on Councilmember Lamm’s comment last night, that required reserve amount is incorrect. Councilmember Lamm; would you please provide me the dollar amount your shared last night as the correct reserve balance? I did not get your exact quote noted during the hearing. In one discussion last week I did mention my surprise at $2.5 million representing 2-3 months department operating reserve as it seemed somewhat high. However, I am not intimately familiar with the City budget, no one else was questioning the amount, and I didn’t take the time to investigate further. For that I apologize. I do try to provide accurate information to the best of my ability in all our industry advocacy efforts. It seems I failed this time and I am looking forward to reconciling the correct number with Building and Safety Department soon.

Second, the question was asked of Wes Oestreich, on behalf of the AGC Building Chapter, who the Lincoln members were? This is to elaborate on Wes’s response that we are a statewide organization and have 13 general contractor members in Lincoln.

The Associated General Contractors-Nebraska Building Chapter is a leading association for the commercial construction industry. The Building Chapter represents 125 of Nebraska’s top ranked firms that operate locally, regionally and nationally/internationally. Membership is limited to those firms that demonstrate the highest levels of skill, integrity and responsibility within the business community. In Lincoln the General Contractor Members include the following firms: Brester Construction, Cheever Construction, Chief Construction, Hampton Commercial Construction, Hausmann Construction, Judd Brothers Construction Company, Kingery Construction Company, Rogge General Contractors, Sampson Construction and Schwisow Construction. Along with that we have a host of specialty contractors that belong as Associate Members. Most all of the construction professionals in attendance at the hearing last night belong to numerous construction associations.

Thank you again for you service to the community. Please contact me any time on issues of interest to the commercial (non-single family dwelling) building industry in Lincoln.

Jean Petsch
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Council Members,

I wanted to Thank You for your time last night. Your attention shown in this issue puts faith in the system for those of us that are not involved in City Gov. or politics. I went home and watched the balance of the meeting and it seemed my comment about inspections dating back to 2014 may have peaked some interest.

I have to agree with Mr. Camp when he asked why the process of hiring a new Mechanical Inspector was stopped even when we as task force members budgeted for it and the funds are in the system to do the hiring? We all work off a budgets in our daily lives and while we sometimes would like to make a new hire or buy the new truck and tools the budget just does not allow it, in this case the funds are there and no burden will be placed on Contractors or the Public with this hire. I would also like to add that I wish it had been asked why we did not see any attempt to hire over previous 2 code reviews as funds were budgeted at those times as well.

Again Thank you for your time in this matter and if I can be of any assistance please let me know.

Oh and sorry that you may have just received my letter that was sent last week as just now found the Verify Emails for all of you in a spam folder.

Sincerely

Tom Hardesty (pres)
Wellmann Heating and Air
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You’re right that recycling everything possible, including cardboard and paper, is healthy for Lincoln’s environment and to delay the expense for another landfill. But you’re wrong about about how to motivate people to do it.

*Self-interest* is the most effective motivator of people for simple tasks, according to psychologists. Recycling *is* a simple task, sir. People in this valley have always recycled things of value.

Since the early 1970s, Nebraskans have responded very well to the deposit and refund rewards for pop bottles and aluminum cans, thank you very much. And we do the right thing without the threat of fines or higher garbage collection fees.

A two to five cent deposit and *refund* (reward) on a pound of cardboard, paid for and collected at the retail level, would work just fine. We’re people, mayor, not cattle needing an electric prod on our backside to do the right thing for our local environment. Now you do the right thing and rewrite your proposal, without cardboard cops writing citations on every garbage truck.

Phil Schupbach, Homeowner

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DIRECTORS’/ORGANIZATIONAL AGENDA
ADDENDUM
MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2016

I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR CORRESPONDENCE
1. NEWS RELEASE. Mural project to “Notice” one Lincoln girl.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Havelock picnic shelter project begins Monday.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Public invited to Chalk the Walks at local libraries.
4. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler’s public schedule for the week of August 13, 2016 through August 19, 2016.
5. NEWS RELEASE. One block of cycle traffic on “N” Street to be diverted.
6. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor to present July Award of Excellence to Firefighter Troy Hassebroek.
7. NEWS RELEASE. Star City Shores open through Sunday.

III. DIRECTORS

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

WEED CONTROL AUTHORITY
1. Lancaster County Weed Control - City of Lincoln Weed Abatement August 2016 news report.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP
1. Mark Dickinson asking that the no vote on the recycling proposal be reconsidered.
2. Rob Barie asking what the total tax increase would be if the Mayor’s budget goes through as proposed.
4. Todd Wiley commending Councilman Camp on decision to block the mandatory recycling plan, stating reasons.

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
1. Ray Stevens writing on trails and safety, pointing out several items. (Ombudsman Lin Quenzer is looking into this matter)
2. Great Plains Trails Network, Roger Hirsch, commenting on the zoo’s expansion plans, and the impact on the Rock Island Trail. (This letter also received in Mayor’s office and is being looked into by Denise Pearce, Senior Policy Counsel)
3. Bob Doris asking that the no vote on the recycling proposal be reconsidered.

VI. ADJOURNMENT
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 12, 2016
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831
Wynn Hjermstad, Urban Development, 402-441-8211
Lori Pratico, Girl Noticed, 954-605-5208

MURAL PROJECT TO “NOTICE” ONE LINCOLN GIRL

The City of Lincoln is bringing the national mural project “Girl Noticed” to the Capital City, and nominations are now being accepted for the subject of the mural. The City is partnering with NeighborWorks Lincoln and Lutheran Family Services to bring artist Lori Pratico and photographer Elizabeth Sanjuan to Lincoln for the project, which shows the “hidden strength and importance of women in our society.”

