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MAYOR TO PRESENT AUGUST AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Mayor Chris Beutler today will present the Mayor’s Award of Excellence for August to Police Officer Robert Hurley, who has been with the Lincoln Police Department (LPD) since 1991. 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.

Hurley was nominated in the category of productivity by Sergeants Ken Koziol and Mike Ripley for his work on several major cases. As a veteran criminal investigator, Hurley follows up on major cases and monitors and tracks terrorism. He also specializes in the examination of cellular phones. In January, Hurley was one of the first investigators to respond to the scene of a homicide. The victim had multiple gunshot wounds, and others at the scene were uncooperative, refusing to identify the victim or the party responsible.

As Hurley made an initial assessment of the victim, he found a cell phone and quickly analyzed the contents. The contents identified the victim and included incriminating texts with the initials of a suspect. Hurley was aware of an attempt to apprehend an individual with the same initials who was believed to be carrying a handgun. He quickly provided this information to other officers, who were able to arrest the suspect within hours of the homicide. A significant amount of cash was recovered during the arrest but the gun was not found.

As the case manager for the continuing investigation, Hurley took a very organized and thorough approach in building a case against the suspect. Three additional people were arrested and charged in related crimes. As Hurley continued his efforts to recover the murder weapon, he obtained another search warrant for the site of the arrest. He also worked with other investigators to search an area where a person had been seen running near the crime scene. The gun was discovered under a shed near that area.

During the course of this investigation, Hurley wrote five search warrants, served 46 subpoenas, searched and downloaded seven cell phones, and contacted several cell phone companies to ask them to save records for eight phones. The nominators wrote, “That is an incredible amount of work and is indicative (of) how complicated and time consuming it is in gathering information with all the technical advances and challenges law enforcement faces.”

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Hurley played an important role in another homicide investigation in which the suspect was arrested at a house in Omaha. While Lincoln officers headed to Omaha, Hurley wrote a district search warrant for the residence and the suspect’s vehicle. He kept in constant communication with LPD and Omaha detectives and coordinated the quick signing and service of the warrant. Hurley also served two subpoenas and formulated an arrest warrant for the suspect.

Hurley also became heavily involved in a case that involved the shooting of two individuals in a drug deal. Although not assigned the follow-up, he continued to analyze phone records, serve subpoenas and monitor jail calls. He also tracked the suspect’s phone when it was determined he was suicidal. The suspect was later found with the help of U.S. Marshals and taken into custody without incident. Hurley then wrote another search warrant which led to the discovery of large amounts of marijuana and a gun. Three family members of the suspected shooter were then suspected in a home invasion robbery as they tried to collect money to bond the suspect out of jail. Hurley reviewed the reports, developed probable cause for charges, wrote three arrest warrants and coordinated with U.S. Marshals to locate the suspects.

His nominators say Hurley is now busy collecting electronic evidence in an April homicide. So far, he has served more than 10 subpoenas and contacted Facebook to save records.

The other categories in which employees can be nominated are customer relations, 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.
NEWS RELEASE
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE SEPTEMBER 12, 2016

For more information, contact Susan Larson Rodenburg, Woods Park Tennis Center Campaign, 402-440-3227, Susan@SLRCommunications.com

**Woods Park Tennis Center Groundbreaking Set for Sept. 16**
*Special appearance by Olympic medalist and Lincoln native Jack Sock*

The Woods Park Tennis Center Campaign and the Lincoln Parks Foundation invite the public to the official groundbreaking ceremony for a new public indoor tennis facility at 7:05 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16 at 33rd and “J” streets.

After nearly two years of work, the campaign reached its goal this summer with contributions from more than 400 donors. The project will replace the two indoor air structures or “bubbles” with a permanent structure for six indoor courts. Replacement of the aging bubbles is necessary to continue the tennis center’s court availability, comprehensive programming and ability to host regional tournaments. The project is expected to be completed by May 2017.

The free event will include remarks from Mayor Chris Beutler, campaign leaders and honorary campaign chair Jack Sock, a Lincoln native and professional tennis player. Sock is one of the top-ranked Americans in both singles and doubles on the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) Tour. At the recent 2016 Olympics, he won the gold medal in the mixed doubles with Bethanie Mattek-Sands and captured a bronze medal in the men's doubles with Steve Johnson. The former U.S. Open junior champ was also a 2014 Wimbledon champion in men’s doubles with Vasek Pospisil and a 2011 U.S. Open champion in mixed doubles with Melanie Oudin.

For more information about this event or the campaign, call the Lincoln Parks Foundation at 402-441-8258 or visit takingthegame.com.

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PUBLIC INPUT RESULTS IN NEW ZOO EXPANSION PLANS
Parks and Recreation administrative offices to move

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“I want to thank all the project stakeholders for working together on a solution,” Beutler said. “This is another classic Lincoln partnership, with the private and nonprofit sectors coming together behind a vision. The Zoo worked with the City to make important changes to support that vision and community feedback made it an even better plan.”

City Parks and Recreation Director Lynn Johnson said the community feedback has resulted in a plan that improves the safety and experience for Zoo visitors, avoids impacts to the Rock Island Trail, and continues to preserve the public gardens and Cascade Fountain on the Antelope Park Triangle (bounded by Capital Parkway and “A” and 27th streets). He said locating the parking closer to the Zoo also reduces the use of the surrounding neighborhoods for parking. He said parking will be screened from the adjoining streets with heavily landscaped green space.

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LPS Board President Don Mayhew said the agreement on a new plan will prepare the Zoo School for future growth. “The Zoo School and the District’s other focus programs are really making a difference for our kids,” he said. “The new plan will give the Zoo School a permanent building with more space and more opportunities for hands on learning.”

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PUBLIC INVITED TO SCULPTURE DEDICATION

The West Haymarket Joint Public Agency (JPA) invites the public to the dedication and lighting ceremony for “Harvest,” the new sculpture in the outdoor plaza at Pinnacle Bank Arena. The ceremony begins at 8 p.m. Friday, September 16 in the plaza. If the weather is bad, the ceremony will be moved inside the lobby of the Arena.

“Harvest” was created by artist Ed Carpenter of Portland, Oregon and built entirely by Nebraska firms. The stainless steel pieces were fabricated by Puritan Manufacturing in Omaha. Lincoln firms involved in building the sculpture include Hampton Construction, Glass Edge, Davis Erection and Project Control. The 45-foot glass and metal sculpture reacts to daylight and is illuminated at night. Carpenter’s design was selected by a committee from about 200 submissions.

The dedication program will include remarks from Carpenter and from the three JPA members – Mayor Chris Beutler, City Council Member Carl Eskridge and University of Nebraska Regent Tim Clare – as well as music from the Nebraska Academy of Vocal Arts.

More information on the JPA is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: JPA). More information on Carpenter is available at http://www.edcarpenter.net/ (click on “portfolio” for information on “Harvest”).

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STATE OF THE CITY CALLS FOR “CULTURE OF INNOVATION”

Mayor Chris Beutler said today there has never been a better time to “live, work, raise a family and have fun” in the Capital City. And he said creating a culture of innovation will help Lincoln improve the quality of life for all residents of the community. The Mayor’s comments were part of his State of the City Address delivered this morning at a breakfast event organized by Leadership Lincoln.

“City Hall must not only keep pace with the innovation occurring in the private sector, we have to adopt a cultural mindset that encourages innovation within our organization,” Beutler said. “We must continue to look for opportunities to partner and promote the next big idea. Otherwise government becomes an obstacle to progress rather than an ally of progress.”

Mayor Beutler said creating an innovation culture revolves around several concepts:

• He said the City must **promote risk-taking and experimentation**. His examples included the City’s fiber optic conduit, the beet brine solution developed for snow operations and the Pinnacle Bank Arena/West Haymarket development. The Mayor also announced that the Arena will finish the 2015-16 fiscal year in the black.

• The Mayor said it’s important to **invest in people with big ideas and empower them to act**, citing StarTran’s Transit Development Plan, the prescription drug take-back program and action taken on the Police Fire Pension Fund.

• Examples of **creatively using technology to improve services** include the PulsePoint and ACTION Center phone apps, new technology that has helped give Lincoln the best cardiac arrest survival rate in the nation, the new Open Data resolution and equipment that fills potholes more efficiently and effectively.

• Beutler said the City must continue to **invest in the infrastructure that supports innovation**. Spending on streets, for instance, has increase 58 percent since 2010. At the same time, work is under way to implement the innovative Green Light Lincoln program to increase road capacity and traffic safety. He said public safety infrastructure is also being improved with voter approval of a sales tax increase to fund a new radio system and a fire station relocation plan.

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The Mayor said areas where innovative thinking has been or will be necessary include the project at the Veterans Hospital site to better serve veterans and the rapidly-growing aging population; the future of the main downtown library; stable funding for the Community Learning Centers; and creative solutions to deal with the Emerald Ash Borer.

Mayor Beutler also said embracing diversity is essential for moving the City forward. “An innovation culture promotes unity, because success is dependent on how well we work together and use our collective talent to build a better society,” he said. “In this environment, we can’t afford to leave behind people of any religion, race, ethnic background or sexual orientation because we depend on their unique contributions to the greater good.”

The breakfast also included the presentation of the Leadership Lincoln Distinguished Service Award to Bennie Shobe, Jr. He currently serves on the boards of several local organizations, teaches at UNL and is a Program Analyst for the State of Nebraska. Leadership Lincoln Executive Director Mick Hale also spoke on the State of Leadership Lincoln. The organization currently has about 130 people in its four programs – the Executive Series, the Fellows Program, Youth Leadership Lincoln and the Academy for Local Leadership (Project ALL).

The text of the State of the City Address will be available on the City website at lincoln.ne.gov. The speech will also be aired on 5 CITY-TV and available through YouTube and video-on-demand on the City website.

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NOMINATIONS NOW ACCEPTED FOR NEW LUMINARY AWARD

Mayor Chris Beutler today announced that a new award has been established to honor an individual who has made an impact on the community and has demonstrated Lincoln’s values. Nominations will be accepted through October 31, and the first Luminary Award will be presented December 21, the winter solstice, at Tower Square at 13th and “P” streets.

The Mayor made the announcement at his State of the City Address this morning. The breakfast event was organized by Leadership Lincoln, which also will facilitate the annual award process. More information and a nomination form are available at leadershiplincoln.org or by calling 402-441-4661.

Mayor Beutler said it is important to honor Lincoln residents who quietly do good work on a daily basis. He said the award will honor a person who “has displayed consistent and intentional actions that demonstrate Lincoln’s values and has gone above and beyond in making an impact on Lincoln and its citizens.”

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OPEN HOUSE FOR PROPOSED CHANGES TO
N. 14TH STREET AND U.S. HIGHWAY 6 INTERSECTION

The public is invited to an open house Thursday, September 22 on improvements to the intersection of N. 14th Street and eastbound Cornhusker Hwy. (U.S. Hwy. 6). The meeting is from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., at Educare, 3435 N. 14th Street.

The intersection has been the site of 90 crashes over a five-year period, resulting in nearly $2 million in damages. An analysis by City, State and federal representatives and a private consultant resulted in the recommendation to build a roundabout at that intersection.

The public will have the opportunity to review design details and comment on the project, which is still being designed. Design team representatives and project consultants will be available to discuss the public’s ideas and answer questions.

The project would include construction of a loop ramp connection from 14th Street to Cornhusker Hwy. and reconstruction of the eastbound lanes on Cornhusker Hwy. in that area. Additional work would include the widening of 14th Street, as well as construction of curb and gutter along the major roadways, concrete median surfacing, sidewalks and box culvert extensions. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in 2019.

During construction, at least one lane of traffic will be maintained at all times. Traffic on N. 14th Street would be detoured to Interstate I-180, Superior Street and Salt Creek Parkway. Local and emergency access will be coordinated and maintained throughout the project area.

The project is being funded through the Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program, which requires the City to provide 10 percent of the funding. The City’s portion will come from funds designated for safety projects.

For more information, visit the project website at 14us6safety.com or contact Craig Aldridge, City of Lincoln, at 402-416-5349 or caldrige@lincoln.ne.gov

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

Lincoln City Libraries continues to host free One Book-One Lincoln events through September 25. The 2016 selection is “Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End” by Atul Gawande, a practicing surgeon. His book addresses how the medical profession can enhance the quality of life even to the end.

The following events are planned:

- **Sunday, September 18**, 2 p.m., Bennett Martin Public Library 136 S. 14th Street – Chigozie Obioma, Assistant Professor of Literature and Creative Writing at the University of Nebraska Lincoln, presents his novel, “The Fishermen,” a finalist for One Book - One Lincoln. “The Fishermen” was a finalist for the prestigious Man Booker Prize for Fiction and won of the 2016 NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Debut Literary Work.

- **Sunday, September 25**, 2 p.m., Gere Branch Library, 2400 S. 56th Street – Dr. Bob Bleicher, Medical Director of HoriSun Hospice, will discuss the services provided by hospice care. Participants will learn about the benefits of palliative care that focuses on providing relief from the systems and stress of serious illness with the goal of improving the quality of life for both the patient and the family.

Lincoln City Libraries has sponsored the One Book-One Lincoln Community Reading Program since 2002 to encourage reading and dialogue by creating a community-wide reading and discussion experience. More information about Lincoln City Libraries and the One Book-One Lincoln program is available at lincolnlibraries.org.

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LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Board of Health
August 9, 2016

I. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 5:00 PM by Craig Strong at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. Members Present: James Michael Bowers, Alan Doster, Katie Garcia, Tom Randa, Jane Raybould, Tim Sieh (ex-officio), and Craig Strong. Bill Avery arrived at 5:06 PM. Michelle Petersen arrived at 5:20 PM.

Members Absent: Jackie Miller, Molly Burton (ex-officio), and Dave Derbin (ex-officio).

Staff Present: Judy Halstead, Steve Beal, Charlotte Burke, Tim Timmons, Scott Holmes, Kathy Cook, Gwendy Meginnis, Kodi Bonesteel, Ralph Martin, Nancy Clark, Keerun Huppert and Elaine Walsh.

Introductions: Keerun Huppert, Tim Timmons, Renae Rief, Nancy Clark, Ralph Martin & Kodi Bonesteel.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Col. Strong asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Agenda.

Motion: Moved by Ms. Raybould that the Agenda be approved as printed. Second by Dr. Doster. Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Col. Strong asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes.

Motion: Moved by Ms. Raybould that the June 14, 2016 Minutes be approved as printed. Second by Dr. Doster. Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

III. PUBLIC SESSION

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Health Director Update

Ms. Halstead asked Ms. Bonesteel to provide a brief update on the Healthy Families America Program. She stated the program has a new marketing plan – Strengthening Families One Home Visit at a Time – Hand in Hand - and a new set of benchmarks. The program provides support, teaching and assistance to families to help them raise healthy and happy children. A full report will be provided to the Board of Health in October.

Ms. Halstead provided an update on the Department’s budget request. The City Council held a public hearing on the Mayor’s budget proposal on August 8, 2016
and will vote on the budget proposal on August 10, 2016. The final vote is scheduled for August 22, 2016. The Lancaster County Commissioners will formally adopt their budget on August 30, 2016. She stated the Lincoln City Council and Lancaster County Commissioners approved the Health Department’s proposed fee increases that were included as part of the Department’s budget request.

Ms. Halstead stated the Department and other City officials are beginning preparations for the permanent hazardous waste facility. Ms. Clark is the Health Department lead for the project. The City is currently seeking bids for the facility and has extended the bid process by one week.

The Community Health Services Division’s “Don’t Wait – Vaccinate” campaign is underway to encourage parents to have their children’s vaccinations up to date before school starts. Staff added a Saturday morning clinic and extended hours on Tuesday and Thursday evenings to accommodate parents & children.

Ms. Halstead reported the County’s General Assistance Program staff will be relocated to the Health Department beginning in October. The General Assistance Program is currently located in Trabert Hall.