Pratico will create the mural in a 9- to 12-hour session Saturday, August 27 on the south/”N” Street wall of the new Health 360 clinic at 23rd and “O” streets. She says the charcoal murals are temporary, “conveying the message that there is a window of time to notice, otherwise things will change, fade away or go unnoticed.” Pratico will also speak at Indigo Bridge Books, 701 “P” Street, at 7 p.m. Friday, August 26.

Girls and women can nominiate themselves to be the subject of the mural, or residents can nominate a girl or woman of any age. Nomiations are due August 20, and can be submitted to girlnoticed@gmail.com in writing or with a one-minute video. The video should begin with “I am” and end with “Notice me.” The selected subject will be sked to submit photographs for the artist to consider.

“It is important to recognize the contributions girls and women make to your community every day,” Mayor Beutler said. “I want to especially encourage our New Americans to share their inspiring stories of making a new life in our City.” No City funds are being spent on the project.

The public is invited to watch the mural being created on August 27. The Lux Center for the Arts will have activities throughout the day at the Van de Lux in the Elliott Elementary parking lot on “N” Street. Parking will be available at the Elliott lot and the Health 360 lot. The project will also be featured on the City’s cable television access channels, 5 CITY-TV and 10 Health TV.

Pratico hopes the project reaches all 50 states. At the end of the three-year project, the story of her experience along with Sanjuan’s photos of the murals will be published in a book. More information is available at girlnoticed.com.

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HAVELOCK PICNIC SHELTER PROJECT BEGINS MONDAY

A project to replace the aging wooden picnic shelter in Havelock Park is scheduled to begin Monday, August 15. The new metal shelter is expected to be available for use by the end of September. Some of the older playground equipment in the park will also be replaced.

J.J. Yost, Planning and Construction Manager for Parks and Recreation, said the new shelter will feature many of the historic characteristics of the area’s old band shelter with a hexagon shape, gabled roof and classic pergola. He said the design will incorporate a train motif and branding that are compatible with recent streetscape improvements in the surrounding business district. The need for a new shelter was identified during a 2003 park master planning process involving the Havelock Neighborhood Association and area businesses. The shelter and walkway connections will be ADA accessible.

For more information on the project, contact Yost at 402-441-8255 or jyost@lincoln.ne.gov. More information on the Parks and Recreation Department is available at parks.lincoln.ne.gov.

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PUBLIC INVITED TO CHALK THE WALKS AT LOCAL LIBRARIES

Lincoln City Libraries invites the public to participate in the 6th annual Chalk the Walks event Tuesday, August 16 at several library locations. The international event is a project of The Joy Team, and its purpose is to spread happiness by encouraging people to write positive messages with sidewalk chalk.

Chalk will be provided during regular hours at the following library locations:

- Bennett Martin Public Library, 136 S. 14th Street
- Anderson Branch, 3635 Touzalin Avenue
- Gere Branch, 2400 S. 56th Street
- Walt Branch, 6701 S. 14th Street

The event began in Vancouver, Washington in 2011 and has spread to all 50 U.S. states and many countries.

Information about Chalk the Walks and other library events can be found at lincolnlibraries.org.

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Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule
Week of August 13 through 19, 2016
(Schedule subject to change)

Sunday, August 14
• Retirement party for Glenn Johnson, General Manager of the Lower Platte South NRD - event is 2 to 4 p.m. with remarks at 3 p.m., Jayne Snyder Trail Center, Union Plaza, 228 N. 21st St.

Monday, August 15
• Mayor’s Award of Excellence presentation – 3 p.m., City Council Chambers, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.

Tuesday, August 16
• KLIN – 8:10 a.m., 4343 “O” St.

Wednesday, August 17
• Grand opening for Q2, remarks – Olsson Associates Building, 601 “P” St., fourth floor
ONE BLOCK OF CYCLE TRAFFIC ON
“N” STREET TO BE DIVERTED

Beginning today or tomorrow, bicycle traffic on the “N” Street Cycle Track will be diverted to the north side of the street from 8th to 9th streets to allow for UNL students to move into the housing development on that block. Cycle traffic is expected to be diverted until Sunday, August 21.

The “N” Street Cycle Track, the State’s first protected bikeway, runs for 17 blocks from 23rd Street to Arena Drive. More information is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: N Street).
MAYOR TO PRESENT JULY AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Mayor Chris Beutler today will present the Mayor’s Award of Excellence for July to Firefighter Troy Hassebroek of Lincoln Fire and Rescue (LFR). The award will be presented at 3 p.m. at the beginning of the City Council meeting at the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street. The monthly award recognizes City employees who consistently provide exemplary service and work that demonstrates personal commitment to the City.

Hassebroek has been with LFR since 2015. He was nominated in the categories of customer relations and productivity by Fire Prevention Inspector Rick Campos for his actions on one day in May that Campos said illustrates Hassebroek’s character and desire to serve.

On that day, Hassebroek was on his way to Huntington Elementary for a public education program and a race against Principal R.I. Devney. He stopped at a bicycle accident to offer first aid to one of the two cyclists, and determined that a minor laceration was going to require medical treatment. Hassebroek put both bikes in his truck and took the injured person to a local injury clinic. Because it was closed, he took the person to a hospital for medical care. As he was leaving the hospital, Hassebroek helped two people in wheelchairs reach the hospital entrance by pushing them up a hill.

When Hassebroek arrived at the school, Campos said he quickly stepped into the role of fire safety educator, teacher and role model. He first visited classrooms to talk about home fire safety. Campos says Hassebroek’s past experience as a teacher was evident as he gave students homework to complete. The kindergartners were asked to count the number of smoke detectors in their homes and report to their teachers the next day. Campos said this simple assignment reinforced math recall skills and provided an opportunity for children and parents to talk about fire safety at home.

The race was an obstacle course where Hassebroek and Devney gradually added 75 pounds of firefighter gear and performed different tasks. The race ended with the competitors donning self-contained breathing apparatus and running about 50 yards to the finish line. The finish included Hassebroek, a former Cornhusker football player, tackling Devney twice, the crowd shooting silly string at both competitors and a “Chariots of Fire” conclusion. Hassebroek and Devney capped off the race with “high-fives” to demonstrate their sportsmanship.

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Campos said this one day was a great example of Hassebroek’s dedication to helping Lincoln residents, including the next generation.

The other categories in which employees can be nominated are safety, valor and loss prevention. Consideration also may be given to nominations that demonstrate self-initiated accomplishments or those completed outside of the nominee’s job description. All City employees are eligible for the award except for elected and appointed officials. Individuals or teams can be nominated by supervisors, peers, subordinates and the general public. Nomination forms are available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: hr) or from department heads, employee bulletin boards or the Human Resources Department, which oversees the awards program.

All nominations are considered by the Mayor’s Award of Excellence Committee, which includes a representative with each union and a non-union representative appointed by the Mayor. Award winners receive a $50 gift certificate, a day off with pay and a plaque. All monthly winners and nominees are eligible to receive the annual award, which comes with a $250 gift certificate, two days off with pay and a plaque.
STAR CITY SHORES OPEN THROUGH SUNDAY
Season ends with annual Dog Splash

While most of Lincoln’s public swimming pools closed Sunday, August 14, Star City Shores will remain open through Sunday August 21. Hours are 3:30 to 7 p.m. today through Friday, August 19 and 12:30 to 6 p.m. August 20 and 21.

The annual Dog Splash at Star City Shores will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. August 21. Tickets are $10 per dog and will go on sale at 6 p.m. at the front gates. Each dog may be accompanied by up to two adults and one child at least 8 years of age. Dog Splash includes an area for small dogs (measuring 15 inches or less from the shoulder) and retrieval activities in the lap lanes. When the dogs are not in the water, they must be on a leash. Plastic bags will be provided for cleanup. Dog Splash is sponsored by the Lincoln Parks Foundation and the Greater Lincoln Obedience Club. For more information about Dog Splash, contact Janet at 402-416-5540.

For more information on City pools visit lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: pools).

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The City of Lincoln Historic Preservation Commission will hold a public meeting on Thursday, August 18, 2016, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 214, 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 HPC meeting records of July 21, 2016.
2. Opportunity for persons with limited time or an item not on the agenda to address the Commission.

HEARING AND ACTION

3. Certificates of Appropriateness for work at the Toolhouse, 800 Q Street, in the Haymarket Landmark District.
   a. Sign for Rabbit Hole Bakery (lower level);

DISCUSS AND ADVISE

4. Staff Report & misc.

The Historic Preservation Commission’s agenda may be accessed on the Internet at http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/boards

ACCOMMODATION NOTICE
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If you ever thought you could take a year or two off and your phragmites wouldn’t spread; think again!

During our recent survey of Salt Creek we spotted a patch of phragmites just over the tree line in a wetland that we now refer to as “Spider Island”.

One of the things that makes Common reed (phragmites australis) so hard to manage is its ability to spread in a variety of ways. One the first ways we think of a plant spreading is by seed. This is true and our seed test at the Nebraska Department of Agriculture seed lab shows that most the seed heads we tested had at least 70% viable seed. Phragmites is a perennial plant which means it comes back year after year from its root zone or rhizomes, this allows the patch to continue to grow even if it didn’t produce viable seed. The third way it will attack is by sending out stolons. These are like above ground roots that run across anything in its path and pop up a new plant about every 10 inches. The stolons will grow up to 30 feet in just one season. This allows the patch to grow above ground or water, even if it isn’t producing seed or spreading by rhizomes.

OK, if that wasn’t enough, here is one more method that allows it to quickly spread downstream.

All three of the previous mentioned methods come into play when in a moving water system such as a creek, stream or river. Moving water can carry the seed downstream, the roots/rhizomes when broken off can wash up to shore and begin a new patch, the stolons will also break off and find a new home downstream. Oh yeah, I haven’t mentioned that when the plant itself falls over or washes away it can also start up new plants at every leaf node.

The many ways this plant can spread makes it by far one of the most difficult invasives plants we have to control.
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 decrease land and reduce for revenue.

- Musk Thistle
- Canada Thistle
- Plumeless Thistle
- Phragmites
- Leafy Spurge
- Sericea Lespedeza
- Japanese Knotweed
- Giant Knotweed
- Purple Loosestrife
- Saltcedar
- Spotted Knapweed
- Diffuse Knapweed
- Cutleaf Teasel
- Common Teasel

Good Neighbors – Control Invasive Weeds !!!

Lancaster County’s Noxious Weeds

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.neweed.org), or Nebraska Department of Agriculture.
Dear Councilman Camp,

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We believe that it is in the best interests of both the city and the people of Lincoln to approve this measure.

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Please reconsider and vote yes on this proposal.