Ms. Halstead stated the Department worked with the University of Nebraska Medical Center’s College of Public Health to arrange for a graduate level public health class to be held at the Health Department. The class begins on August 24th and nine Health Department employees are registered for the class.

Ms. Halstead attended a Medicaid Expansion meeting. The Nebraska Legislature plans to address the area of Medicaid Expansion in the upcoming legislative session. Senator John McCollister has agreed to advocate for the legislation. “Insure the Good Life” has been selected as the slogan for the campaign.

Col Strong thanked Ms. Halstead and the Department for all of their good work.

IV. CURRENT BUSINESS (Action items)

A. Proposed Revision to Policy 202.30 – Salvaging, Recycling, Composting Operation Inspection, Complaint Investigation and Enforcement

Ms. Clark stated the policy is being revised to reflect current practices in permitting, inspection, complaint investigations and enforcement for salvage, recycling and composting operations. She stated the Department currently regulates three composting operations, 29 recycling operations and 15 salvage operations. All operations are inspected on an annual basis. Dr. Petersen asked how many enforcement actions are taken in a given year. Mr. Holmes responded it varies but maybe 1-2 per year.

Motion: Moved by Ms. Raybould that the Board of Health approve the revisions to Policy 202.30 – Salvaging, Recycling, and Commercial Composting Operation Inspections, Complaint Investigations and Enforcement. Second by Dr. Doster. Motion carried by an 8-0 roll call vote.
V. CURRENT BUSINESS (Information Items)

A. Nebraska MEDS Disposal Program Update

Ms. Rief provided an update on the Nebraska MEDS Disposal Program. She stated the Department’s MEDS Disposal Program grant ended on June 30, 2016 and the Program will now be operated by the Nebraska Pharmacy Association and will be provided on a statewide basis. Nebraska is the first state to offer a medication disposal program on a statewide basis. Three hundred pharmacies in the state have agreed to participate in the program. Individuals are able to turn in their unused medications (controlled and non-controlled substances) at local pharmacies for disposal. Staff solicited and received positive feedback from local residents who utilized the program.

B. Wellness Program Update

Ms. Huppert provided an update on the City and County Wellness Program. Employees recently completed the Health Risk Appraisal. She reviewed the highlights for the Health Department, City Employees and County Employees. The completion rate for Health Department was 92% (highest among all departments). The completion rate for City employees was 55% (highest ever) and 30% for County employees. She reviewed the results including physical activity, stress levels at work during the past year, cholesterol rates, weight loss results, participation in City sponsored blood chemistry profiles, and flu shot clinics. The Health Risk Appraisal results are used to influence planning for wellness activities. Ms. Huppert meets with each department director and their wellness representative to review the results and tailor a specific wellness plan for each department.

VII. FUTURE BUSINESS

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting – September 13, 2016 at 5:00 PM

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 PM.

Elaine Walsh
Recording Secretary

Jacquelyn Miller
Vice-President
DIRECTOR’S OFFICE

The Health Director attended the Lancaster County Management Team’s Legislative Retreat on August 25th. The Team met with Lincoln/Lancaster area Senators and discussed legislative issues for the upcoming 2017 Legislative Session.

The Health Director attended Lincoln City Council meetings on the proposed budget for FY 2016-2018. The Lincoln City Council and Lancaster County Board of Commissioners approved the proposed fee increases for the Environmental Health Division for the coming two years. The proposed fee increases were included as part of the Department’s budget request.

The Health Director attended the Tabitha Foundation Board of Director’s meeting and the Community Health Endowment Board of Trustees meeting.

The Health Director attended a leadership meeting of the Friends of Public Health and the Nebraska Association of Local Health Departments.

Nine Health Department employees are attending a University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Public Health graduate level public health class at the Health Department. The Health Director worked with the College of Public Health to make arrangements to hold the classes at the Health Department.

The Department participated in the Annual City/County Campaign Against Hunger for the Food Bank of Lincoln. The City and County raised nearly $18,000 and collected over 6,000 pounds of food for the Food Bank of Lincoln. The Administrative Aide served as the City and Department Coordinator.

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

Employee of the Month – Johanna Pesante Rodriguez – Community Health Services Division.
ANIMAL CONTROL

Animal Control Stats

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Animal Control Officers have been investigating a few reports of potential dog poisonings in Northeast Lincoln. We are working with Lincoln Police Northeast Team. We are talking to the dog owner veterinarians to obtain any blood or urine tests or necropsy that might indicate poisoning.

Officers continue to respond to the seasonal increase in bat calls. We have had two bats test positive for rabies this year. One in May and one in August.

Staff from Information and Fiscal Management and Animal Control have started implementation of the new software program that will function as our dispatch system. The new software system is a server based system and will replace the mainframe system we’ve been using for over 30 years.
COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

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

WIC

Caseload (Participation)

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<td>934 (24%)</td>
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<td>2030 (52.2%)</td>
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<td><strong>Total Infants</strong></td>
<td>925 (23.8%)</td>
<td>8784 (23.6%)</td>
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<td><strong>Infants Receiving Breastmilk</strong></td>
<td>326 (35.2%)</td>
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<td><strong>Infants Exclusive Breastmilk</strong></td>
<td>124 (13.4%)</td>
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Our July caseload was 3,889 participants. This was our highest number of participants for the month of July since 2010. Our current average is 3,812 participants per month, which is an 8.27% increase from this time one year ago. We also had a 10% increase in infants who were exclusively breastfed at our main clinic location in July.

Dental Health

- Total number of clients served (unduplicated count): 576
- Total number of patient encounters (duplicated client count): 772
- Total number of patient visits (duplicated provider appointments/visits): 1084
- Total number of Racial/Ethnic Minorities and White non-English speaking clients: 454 (79%)
- Total number of clients with language barriers/need interpreter: 299 (52%)
- Total number of children served: 384 (67%)
- Total number of clients enrolled in Medicaid: 439 (76%)
- Number of clients served during Thursday evening hours (unduplicated count): 61
- Number of patient encounters during Thursday evening hours (duplicated client count): 62
- Number of patient visits during Thursday evening hours (duplicated provider appointments/visits): 101
- Total number of Racial/Ethnic and White Non-English speaking patients: 44 (71%)
- Total number of clients with language barriers/need interpreter: 24 (39%)
- Number of children served during Thursday evening hours: 58 (95%)
- Number of patients enrolled in Medicaid during Thursday evening hours: 54 (89%)

Community Based Dental Outreach Activities

WIC Fluoride Varnish and Screening Program:

- North WIC Office (27th & Cornhusker Highway): 23 children and parents
- LLCHD WIC Office: children and parent: 40 children and parents

Student Rotation Program:

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

Air Quality - Asbestos

The LLCHD Air Quality Section is responsible for administration of the Federal National Emissions Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for asbestos activities in Lincoln and Lancaster County. Asbestos is a known lung carcinogen. When a structure that contains asbestos is remodeled or demolished, it must be thoroughly inspected and any asbestos material must be removed. Trained and licensed contractors must use rigorous control methods to properly contain the asbestos and prevent the release of material during removal, transport, and disposal in the landfill to ensure that it does not become a public health threat.

Since September 1, 2015, staff have reviewed and inspected 40 asbestos demolition and 34 asbestos removal projects at various locations in Lincoln and Lancaster County. Examples of projects include: Lincoln Public Schools buildings, UNL buildings, NPPD Sheldon Station, the former Windstream buildings at 330 S 21 Street, the former Fisher Foods building at 220 S 20 Street, Bryan Medical East Campus Expansion, Gateway McGinnis Ford, Bryan Medical West Independence Center building, SouthPointe Food Court building, Ideal Grocery (following a destructive fire), Lincoln Regional Center Building 15, Mary’s Place at 1920 W O St, NeighborWorks Redevelopment on Q St (N 22 – 23 St), Q P Store/Tastee Restaurant Redevelopment at N 48 & Holdrege St, Christian Record Services 4452 S 52 St, and Assurity Real Estate Redevelopment at N 22 (P – Q St).

Air Quality - Indoor Air Quality

Goals (Purpose)

Protect human health by responding to complaints on indoor air quality and making recommendations or taking actions to prevent illness and disease.