Mary Dickinson
Good afternoon Mr. Hoppe,

I am hoping you can help me understand what the TOTAL tax increase would look like for an average citizen of Lincoln, assuming the Mayor’s budget goes through as he proposed it. Please include property tax, landfill, water, electricity, etc., everything that has an increase and that will “cost” the Lincoln taxpayers more money over the next two years.

Thank you,

Rob Barie  
7530 North Hampton Road  
Lincoln 68506
Good afternoon John,

I’m wondering if you can tell me where to find the process for changing the form of government that you spoke of yesterday on Drivetime Lincoln. I don’t remember what you called it, but I would like to understand that process.

Also, I’ve read that in Lincoln the mayor and a seven-member city council are selected in nonpartisan elections. Four members are elected from city council districts; the remaining three members are elected at-large. If that’s true, then why do party politics play such a cantankerous role in our city politics?

Thanks so much John,

Rob Barie
7530 North Hampton Road
Lincoln, NE

Sent from Mail for Windows 10
Mr. Camp,

I would like to commend you and express my support to your decision to block the mandatory recycling plan. I have many issues with the mandatory recycling. One the additional costs that pick up will inflict on my family. As a citizen recycling should either be voluntary or paid for by the city. I personally would not select to take my recyclables to a central point, but would have to pay for weekly pickup at my residence which is an additional financial burden on my family.

My second issue is the misdemeanor charges for placing paper or cardboard in my trash. If convicted of a misdemeanor for paper/cardboard in my trash I could possibly lose my job. This penalty seems excessive for the crime. We have drug dealers that get felonies plead to misdemeanors. Are we going to criminalize good citizens for throwing away paper or cardboard?

Todd Wiley
2411 Scotch Pine Trail
Lincoln, NE 68512

Sent from my iPhone
Mayor Chris Beutler  
555 S. 10th St.  
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Mayor Beutler,

As a taxpayer and a concerned citizen, I wish to bring several items to your attention relative to biking, trails and safety.

On Tuesday, August 9 at approximately 10:00 a.m., I called LPD to complain about two vehicles parked in the Protected Bike Lane of N street between 8th and 9th. They indicated they would have someone look at the situation. I returned about 10:45 and one of the vehicles was still parked there. I called LPD again and they referred me to “parking enforcement.” Parking enforcement took my complaint and promised to look into the situation. After 20 minutes and nothing happening, I went to Parking Services at 850 Q to complain about lack of response. I was informed by a “manager” that nothing could be done because the vehicle was there only temporarily and was facilitating the construction of the building on that block.

Mayor Beutler, I helped raise more than $250,000 in private money to help finance this amenity and there was never any discussion about using the bike lane for overflow parking! If the bike lane is to be used to enhance safety, it cannot also be used for parking – EVER! There has been great cooperation between the city and the trails and biking community and the city is not fulfilling the commitment we expected of you.

If vehicles are given a free pass on the bike lane, are bikes given a free pass on riding on sidewalks in downtown Lincoln? Would a bike rally through downtown Lincoln on a football Saturday get your attention? I am not aware of illegal activity that would occur if 100-200 bikes rode through downtown Lincoln as long as they were single file and observed all traffic signals.

On other trail issues, when the Boosalis trail was enhanced several years ago and the Lincoln Track Club contributed money, portions of the trail had to be reconstructed because of uneven finishing. This trail is now satisfactory. The trail under Sheridan Blvd on the Rock Island Trail is not satisfactory! The new trail is a step backward from the old trail that existed prior to the bridge construction. Either the city specifications are not sufficient to insure a smoother finish or the contractor was negligent. Trail users expect much better! There are also 3 concrete segments on the Rock Island Trail just south of Van Dorn that do not meet my specifications. The NRD completed a trail segment last year along the Salt Creek Levy from NSAA to north of the Devaney Center. The City should find out what specifications and contractor the NRD used as that trail if very nice.
As a heavy trail user, I ask you to use your powers of persuasion to convince the Lincoln Children’s Zoo that their plan to put a driveway between 2 parking lots south of A street creates a safety issue and that any change to the existing trail would not be a trail enhancement, increases risk and decreases safety.

A last item on the N Street Protected Bikeway is that the green overlay to designate the bikeway is crumbling at the 8th and N intersection. (I spent time recently loitering there.) My understanding is that this finish was to be “permanent” and it obviously is not.

Mayor Beutler, thank you for your consideration. I would be happy to discuss any of these issues with city directors or with your staff.

Very truly yours,

Ray Stevens

Cc:
Jeff Bliemeister – Chief of Police
Miki Esposito – Public Works and Utilities
David Landis – Urban Development
Lynn Johnson – Parks and Recreation
Lincoln City Council
August 11, 2016

Mayor Chris Beutler
City/County Building
555 So. 10th Suite 301
Lincoln, NE  68508

RE: Impact of Lincoln Children's Zoo Plans on the Rock Island Trail

Dear Mayor Beutler:

Members of the Great Plains Trails Network Board of Directors have recently been involved in discussions pertaining to the expansion plans of the Lincoln Children's Zoo. A presentation was made by zoo officials to the full board during its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on July 11th. In addition, several GPTN board members attended a July 12 meeting of the Mayor's Pedestrian/Bicycle Advisory Committee, and an additional PBAC/citizens meeting on August 4th, during which the expansion plans were extensively discussed – particularly the impact of the plans on the existing Rock Island Trail.

GPTN very much appreciates the presentations made by representatives of the Lincoln Children's Zoo, and the assistance provided by officials of the Lincoln Parks and Recreation Dept. The presentations and discussions helped focus GPTN not only on the plans and their effect on trails, they also permitted in-depth consideration of alternatives to the primary plan.

During its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on August 8th, the GPTN Board of Directors again discussed the proposal and alternatives following a presentation by officials of the Lincoln Parks and Recreation Dept.

GPTN is primarily concerned with a proposed driveway between two planned parking lots south of A St. Plans show the driveway will cross the Rock Island Trail. As a result, the GPTN Board of Directors voted unanimously to recommend to you that the trail be maintained as it is, and that no driveway be constructed across the trail.

We are hopeful of course that a design alternative can be found that will not only maintain the high quality of our trails, but also enhance trail access to the zoo and the overall zoo experience. We welcome the opportunity to review alternatives as they are developed. While we naturally did not vote on the expansion plans themselves, many of our members individually expressed their support for expanding the Lincoln Children's
Zoo and continuing its tradition as a unique educational and recreational experience for Lincoln's residents and visitors.

Thank you for your consideration of GPTN's views.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Roger W. Hirsch
President, GPTN

CC: City Council Members
    PBAC Members
    Lynn Johnson, Director Lincoln Parks and Recreation
    GPTN Board of Directors
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Bob Doris
Mary Dickinson
Present: Leirion Gaylor Baird, Chair; Roy Christensen, Vice Chair; Cyndi Lamm; Jane Raybould; Jon Camp; Trent Fellers; and Carl Eskridge

Others Present: Teresa Meier, City Clerk; Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff; Jeff Kirkpatrick, City Attorney

Chair Gaylor Baird called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

I. MINUTES
   1. Minutes of Directors’ Meeting of August 1, 2016.

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA
    Gaylor Baird stated there will be discussion of the Performance Audit Committee and will list under Miscellaneous.

III. CITY CLERK
    Meier, in review of the formal agenda, stated under Public Hearing - Ordinance - 2nd Reading all items are related to Human Resources and will call all together, Items 23 through 27. Under the reconsideration do have a Motion to Amend, No. 1.

IV. MAYOR’ CORRESPONDENCE
   1. NEWS RELEASE. Volunteers needed for Party on the Plaza.
   2. NEWS RELEASE. Public invited to Senior Center Picnic in Bennet.
   3. NEWS RELEASE. Final Taking Charge Report available.
   4. NEWS RELEASE. Parks and Recreation seeks Americorps Members.
   5. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor says Council actions are short-term solutions to long-term problems.

V. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE
   HEALTH DEPARTMENT
   1. Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department meeting minutes of June 14, 2016.

   PLANNING DEPARTMENT
   1. Planning Department Administrative Approvals by the Planning Director from August 2, 2016 through August 8, 2016.

VI. BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSION REPORTS
   1. Funder’s Group - Gaylor Baird
      Councilwoman Gaylor Baird was unable to attend as she was at the Legislative Federal Summit with Council Members Raybould, Christensen, and Lamm.


**Legislative Federal Summit**

Raybould commented she was fascinated with David Drozd. The demographics for the City of Lincoln, and the State of Nebraska were excellent. Gaylor Baird added he’s really accessible, my first year on the Council I was asked to speak on employment. Reached out to him and he gave me information and explanations. Could say he filled a spot in our resources as we don’t have research staff. He is someone you can consider reaching out to if someone has questions about demographic trends which affect us.

Eskridge inquired if they received handouts with replies of yes. Raybould added he did a great PowerPoint presentation. It’s available on the Chamber of Commerce website, which I downloaded and distributed to our executive team in order to see the changing demographics of our customers and future workforce.

**2. Public Building Commission (PBC) - Camp, Raybould**

Raybould stated the first order of business was to approve the Public Building Commission budget, which was passed. Also honored General Ed Binder for his many years of service in manning the front entrance way. He’s done a terrific job, a faithful and loyal volunteer. He was tireless in his efforts in welcoming and guiding people. He will be missed.

Delved into the Bensch Building, a few items, and their final payout for us to effectively close out the project. Dealt with the jail update and some involved change orders. Looked at a security committee update and talked about the AVI’s, a little white card for our key fobs which allows us to have access into the parking lot. Will be upgrading the parking lot access as it’s approximately 19 years old and some of the devices people have put into their windshield are starting to have a higher failure rate. We will do a modest system upgrade and about 50 additional updated AVI’s. Can see it’s truly modest.

Raybould stated they discussed the 911 Center remodel which is part of the funding for new consoles and equipment. The PBC will be chipping in a substantial amount, approximately $50,000 to help with some furnishings, painting, carpet in the area to get ready to receive the new devices. In the meantime they will be working with their other off site locations and help with the transition.

Raybould commented they had an election of officers for next year. No changes. Camp stated Raybould continues as Chair, Amundson as Vice Chair. He recalls the jail is set for February, 2017 to move into. Probably will have about 65% of the building occupied. The rest during following years. Raybould added they are retaining space for future Courtroom expansion which should happen in 2020, through 2024. Trying to make sure we have enough space to accommodate additional judges when it eventually happens. Being prepared. A large trigger on how they arranged a lot of space to allow future courtroom expansion.

Camp stated over the last several months we’ve spent a lot of time on the generator. Raybould noted the great news is the old generator has been purchased. Sold on the government website. We need to get it out of the space and install the new, more efficient, generator.

**3. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board - Christensen**

Christensen stated they received the Fees and Facilities Report and discussed midget football fields’ design and installation with everyone supportive. We passed a resolution accepting the new standards for midget football fields. In the not too distant future may see space for midget football. Gaylor Baird asked if there is growing demand for the sport? Yes. Gaylor Baird commented even with concussions? Christensen replied yes. Gaylor Baird added a lot of the injury signs start later. Christensen commented the demand is high for midget football. Lamm stated she has two grandsons who play full contact and this year have gel in their helmets to help prevent concussions. A lot more attention being paid to possibilities.