Methods/Strategies (What we do)

- receive complaints and requests for service from the public
- provide phone consultation if no immediate health risk
- conduct investigations when necessary to protect health
- provide guidance on remediation of mold and other IAQ problems
- collaborate with B&S on enforcement
Indicator

Maintain capacity to respond to the public’s request for indoor air investigations and complaints that could result in a negative impact on human health.

Funding/Source

City General Fund (63%); County General Fund (37%)

Indoor Air Complaints

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*FY16 to date as of 8/19/2016 (12 days short of the entire fiscal year)

Of the 150 indoor air quality complaints received, 126 or 84% had mold as the primary allegation. Over 90% of mold complaints were from people living in rental properties. (73 complaints were from people living in multi-family commercial residential apartments. 41 complaints were from people living in single family/duplex residential rental properties.) In addition, 4 complaints were on commercial/retail buildings and 4 were hotels/motels.

Comparison

The percent of complaints from various types of residential setting remains similar to past years. The high number of complaints in FY15 was associated with mold exposures that resulted from major rain events and flooding in Lincoln.

Description

If immediate health risks are not reported, complaints from people living in rental properties are responded to by sending an Official Notice letter to the landlord informing them of the complaint and asking them to take action to address the problem. Such letters resulted in acceptable action the majority of the time; however, on-site investigations had to be performed in 80 cases. Staff recorded 888 technical assistance contacts helping people with questions or issues with poor indoor air quality. The majority of these were handled via phone. The Health Department is mandated to assess conditions that may pose health risks in apartments and hotels regulated under LMC 5.38, but none of the revenue generated by LMC 5.38 comes to the Health Department. Staff responds to complaints of poor IAQ; provide phone consultation on IAQ; conduct onsite inspections; provide consultation on HVAC issues to improve IAQ; coordinate with B&S on health aspects of housing code compliance, especially in apartments; coordinate enforcement actions; monitor IAQ with specialized equipment; and receive referrals from
physicians. The Health Department does not do testing for mold, but does test for Volatile Organic Chemicals, CO, H2S, CO2, Ammonia, Chlorine and particulate matter.

**Partnerships & Efficiencies**

All complaints and requests for service are screened and prioritized by professional staff. Only the most serious situations result in immediate onsite investigations. Health works closely with the Building and Safety Department to resolve issues and assure enforcement actions are taken when necessary to protect human health. Health encourages private parties to use licensed contractors trained in IAQ for remediation or HVAC modifications.

**HEALTH PROMOTION, DATA & EVALUATION**

The new name of the combined division of Health Data and Evaluation and Health Promotion and Outreach is: Health Promotion, Data and Evaluation. The Division Manager is Charlotte Burke.

**Chronic Disease Prevention/Reduction**

The Share the Road Campaign is in full swing in the community. Three new youth pedestrian 30 second PSAs have been produced and are available at Health Channel 10. These PSAs have also been provided to Lincoln Public Schools, all members of the Safe Kids Lincoln Lancaster County, all members of the Share the Road work group, and will be aired on Lincoln TV channels 8 and 10/11 (the first three videos below). The Bike videos produced previously are available at Health Channel 10 and will be shown in movie theaters for three months starting in September. Also, four City buses are sporting Share the Road bus tail wraps for three months. In addition, Share the Road banners are now available for outdoor community events, trailheads, and other outdoor venues. Multiple assessment methods are being used to determine the public’s recognition of the message including number of hits on the videos, how and with whom partners are using the materials, viewership in movie theaters, and periodic assessment of audience recognition.

- Drop Off/Pick Up PSA: [https://youtu.be/SfL7c1G7bUM](https://youtu.be/SfL7c1G7bUM)
- Left Right Left PSA: [https://youtu.be/Q8yxPuYx9r0](https://youtu.be/Q8yxPuYx9r0)
- Middle School Rap: [https://youtu.be/0qNVIfAS8zQ](https://youtu.be/0qNVIfAS8zQ)
- Share the Road – Bike Accessories – video
- Share the Road – Bike Helmet Fitting – video
- Shape of the City – Biking Projects Segment – video
- Shape of the City – Winter Biking – video
- Share the Road – PSA
- Share the Road – Why I Ride – PSA
- Share the Road – Winter Biking Safety – PSA
- Share the Road – Bike Trail Etiquette – PSA
- Share the Road – Runner Trail Etiquette – PSA
- Bike Lincoln Webpage – PSA
- N Street Protected Bikeway – Lincoln, Nebraska – PSA
This campaign was featured on the KLKN Channel 8 noontime forum on August 1, 2016.

**Communicable Disease**

Tim Timmons, Communicable Disease Program Supervisor for LLCHD, worked with City Risk Management to create a short informational video for employees on the City’s policy on exposures to bloodborne pathogens.

Staff attended the Council to Improve Foodborne Outbreak Response (CIFOR) conference in Grand Island. CIFOR is a multidisciplinary working group dedicated to reducing the burden of foodborne illness in the United States.

**Injury Prevention**

Eight landlords responsible for 182 units in multi-unit housing complexes attended the Fire Safe Landlord Training to participate in learning topics that include: Fire Power – speed and devastation of fire; lease language examples about smoke alarms, smoking restrictions; tenant educational material; information on fire extinguishers, renter’s insurance, fire codes and building codes.

Staff coordinated three car seat check events in which 28 certified child passenger safety technicians checked 64 car seats. One of these check events was for families of LLCHD’s Healthy Families America program. Twenty-four seats were provided at no cost to families in need.

**Tobacco Prevention Education**

Three tobacco prevention/cessation ads are running on StarTran buses. Ads address smoke-free housing, youth initiation, and the Nebraska Tobacco Quitline. The ads will run for one year and will be routed throughout the city.

**INFORMATION & FISCAL MANAGEMENT**

Fiscal Office staff have been working to manage all the year-end financial activity.

Information Management staff continue to move forward on file cleanup, organizing resources and documentation of critical functions. This is part of the preparation for staff transitions in the next year.

The Division Manager has been assisting with documentation for Domain 7, 9 and 10.

The Division Manager attended NIMS Incident Command Structure 300 training in August.
**ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION**

NOTICE: The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 14, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 112 on the first floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, Nebraska. For more information, call the Planning Department, (402) 441-7491.

The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, September 14, 2016, immediately following the regular Planning Commission meeting, in Studio Room 113 of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska to discuss the LRTP/Comprehensive Plan Update.

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

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

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2016

[All Commissioners present; Commissioner Weber exited at 2:17 pm]

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held August 31, 2016. **APPROVED: 8-0;**

1. CONSENT AGENDA
   (Public Hearing and Administrative Action):

   SPECIAL PERMIT:

   1.1 Special Permit No. 16041, for the sale of alcohol for consumption both on and off the premises, on property generally located at 252 North 134th Street. **FINAL ACTION**

   Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
   Staff Planner: Brian Will, 402-441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov
   This application was removed from the Consent Agenda and had separate public hearing. Planning Commission voted 8-0 to continue public hearing and action to the September 28, 2016, meeting in order to obtain additional information.
2. REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL:

2.1 Comprehensive Plan Conformance No. 16005, to review as to conformance with the 2040 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan, a request to declare a City-owned parking lot as surplus property for the zoo expansion, on property generally located at approximately 2847 A Street.

Staff recommendation: Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan
Staff Planner: George Wesselhoft, 402-441-6366, gwesselhoft@lincoln.ne.gov
The applicant’s request for a 4-week deferral was granted, with PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION scheduled for Wednesday, October 12, 2016.

2.2 Comprehensive Plan Conformance No. 16007, to review as to conformance with the 2040 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan, the acquisition of a permanent conservation easement by the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District, of approximately 20 acres, more or less, on property generally located at SW 98th Street and Kolbrook Road.

Staff recommendation: Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan
Staff Planner: Brandon Garrett, 402-441-6373, bgarrett@lincoln.ne.gov
The applicant’s request for a 2-week deferral was granted, with PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION scheduled for Wednesday, September 28, 2016.

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: See Item 1.1

4. PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONFORMANCE & RELATED CHANGE OF ZONE:

4.1a Comprehensive Plan Conformance No. 16006, to amend the "University Place Redevelopment Plan", as to conformance with the 2040 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan. The Redevelopment Plan area is approximately 10.56 acres, more or less, on property generally located between Huntington and Leighton Avenues, North 44th and 48th Streets.

Staff recommendation: Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan
Staff Planner: Andrew Thierolf, 402-441-6371, athierolf@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: Conforms to the Comprehensive Plan; 7-0 (Weber absent). Public hearing before the City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, October 17, 2016, 3:00 p.m.
4.1b Change of Zone No. 16024, for a mixed-use redevelopment project at an existing shopping center, with a development plan that proposes to modify standards of the underlying zoning district, subdivision ordinance, and Design Standards on property generally located at North 48th Street and Leighton Avenue.

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval

Staff Planner: Andrew Thierolf, 402-441-6371, athierolf@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL as set forth in the amended conditions as offered by the applicant; 7-0 (Weber absent). Public hearing before the City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, October 17, 2016, 3:00 p.m.

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

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Adjournment 2:30 p.m.
Subject: A Street Water Reservoir Decommissioning Project

Council Members:

It is our understanding that Parks and Recreation staff and Nick Cusick, representing the Lincoln Children’s Zoo (LCZ), have briefed Council regarding LCZ’s revised plans which no longer require additional parking space south of A Street.

Our Department does intend to move ahead with decommissioning the two water reservoirs. Decommissioning was considered prior to discussion regarding LCZ’s needs. Decommissioning was based primarily on the age of the reservoirs and the risk of flooding and subsequent damage that could occur if they were overfilled.

The two reservoirs are the oldest in the water system dating back to the early 1900s. The combined capacity of 4-5 million gallons is considered to be small relative to the entire system storage capacity of approximately 100 million gallons. Decommissioning was evaluated by an engineering firm familiar with our system and the evaluation concluded that no significant impact would occur to system storage or system operations. The reservoirs were originally constructed to serve the Antelope wellfield which has since been abandoned. With the current system, the reservoirs are at a lower level than the remaining three reservoirs which creates the risk of overfilling due to human error or mechanical failure. There are also cost savings in reduced maintenance and inspection activities when the reservoirs are decommissioned.

If you have any additional questions or require additional details regarding this project, please feel free to contact Donna or me.

Thank you.

Steve R. Owen, PE
Supt. of Water Production
Lincoln Water System
2021 North 27th Street
Lincoln, NE 68503
402.441.5925
Steve

We need to review the delay on water mains as this was a heavy topic during budget discussions and weighed heavily on my Council colleagues in supporting the 5% fee/rate increases.

When Nick Cusick and I visited, I mentioned to him the need to review the priority shifting and whether it would affect water mains. City officials (elected and administrative) need to be careful on this water main replacement program due to the back-ups in recent years and extensive dialogue. I know my Council colleagues are supportive of the Zoo Expansion but they have also been very focused on the water main replacement priority and increasing replacement over the master plan number of miles. . .hence the support for water/waste water fee/rate increases.

Thanks. . .I hope you can facilitate this discussion. . .quickly.

Jon
I hope this answers your question. Please feel free to ask for further clarification or for additional information.

Thank you.
Steve R. Owen, PE
Supt. of Water Production, Lincoln Water System
2021 North 27th Street
Lincoln, NE 68503; 402.441.5925

From: Jon Camp [mailto:joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2016 12:03 PM
To: Steve R. Owen <sowen@lincoln.ne.gov>
Subject: Re: A Street Water Reservoir Decommissioning Project

Please explain funding and what acceleration in the CIP does to other projects

Thanks

Jon
Jon Camp
Lincoln City Council
2220 S. 66th St.
Lincoln, NE. 68516

8 September 2106

1 February 2016, 1 June 2016, and 11 July 2016. I’ll come back to that.

I live east of South Point Pavilion on 45, south of Pine Lake. From time to time I walk to Williamsburg Village. My preferred route is through the neighborhoods north of Pine Lake to 40 at Larkwood Rd.

At 40 & Larkwood I cross to the sidewalk on the west side of 40. I use the sidewalk on the west side of 40 toward Williamsburg.

A smidge south of Faulkner Dr. on 40 there is a rill or stream or crick (yes... a crick) that passes beneath 40; generally flowing to the west. There is no posted name for the water course at this location. The stream bank slopes steeply away from the street.

Here is the problem. Because the sidewalk is located very near the start of the stream bank downslope, the sidewalk foundation (the ground upon which the concrete was poured) has been seriously eroded. NO. Seriously. SERIOUSLY ERODED.

As in: STRUCTURALLY DEFICIENT. Rainwater has undercut the walkway from the curb side toward the slope side; moving beneath the walkway and removed the foundation. The walkway WILL COLLAPSE. What is remarkable: it has not already.

On 1 February 2106, 1 June 2016 and 11 July 2016 I called the sidewalk police AKA - Public Works 402 441 7548 press #4. I advised and/or alerted the sidewalk police (Public Works), at each contact, of this defect.
I observed what may have been a ‘fix’ between my February and June telephone contact; nothing Nothing NOTHING following the June or July call to Public Works.

A LIABILITY! When some poor dumb pedestrian and the laws of gravity and a structurally deficient public walkway collide, how many commas in that lawsuit settlement.

Hmmmmmmmmmmmmmm. Whose gonna lose that one??!!

Your pal

gary aldrige

cce/JKirkpatrick

by the by:

A) I walked to Wells Fargo @ Cheney and 40, 6 September and the sidewalk at the stream is as I describe above, and

B) I suspect a brown bear or black bear sow and cub(s) will hibernate in this subterranean cave in the winter.
Jon Camp
Lincoln City Council
2220 S. 66th St.
Lincoln, NE 68516
Dear Lincoln City Council Members:

This email is specifically directed at the Republican members of the Council who are determined to sabotage a good budget. One of the most irritating aspects of city (or state or national) governments is the tendency to tout minimal or no tax increases in any particular year and then when all other options are closed, wham the taxes go up by something like 5%.

The best way to survive budgeting is to adjust to small increases in taxes or utility fees, etc. It is very difficult for those of us on fixed incomes to deal with large increase just because the council member were too myopic to increase taxes by really small amounts each year.

The current Mayoral proposal is for a 1.17 cent increase in the mil level. Let’s do that this year and next year and the year after rather than giant 5 cent increase a few years down the road. It is much easier to adjust for a small increase.

Additionally, the Emerald Ash Borer issue will not be going away. It is a pay-me-now or a pay-me-a lot-later. The same goes for the street light bond issue and the new ambulance.

Hopefully yours,
Robert W. Peters
1745 S. 25th St.
Lincoln, NE 68502
402-580-6665
Council Members....

Please Support the Mayors Budget Proposal.

The Mayor's recommended property tax increase is demonstrably needed to support and maintain the infrastructure and services required to make Lincoln a great place to live.

The actual amount of the increase is so marginal that the Council objection can only be considered an ideological statement. Conservative Republicans believe that Government is bad in general and can only be controlled buy tax reduction and cutting government services.

Our "non-partisan" City Council seems to be locked in a partisan showdown with four Republicans holding the Budget Approval as hostage.

I would like to have at least one of our Republican City Council members break ranks in order to support the continued health and well being of Lincoln. That would be: Make an independent non-partisan statesmanship like vote to approve the Mayor's Budget.

Thanks... Lyle Vannier, 7421 Osage Ct., Lincoln, NE 68506
I am sending this email to you as a concerned citizen of the fine City of Lincoln. Earlier I mailed a detailed letter to Cindy Lamm (who represents my district) about the cost of living in our wonderful City. Certain things do not set well with me at all. Some of which is our outrageous wheel tax, having to pay an annual fee because I have a security system, numerous bond issues. Over the past 10 years the population of Lincoln has grown considerably. Surely all of the new residents are paying taxes. I am sure that we do need more fire and police personnel, yet I am hearing (not sure how accurate the numbers are), but a large percentage of fire and police personnel do not live in the City. That would be collecting wages from a City they do not support with taxes.