Raybould asked if they discussed the youth pre-screening if they play full contact football? Mandatory
to have a concussion screening, pre-screening, to have a baseline. Christensen replied they’d did not, discussion mostly on football fields.

Gaylor Baird asked where the fields planned? Christensen answered south of Sherman Field. There’s property owned by Parks and Rec not being utilized, and talking about 3 fields. Fellers asked if in addition to the 5 fields they have there now?

Christensen added the Golf Committee Report consisted of a written report, with the good news being at the end of August we’re on track to have well over 170,000 rounds played which is 5,000 rounds more than last year. On line with revenue projections. Fellers asked if the City was off 5,000 rounds last year from the year before? Christensen replied there was a lot of rain which caused drop off.

4. **PBC Chair and Mayor Meeting** - Raybould
Raybould stated the meeting was short with the Mayor being out of town. We went over the agenda items that will be discussed at the Public Building Commission.

5. **Board of Health Meeting** - Raybould
Raybould stated a good meeting starting with Halstead giving updates. Discussed the vaccination program which is in time for school and well underway. They offered extended hours numerous different clinics. Halstead also spoke on the legislative agenda for the coming session. They will bring Medicaid expansion back. Will be called Ensure and Senator McCollistor will continue to be the advocate.

The business transaction consisted of proposed revisions to compoising and waste, and salvage yards to have them more in compliance with current standards and operations. Then received an update on the Nebraska Meds Disposal Program. This is a great program, which we can be very proud. Started with numerous pharmacies in the City of Lincoln. The Nebraska Environmental Trust gave a grant and now they would like us to extend to all in the State of Nebraska. Will be partner with the Nebraska Pharmacy Association who will be take over from the Health Department. They will also have a grant to take to all communities across Nebraska. Lincoln was the model for the program.

Raybould explained they received an update on the Healthy Families Home Visiting Program. Then discussed the City and County Health Risk Appraisal results from the annual questionnaire and also the blood screening they do for the City. We’re trending slightly healthier but with room for improvement.

6. **Information Services Policy Committee (ISPC)** - Raybould
Raybould stated they’re actively looking at transitioning some equipment, servers, network storage at our building on 10th Street. Working with the Nebraska Hall and Office of the CIO for the University of Nebraska to transition our equipment there with anticipation of relocating their offices from the building.

Camp asked if we would work with the State and the University? Raybould replied yes, we will partner with them as we started to work with them on other initiatives. An example, for our network client we are working with them on using their network systems. Camp interjected, them? Raybould answered the University, CIO, the University of Nebraska. Hoppe commented we’re moving the servers to the University and State and then having the question of what will still remain in that office. As you are well aware it’s one building standing on the block and might be a prime development opportunity. Raybould said they don’t have any urgent transition plans now but want to be prepared and able to respond quickly.

Raybould stated also discussed our internet networking services which we are also transitioning to the State which will have a considerable savings to us in doing so.

Looked at Records Management. Certainly on the County side trying to give better guidance on how to
deal with Records Management. Another item looked into was the City County payroll program. Looking at software, and thinking they will probably go out for an RFP. They have Kronos as one competitor as well as Oracle. Want more opportunities to take out for a bid. The most critical functionality is with a lot of union contracts doing retro pay functionality. They want to make sure any potential bidder have that capability. They partnered with Gartner Consulting, for assisting with different software applications, both with the City and County on helping them.

Raybould stated there is a criminal justice information systems software called CJIS and they’re looking to expand the application. Used with the Sheriff’s Department, LPD, and a lot of other providers using services in trying to make sure they have the kind of character base applications making it is easier to use.

Raybould continued saying they discussed GIS. Always exciting and trying to come up with opportunities to use GIS in partnering with a lot of different departments and their functionality.

She asked Hoppe what is the most critical application they’re looking at with the GIS and the automated vehicle location? She thinks the most critical complement they’re adding is elevation, which will give anyone who goes into, certainly if you use the Register of Deeds and look at property management, giving the elevation. You can see different terrains and they’re within such a minute variation in the terrain and the elevation. If looking at developing a property you can see it looks flat but once you get the terrain elevations can actually see the important variations.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

Gaylor Baird stated she would like Lamm to take over. We need to discuss topics for the next Audit Performance Committee, and to recommend for the next audit. Open for suggestions and possibilities.

Lamm noted as part of our Performance Audit City Report we included several suggestions of items the Council may look at for the next, and future performance audits. Statutorily we have to put together a program and make a request of the Performance Audit Committee by the end of August. As Gaylor Baird said on the agenda today there was a list of approximately 12 suggested items/departments. By no means is this exhaustive, but thought it was a good place to start with a partial list put together in 2012 with none completed yet, plus a couple items we changed. A list to go by. Hopefully everyone had an opportunity to look over and see if there are areas they have interest in.

Christensen asked if Lamm had a preference as Chair. Lamm replied the Audit Committee doesn’t pick. She added she liked No. 4 and No. 10, but all are good. Camp asked, what were those two?

Lamm stated No. 4 is “comparing services provided to the citizenry for a fee and the fees charged for those services to other cities of similar size”. Thought very good as we’ve been talking about the fees of Parks & Rec in renting various facilities, and so forth. No. 10 was the “review of key personnel issues such as up to date job descriptions and annual evaluations, training provided for various job descriptions” and whether that is being done. How well are we doing in a lack of turn over, or do we have turn over? Think Raybould and I have discussed training at StarTran so we could refine further if we wanted, but the topic did peak interest.