For the latest, the budget. All appearances to me is that everyone is playing a political game and not acting as a Mayor or City Council representative. You were all elected to be an official of the City of Lincoln, not to be a politician. Beginning to feel a whole lot like Washington DC around here.

I am sure that this will do absolutely no good, but I feel better for writing it. Thanks for your time.

Gary L Powell
(402) 464-6696
garylpowell@yahoo.com
1910 N 76 ST
Lincoln NE  68505
I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR CORRESPONDENCE
1. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler’s public schedule for the week of September 17, 2016 through September 23, 2016.

III. DIRECTORS

HEALTH DEPARTMENT
1. NEWS RELEASE. Household hazardous waste collection scheduled for Saturday, September 24th.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

V. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP
1. Jeffrey Payne stating concerns with how our city government is currently ran.
2. Dave Anderson addressing the LES electric rates and questioning the increase.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
1. InterLinc correspondence from Tyler asking questions on the gameday parking in garages and why so expensive.
2. Julie Ryan expressing opinions on the City’s 2017 budget and asking Council to vote for the Mayor’s budget.
   a) Councilman Camp addressing several budget points brought up in the email.

VII. ADJOURNMENT
Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule
Week of September 17 through 23, 2016
(Schedule subject to change)

Monday, September 19
• Mayor’s proclamation signing for “Fall Prevention Awareness” – 9:45 a.m., Mayor’s Conference Room, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.

Tuesday, September 20
• KLIN – 8:10 a.m.
• Chamber of Commerce Celebrate Business lunch, remarks – 11:30 a.m., Cornhusker Marriott Hotel, 333 S. 13th St.
• Nebraska Realtors Association Inaugural Gala for 2017 President – 6:30 p.m., Pinnacle Bank Arena, 400 Pinnacle Arena Drive.

Thursday and Friday, September 22 and 23
• League of Nebraska Municipalities Annual Conference –Holiday Inn, 110 S. 2nd Ave, Kearney.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 16, 2016
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Dan N. King, Environmental Health Specialist, 402-441-8084

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 24

Lincoln and Lancaster County residents are encouraged to clean out unwanted chemicals by bringing their household hazardous waste to a collection event from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, September 24th at Continental/Veyance Technologies, 4021 N 56th Street. This event is coordinated by the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department in partnership with the event site-host, Continental/Veyance Technologies.

Accepted items include pesticides, lawn and garden chemicals, household cleaning products, paint thinners, stains, polishes and waxes, turpentine, oil-based paint, pool cleaning chemicals, flea and tick powders, rodent poison, charcoal starter fluids, mixed or old gasoline, brake or power steering fluids, and items containing mercury such as CFLs and thermometers. A complete list of accepted items is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: household).

Items NOT accepted include latex paint, motor oil, fertilizers, gas grill cylinders, medicines and pharmaceutical waste, electronics and batteries. For information on recycling these and other materials, check the “Waste Reduction and Recycling Guide” at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: recycle guide). No business waste will be accepted.

The event is free of charge to Lincoln and Lancaster County residents. Donations are accepted at the collection.

The household hazardous waste program is partially funded by the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality.
NEBRASKA CAPITOL ENVIRON COMMISSION

The Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission will hold a public meeting on Thursday, September 22, 2016. The meeting will convene at 8:00 a.m. in Room 214, second floor, County/City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, to consider the following agenda.

For more information, please contact the Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department at 402-441-7491.

AGENDA
September 22, 2016


Hearing and Action

2. A Certificate of Appropriateness for an inscription for Spirit of Nebraska Pathway, Centennial Mall, in the Capitol Environs District.

Discussion

3. Conversation with Liz Shea-McCoy regarding “Nebraska by Heart” art project.

4. Staff report and misc.

Accommodation Notice

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Comment or Question:
I read Beutler's opinion piece in the paper today. I continue to be very concerned with how this city government is "ruled". I use that word because that is what it appears to be. Not a democracy where citizens write letters to their reps, or come to meetings and speak at hearings, but rather after all is said and done, decisions just default back to how the city administration wants things done. I wonder why Beutler doesn't take his own advice when he says we are an "innovative" city? If he would put that to practice and work at making city departments more efficient and cut costs where possible, maybe those of us on fixed incomes or those in poverty wouldn't have to wonder how we are going to continue to pay the rising costs of water rates, and now soon again, LES rates going up, and property taxes going up. The continual use of TIF funding for all of these housing projects, when they can't even fill all of these new buildings on almost every corner of downtown! I mentioned this very thing happening in a letter to the editor I wrote back in 2015 during the mayoral election. In it I said that when the same administration is elected over and over, the power goes to their head, it is addictive. We are seeing the results of that now. No one can ever answer this question for me: "Where is the revenue from ALL of the 4000 plus new residents, and ALL of the new businesses that are landing in our town? How LONG does it take for that revenue to begin showing up??? Meanwhile, the rest of us have to PAY for all of the GROWTH, through all of the rate, fee and tax increases brought on by the mayor's budget! I am asking for an independent committee to review and look at possible changes to our city charter. Something is very wrong with it. The mayor has way too much power. It seems like a 3rd world country. When the city council has no balance of power with the executive branch, why have a city council? Is having a council just for looks?
Because when it comes down to it, the mayor wins out for what he wants. Mayor's title says it all in the paper today: City Council MUST follow law. Whose law? The one that he and his lawyers have arrived at? It's too dictatorial. From the very start of the budget process, mayor was not transparent with needed information until the last minute. What a way to run city government. Beutler likes to put all the blame on Republican city council members. If it wasn't for them, citizens would be paying through the nose even more. The blame lies at his door for not understanding that not everyone in this town believes we all want to pay for EVERYTHING he wants just because he got re-elected for a third time. And then digging for every possible way in order to get what he wants in the end. We need help! Please do what you can.
Hi, Jon.
Thought I would get my "licks in" early about LES' new scheme to raise rates. In today's LJS (p. B1) there is an article about the new LES Solar Park going on line. Lincoln will now generate one third of its power needs from solar, a wonderful accomplishment! One third will come from natural gas, the price of which has gone way down due to a supply glut globally. And the final third will be coal-sourced, which I hope will be addressed in the future for phasing out.

Now any reasonable person would assume that LES would be cutting their rates. But no, per the LJS article (p. B4) they want to raise them. Way up! The plan to increase the fixed administrative cost based upon usage to nearly $25 monthly for the residential customer is just mind-blowing to me! How can such gall be explained rationally without resorting to doubletalk and obfuscation?

Last year I had a solar panel contractor estimate the cost to install panels on my roof. I decided against it because 1) my wife did not like the aesthetics; 2) I could not put enough panels on to cover my total monthly electric usage; and 3) LES regs required me to remain tied into the grid unless I also installed a battery back up. Installation cost was not really a factor. Cost recovery was, given our ages. However that equation will tip to our favor if LES is permitted to raise my fixed cost to $25 monthly and the city keeps increasing its "dividend".

LES is acting like a privately run monopoly rather than a public utility. They need to hear the word "No" from the city council. I hope they do.

Thanks for all you do as our councilman.

Dave Anderson
6117 Orwell Circle
ECK Quote of the Day
Comment or Question:
I wanted to bring to your attention the policy of City Parking in regards to gameday parking at garages and the fact they start charging for parking again at 12:01am Sunday morning. I'm trying to be responsible by not driving after patronizing bars in the Haymarket, but City Parking is making this expensive and really sending a wrong impression. I already paid $20 to park in one of the garages in the Haymarket and arrived there around 1pm Saturday. I left my car there overnight and it was shortly after noon on Sunday when I retrieved my car. I was told I would have to pay $9 more in order to get out. Shouldn't we be a little more reasonable on this? These garages sit empty the rest of the time so it's not like these are valuable parking spots on a Sunday. So in the end, I pay $29 to park in the garage for about 24 hours and left me with a really bad impression on the operations of City Parking. Any other day, it's $9 per 24 hours so I'm not sure why gameday has to be different in regards to that. I believe we should be doing everything possible, within reason, to make sure people don't have to make the choice of either driving after drinking or forking more money over to get out of the garage (on top of the increased parking costs on gameday).
Good Afternoon,

I am writing to encourage you to pass the budget for City of Lincoln that was proposed by the Mayor. Observing the City of Lincoln's politics is frustrating! What would it take for all of you and the Mayor to work together?