Raybould stated the Audit Committee doesn’t prioritize but does say these are elements I think are worthy of study. Do you turn back to the departments, or how does that work? Fellers said the Council, by resolution, tasks a committee with item(s). The Audit Committee is composed of 3 Council Members, 2 Members of the public. Basically go in and look at the items the Council asks us to look at, and investigate. The first couple of meetings focused on gathering information. If we think a formal audit is needed where we would hire a consultant, we can. Continuing Fellers stated in the last one we had Public Works come and answer a series of questions, with that report attached to this document. Interesting to
be involved, and think you’ll have fun considering it gives insight on how departments work. Know I learned a lot about what Public Works does and how processes work. A worthwhile task.

Camp stated there’s another, during budget time I had contact with emergency room doctors and their concerns. We’ve added a full-time ambulance now. That might be something. Review the protocols we have in place. An important part of our Emergency medical response. A topic idea.

Lamm commented by no means is the list exhausted. Christensen asked if Council has to come up with a direction to the Audit Committee by the end of this month? Lamm replied yes, which means we have a decision to make in order to have someone draft and have on first reading next Monday.

Christensen suggests No. 4, comparability to other communities on what we are, or are not, charging. Remember one instance at a meeting I was astounded on how little we charged. Fellers stated if we were to do No. 4 might get some direction as to which department to do, because if talking about fees, it could be fairly exhaustive for lots of different areas.

Christensen would recommend fees in parks and recreation. Gaylor Baird stated to look at the work done by Nicole Fleck Tooze’s effort to evaluate, or is that separate? She did a study where she updated, and they proposed some new fees. Would be worth asking.

Lamm stated she doesn’t remember all the conversation, just remember looking at what we charge versus the new fees, which is fine. But I had a lot more questions about the fees.

Camp noted it would be good for each Member to rank, or add suggestions. If there’s a week to decide before First Reading. Fellers stated if adding should do it quickly as this is a list of twelve and if we’re ranking.

Raybould suggests each Member rank their top four, send to Meyer, and then we can give a value with the choices weighted, and see which one is the winner. Fellers asked for the deadline, adding we have to do quickly. Lamm interjected, we will need a resolution.

Gaylor Baird asked if everyone’s list could go to Meyer by tomorrow, or today.

Camp will add consideration to our medical, ambulance response. Make No. 13.

Lamm stated all Members can give suggestions. Gaylor Baird stated she could look at Building and Safety, addressing any challenges they face with utilizing fees. If there are opportunities to practice and make some changes which would help; seeing their fees are being spent in a timely manner to address the uses intended. Our budget work has sort of brought this issue to light. Lamm asked if No. 5 on list? Yes.

Lamm commented if anyone wants to add to the list, along with voting, get to Meyer by the end of the day.

Gaylor Baird noted may look at ways to make Building and Safety more customer service oriented, making sure the key revenue is allowing them opportunities, but they have a backlog. Bring staff in and see if there are challenges preventing them from doing and using the revenue to address the backlog.

Camp added Blahak mentioned they had received funding to add a couple of inspectors. Hoppe added they wanted to see how the Building and Safety fund changes before they went ahead and filed the okay for positions they proposed.

Gaylor Baird asked if he thought there was room for process review, for improvement? Or, that it’s just
been a budgetary timeline this year? Hoppe replied not sure. Don’t think there’s an issue but that being said it doesn’t necessarily mean there isn’t. Think backlog results in part because of projects. Not just a result of Building and Safety. They deal with people at different stages in their projects which need inspection.

Raybould thinks going to the contract on the IVR, response system, is something Building and Safety can use if you’re on a schedule. Can go online or by phone and get an automated schedule. Gaylor Baird added it could be a piece of examination of Building and Safety.

Raybould commented once the City Council gives the direction on one of these suggestions. Lamm answered whether it’s in on list or something else.

Roy Christensen
Christensen said for those who were not able to attend the Provo, Utah meeting last week. Attending were their Mayor, a couple Council Members. They were very much interested in what we do here, and there are things they do, very interesting. A great discussion.

He stated he made arrangement with the Provo Mayor to meet. Going to Utah over Labor Day weekend and will visit. Their Director of Parks and Rec will give a briefing on their two year old downtown Parks and Rec facility with an outdoor water park, and Olympic size swimming pool and diving area. Raybould asked if it had a lazy river? Christensen didn’t know, adding they have a senior center and rec center indoors and it’s very successful and popular. Right in the downtown area. Raybould said to take photos, especially the lazy river and the recreation center, adding it’s in the black. Christensen agreed, in the black. Christensen said he’ll visit with their representatives September 2nd and report at the next meeting.

Cyndi Lamm
Lamm stated between the last time we met and today there’s been a Journal Star article where our City Attorney has talked about suing the City Council. Have questions, in particular whether this has been discussed by the administration? Hoppe asked, suing the City Council, no. We did make an inquiry to Kirkpatrick about the mechanics of a veto, and setting the property tax levy.

Lamm said the Mayor was spoken about as mentioning needing to hire special counsel. Does the Mayor’s office have money set aside for special counsel if we should be sued? Hoppe replied, first you’re assuming that we assumed a lot of things that processed. We asked a question about a very specific deed, not knowing the answer or where the budget negotiations go. No, none of this has been planned in anyway, shape, or form. It was simply a question to understand. Like you’re attempting to do, what would be the procedure. Lamm replied because it was published I have received questions and I have questions. One is, as a body if we’re sued then does the City also pay to defend us in this suit? Hoppe replied he doesn’t think he’s really the person to have that conversation with. You may want to give Kirkpatrick some notice and have him come and answer. I would give notice for him to be able to research the issues and come back and discuss, or put together a memo. So he’s prepared for the discussion.

Lamm asked Kirkpatrick, we have the public and think I need answers. If we are sued then are we entitled to a defense, does the City pay to defend us in a suit? Kirkpatrick replied, the situation I was speaking about, and this goes back to 2009, done by my department, the question of what would happen if the City Council said okay we’ve got a budget but we are not going to vote for a tax levy that funds that budget. Then what was done in 2009 was what would be needed to be done is, because it’s an administrable action the City Council would really not have a choice if the duty was to pass a tax levy, and fund the budget. What could happen is there would be action brought to force the Council to pass the proper levy. To answer your question directly, if you, the Council as a body, would sue would the City pay another
attorney to represent you? I’m not sure of what the answer is.

Lamm asked if as Council are indemnified if we should get sued? Kirkpatrick thinks the answer is yes. Lamm asked, who would select Counsel for the City Council? Kirkpatrick replied that would be assuming the City would pay for it, the Law Department. Lamm asked, your department? Yes. Is there a fund it would come out of? Kirkpatrick replied they occasionally hire counsel outside the City on different matters. For example, we hired a patent attorney for pursuing patents. We don’t have anyone in house who has that speciality. You may remember a few years ago when the City Council passed the ordinance having to do with clinics and demonstrations outside the clinics. There was a question about were they pass the First Amendment, or not. Outside counsel was hired to represent the City in the case. So, some precedent. In the last 6, 7, or 8 years the law department has tried to do as much work in house as possible, as it is more efficient. But, the reason this came up is you’re talking about a Writ of Mandamus to force the City Council to carry out an administrable action. If that happened where the City needed essentially to sue the City Council to force them to carry out their responsibilities the law department would not sue them because the law department represents not only the Mayor’s office, but also the City Council. Lamm asked, so you’d be giving it out? Thank you.

Camp stated he doesn’t remember that opinion, or maybe that in house. Would you mind sending us a copy? Kirkpatrick replied he would send.

**Leirion Gaylor Baird**

Gaylor Baird stated the Council photo needs to be rescheduled. Not next week but considering the 29th, we have a late meeting and the ILC meets at 4:00 p.m. and hopefully it won’t be windy. Meyer asked if about 3:30 p.m.? Camp asked, talking about meeting opposite the State Capitol? Gaylor Baird replied the fountain closest to the State Capitol. Yes. Christensen added, on the north side of the street. Fellers commented between the Catholic school and the new State office building.

## VIII. COUNCIL MEMBERS

### JON CAMP

1. Brad Strittmatter, Olsson Associates President, in support of the proposed 5% water and sewer increases, which will enable the construction of infrastructure to support Lincoln’s growth. (Delivered 08.08.16)

2. Jean Petsch, Nebraska Building Chapter, voicing opposition to the $1.2 million reduction in the General Fund budget for the Building and Safety Department. This is not a surplus.

3. Jeff Jenkins, Chief Financial Officer, Olsson Associates, writing in support of the proposed 5% rate increase for water and sewer fees. (Delivered 08.08.16)

4. Councilman Camp replying to Peggy Green on correspondence (Directors’ Agenda on 08.08.16, under Jon Camp) regarding mayor’s proposal to increase permit fees.

5. Richard and Karen Dienstbier disappointed in the response of the City Council to the Mayor’s recycling initiative. In support of the Mayor’s budget as proposed. (Delivered 08.08.16)

6. Councilman Camp replying to Aaron Clare regarding recycling. (Directors’ Agenda 08.08.16, under Jon Camp, #13)

7. Meredith McGowan disappointed the Mayor’s original recycling plan was not advanced.

8. John Whitmer urging support of the 5% rate increase for water and sewer fees.

9. Kirk Laughlin support vote on the recycling amendment to the budget. Against mandating.

10. Dave Anderson thanking Councilman Camp for voting against the water rate increase.

11. Marlys Freese in support of budget which will not increase our property taxes.

12. Chris Zygielbaum feel Council made mistake in rejecting the mandatory recycling.

   a) Dick Oxley’s with additional suggestion on costs per employee.  
15. Dave Dingman commenting on the budget.  
16. Brice Middleton thanking Councilman Camp on budget work and avoiding a tax hike.  

IX. **CITIZEN CORRESPONDENCE**  
   1. Pat Tetreau in support of required recycling.  
   2. Mark Wilson asking Council to fully fund the Mayor’s budget for Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) response.  (Delivered 08.08.16)  
   3. Mo Neal, UNL, asking to not cut the budget for tree services. Not fighting the diseases won’t work.  
   4. Rosina Paolini memo to Council.  
   a) Letter to City Council for bringing forth a well thought out proposed budget and stating her thoughts on the budget.  
   5. Jim Frohman would like the full funding restored for dealing with the ash bore problem.  
   6. Jean Petsch, Associated General Contractors, with comments following up to the hearing testimony on August 8, 2016.  
   7. Tom Hardesty, Wellmann Heating and Air, thanking Council for attention shown in the Building and Safety Department’s budget.  
   8. Phil Schupbach commenting on recycling proposal.  

X. **MEETINGS/INVITATIONS**  
   See invitation list.  

XI. **ADJOURNMENT**  
   Chair Gaylor Baird adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.