Not all of the Mayor's proposals are great, and some are aggressive, but I feel he has the best intentions for the City of Lincoln. Do I like tax increases? No. However, the City must continue to move forward. When I looked through the Mayor's budget, I do not see what can be cut without impacting the City in a negative way.

I think it is wrong not to fully fund the Police and Firefighter's pension. The City is in this mess because we historically haven't put into it like we should. I am tired of the vendetta against the Fire Department and the Police! These individuals put their lives on the line every time they report to work! I don't think anyone on the City Council or in the Mayor's Office can say that. I know I cannot. The lack of respect for them and the rest of society is depressing. If someone thinks they can improve the force, I encourage them to train for the profession. If you are not accepted, you probably failed to achieve the set of skills needed to do the job. If you think you are being judged, make sure what you are doing is ethical and the morally right thing to do. If you do drugs, get drunk, carry fire arms (real or fake), do domestic assault, or hang out with gangs you are asking for trouble. You reap what you sow. None of those things are good!

I am disappointed with the bickering about the staff in the Mayor's Office and the City Council not having some staff to help them out. I haven't watched the City Council Meetings on TV lately, but when I have, it pains me to see how you degrade some of the City Employees that come before you with information. It sounds like a mean interrogation! I don't see any sincere gratitude for what the City Employees do for us every day. Sometimes words of appreciation are said, but they are just words. Your actions speak louder than words. LIBA drives me crazy! I have a son who will be graduating from college soon. I am not sure how he will repay his college loans if he stays in Lincoln. LIBA consistently says that small businesses cannot survive if they paid their workers like the government does. Here's a clue......businesses need to step up and offer decent health, dental and life insurance and a 401K, especially for those getting out of school and starting families. If businesses treat their employees as LIBA indicates, I can see why they have difficulty finding quality workers. You get what you pay for. If you don't appreciate and advocate for your employees, why would they want to work for you? I am not happy that businesses have gone to hiring more "part-time" or "temporary" employees so they do not have to give benefits or give them a fair wage. And you wonder why young people are not buying homes and investing in the City. People are working two or three jobs just to survive.

I am not happy that the parks are not mowed more frequently, but I would rather have snow removal and repairs made to the streets of Lincoln first. I do fill out the Mayor's survey whenever it is on line.

Please vote yes for the Mayor's budget.

Julie Ryan
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Lincoln, NE  68521
Julie

Thank you for taking time to express your thoughts in your email. Let me clarify several matters addressed in your email.

First, the Police and Firefighters Pension Plan funding: I am now in my 18th year on the City Council. My #1 issue these 18 years has been to increase and fully fund the Pension Plan! I am proud that my vigilance has resulted in increasing the annual City contributions from under $500,000 to over $9 million. However, this level is still insufficient to fully fund the Plan.

You may want to encourage Mayor Beutler to also be fiscally responsible...in 2009 he unilaterally made modifications in the Pension Plan that resulted in artificially hiding the underfunding of the Pension Plan and he encouraged the recent change in the Pension Plan’s 13th Check definition that reduced the 2016-2017 actuaries’ recommended contribution by nearly $5 million. Unfortunately, I predict within 3 years Lincoln will be facing another financial crisis in the funding levels, which just are not sustainable.

Second, I am not sure what you mean by “vendetta” and would suggest you take time to review past history. Lincoln is fortunate to have excellent police and firefighters.

Third, regarding City Council staff...it is Mayor Beutler who refused to put funding in the Budget for City Council staff. My six colleagues and I are woefully understaffed with a single secretary. When I was first elected in 1999, the Council had two secretaries and an amount for each Council member to hire part-time staff.

Fourth, you use the word “interrogation”. Please rethink your characterization. The City Council, due to its lack of staff and research limitations, “asks questions” to learn about issues and matters presented to it. I am proud of my colleagues and their demonstration of good governance by ensuring they and, in the case of our public hearings, the public/viewers are informed on issues. This brings to mind the quotation “our flight through life is sustained by the power of our knowledge”.

Fifth, would you please explain why you wrote that the Council “degrades some of the City Employees that come before you with information”.

Sixth, I am confused by your criticism of businesses and their owners who take risks and provide employment. Perhaps you can share some specifics to explain your statements.

Seventh, thank you for writing your support for the need to prioritize street repairs and snow removal. Regarding our parks, I have repeatedly stated we need “quality over quantity”. A park has much less value if it is not maintained, e.g. mowed, and therefor rendered less usable. Our infrastructure is in dire need to emphasis.
Thank you again for taking time to email the Council.

Best regards,

Jon

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Present: Leirion Gaylor Baird, Chair; Roy Christensen, Vice Chair; Jon Camp; Carl Eskridge; Jane Raybould; Cyndi Lamm; and Trent Fellers

Others Present: Teresa Meier, City Clerk; Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff; and Mary Meyer, Council Secretary

Chair Gaylor Baird opened the meeting at 2:10 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

I. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA
Fellers stated Item 2 is a regular resolution and feel it should be in the normal course of City Council business with the other public hearing resolutions. Do not feel it fits with the special public hearing, even though topics are related. Should be with Items 19 through 21. Meier stated we need a motion to do, on the dias. Fellers commented he would make the motion.

Gaylor Baird asked if placed in this order for any particular reason? Hoppe replied we were discussing and placed in that order. If you want to move to another agenda location, fine. Eskridge asked if moving to the end or beginning of the resolutions?

Fellers stated he will mention to put after the other resolutions, to be fair to the constituents attending with listed items. Will make #21a.

Gaylor Baird commented she would also add the Correctional Facility Joint Public Agency report, and will give a report. Eskridge added could give a report on the Bar Walk.

II. CITY CLERK
Meier stated under Public Hearing - Liquor will call Items 16 and 17 together.

III. MAYOR CORRESPONDENCE
1. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor to present August Award of Excellence.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Woods Park Tennis Center groundbreaking set for September 16, 2016.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Public input results in new zoo expansion plans.
   a) Lincoln Children’s Zoo expansion master plan map.
4. NEWS RELEASE. Public invited to sculpture dedication.
5. NEWS RELEASE. State of the City calls for “Culture of Innovation”.
6. NEWS RELEASE. Nominations now accepted for new Luminary Award.
7. NEWS RELEASE. Open house for proposed changes to N. 14th Street and U.S. Highway 6 intersection.
8. Library hosts One Book - One Lincoln events.

Rick Hoppe - Chief of Staff
Hoppe stated to keep everyone informed of the Finance Directors’ position. As you are aware our talented Finance Director and Budget Officer, Steve Hubka, is leaving the City after over 30 years. Tough to swallow as we’re really enjoyed working with Steve, who is very talented. Hubka will be retiring in September. Now conducting a national search for his replacement. However, we don’t anticipate having someone in place prior to Hubka’s departure. Don Herz has agreed to be Interim Finance Director. You may remember Don was the former Finance Director and he stepped forward to give us his time for this position until we find someone.

Christensen asked if he will be a contractor or a temporary placement? Hoppe replied they haven’t gotten that far yet. Both topics open for discussion.
Camp asked if Herz had conflicts? Hoppe replied they don’t believe so, and asked that question. Gaylor Baird inquired if there is an anticipated timeline for the process? Hoppe stated no, but haven’t had a recent discussion with Human Resources or know where the application stands.

IV. DIRECTORS

HEALTH DEPARTMENT
1. Lincoln-Lancaster County Board of Health meeting minutes of August 9, 2016.
2. Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department, department reports, August, 2016.

PLANNING COMMISSION

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES/WATER SYSTEM
1. Steve Owen, Superintendent of Water Production, informing Council of a street water reservoir decommissioning project.
   a) Councilman Camp’s reply stating the water mains concerns and water main replacement priorities.

V. BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSION REPORTS

1. PBC Chair & Mayor Meeting - Raybould  2. Public Building Commission (PBC)-Camp, Raybould
Raybould asked, with Council’s permission, if she could combine this meeting with the PBC meeting? She stated discussion with the Mayor focused on agenda items. Discussed improvements which will go to the 911 Center and the transitioning of maintaining services while the existing space is undergoing renovation. Spent a tremendous amount of time going on change orders for the 605, the former jail space, and additional changes. The PBC went through a lot of change orders in a compressed amount of time.

Camp noted some people want extra high efficiency, expensive garage doors. Raybould and I both questioned the willingness to spend, with not being sure whether to replace the doors or redo. Raybould stated in the contract is $17,000, but to replace with high tech doors is $44,000. Certainly want to see the recommended doors but just don’t see happening. We worked through a lot of change orders.

Camp added it seems like more and more projects need to finish. The 605 has an organization going in, and the architects had a change with the organization not understanding what’s been designed, what’s come back. Then the change orders get expensive. We talked about the security elements, fiber. Years ago when we did the Hall of Justice we had judges who had special benches. Hopefully there will be caution in issuing as like the overhead doors, they’re nice, fancy, but expensive, and can still get damaged.

Raybould stated it is a challenge for a department to review construction documents/drawings they’re not accustomed to doing. Hard as you get their input and feedback early in the process and when the construction is bid their item or element is included in the bid, and their understanding is somewhat relative. With the Bensch Building there were a lot of precise elements and positioning of cat runs, microphones and emergency systems for 911. Staff and clients need to be taken into consideration and it’s very hard until items are actually installed and implemented for feedback. Then the change orders. We struggle making sure the change orders are project necessary and appropriate and not merely a want.

We have a good team and unfortunately a lot of time is spent delving into the details. At the next meeting
we’ll try and streamline, making sure they give us the entire summary of change order rather than just one.

Camp stated Don Killeen sets up and recommends rental rates. Basically a flat rental rate for everyone, so if XYZ is here with specialized furnishings, equipment, etc., they’re not paying correctly as it’s spread throughout other departments. They’re being subsidized. It’s hard not to have the same generalized rental rate but it hurts other departments.

Raybould added an important item discussed, which we approved, was the transitioning of Parks and Rec Administrative departments into the 3rd floor of the Health Department. Heard people say to go and check out the 3rd floor of the Health Department as it is really ideally suited for the transitioning of the administrative offices of Parks and Recreation. Very comfortable and we talked about the preliminary cost of the relocation which should be relatively reasonable as a lot of mechanical systems are there, so it’s a good fit.

Eskridge asked when is the 605 Building suppose to be done? Raybould replied they’re talking about March of next year. They have made tremendous progress, doing finish work on a lot of the items.

3. Railroad Transportation Safety District (RTSD) - Christensen, Raybould, Lamm

Christensen stated the main item was approving the budget, which we did. No surprises. Went over quiet zones, the largest one now is the SW. We did a feasibility study of the SW quiet zone, and negotiating with the railroad to close the entire line and bring over from the railyards, down south. We would avoid a huge number of crossings and being discussed with railroad officials now. Did ask how this was being received with a reply from Figard that it wasn’t received all that well. But they’re going to look at it.

Raybould commented she thinks the most important item is that the contribution from the County has increased from 1.6% to 1.9%, as they projected it would with the increase. She understands the RTSD is excited as they have a new Midwest Operational Director who has visited and held discussions. Christensen added he thought the railroad wasn’t so assured. Raybould thought they were excited because they didn’t think they’d get a follow up meeting but are going to re-meet in October to revisit the issue.

4. MPO Officials Committee - Christensen, Gaylor Baird

Christensen stated Council received much the same briefing we did at the MPO meeting. I would like to mention the MPO has 2 members of the Council on the Board, 2 Members of the County Board, the Mayor, and a representative from the State Department of Roads. I have missed a meeting but it’s difficult to do anything if too many people miss as we waited to start for the County Members to arrive to have a quorum.

Gaylor Baird commented they also all had a chance to ask questions of the presenters.

5. Multicultural Advisory Committee - Eskridge

Eskridge stated the Committee takes the summer off and this was the first meeting since June. We had a good discussion on what the issues are they deal with, concerns about community, and different people they would like to care for. A strategy meeting and well attended with fruitful discussion.

Camp asked if there any particular issues to share? Eskridge replied police continue to be a concern. The feeling is not alarm about police but on maintaining a positive working relationship with police. There have been good discussions held this summer, public meetings, with police present. The Malone Center held 3 meetings in a row, with some Council Members attending. Those kinds of activities, continuing them, and how to enlarge the discussions to include other people. Positive actions. There’s changes in leadership for different cultural organizations. Making sure everyone is involved.

6. Funders Group - Gaylor Baird

Gaylor Baird stated she was unable to attend the meeting.
7. **Correctional Facility JPA - Gaylor Baird**

Gaylor Baird stated the meeting was held on August 30th. A budget focused committee meeting, where we approved the budget, just over $5 million for the Correctional Facility JPA. Almost the entire amount, between $4.8 and $4.9 million issued for bond repayments. A little, the reminder, for ovens they needed to replace. They had problems with some ovens and we paid $75,000. Some funds set aside to try and do updates with the technology which tracks movement of inmates and staff throughout the facility. But, almost the entire budget is gone. The last payment is expected to be made in December 2020.

8. **Board of Health - Raybould**

Raybould stated Halstead went over a number of General Assistance items. Now leaving Trabert Hall after many years and moving into the Lincoln Lancaster County Health Department. They discussed the Lincoln Parks and Rec move, very positive, and looking forward to having them as tenants. The Health Department is undergoing a staff accreditation and they expect to interview and Board and other officials.

Raybould commented they spent time on a presentation, The Active Shooter, Active Assailant, and preparedness. We’ve discussed here, they also reviewed the Run, Hide, and Fight Program. As part of the presentation had the Public Health Emergency Response Coordinator, Roger, attend. Lincoln Fire and Rescue spoke on the collaboration of the tourniquet program, featured in the paper today on the importance and the training going between all the forces of LPD and LFR. How fundamental, certainly at the recommendation of how to save lives and preserve, protect the ones traumatized. A huge program and because of the grant will be able to fund every police squad vehicle, and all emergency vehicles with the tourniquet allowing them to perform the procedure.

Raybould added they discussed the admission inventory, with a summary from the Health Department. Very interesting, lots of facts, and going to determine the level. The good news is Lincoln is well within the national average in terms of concerns with our admissions. Also, good things happening in reduction of CO2 gas with different types of vehicles.

Discussed Share the Road Campaign. The Share the Road Campaign is really talking about the road, and the sidewalks. We want to make sure everyone is clear and it had been using social media to spread the message. In other communities they’re really embracing this idea to make sure the cyclists are safe as well as the vehicles. And that the cyclists do practice good road skills as well.

Raybould commented she rode her bike in California over the Labor Day break noticing California vehicles are much nicer to cyclists than we are in Nebraska. Surprised to experience this because we’re Nebraska Nice. The road messages, the social media outreach, and other programming involving getting the message out is so important.

**Bar Walk**

Eskridge stated 18 people participated in the Bar Walk, 7 Police, including the Chief. We started at The Bridge detox, meeting at 11:30 p.m., and spent 1 hour 45 minutes there touring the site. On foot went to the Rail Yard where there were a couple incidents. Christensen added, including an assault. Raybould asked at what time with Christensen replying midnight, or so, when we got to the Rail Yard.

Eskridge added they walked to O Street, down O Street, eventually to 14th and O, where they checked the location. Stayed until bar closing time then went to the University Square parking garage at 14th and O to observe dispersing. Observed a few hot spots but otherwise people said it was kind of a calm night in opposition to the next night, where, in talking to the Police Chief, there were a couple of assaults on police and you may have seen a robbery in the same garage as us. A great opportunity to see what’s going on.

Christensen spoke with officers who said about every other weekend, around closing time, there’s usually a
fist fight between customers. They leave different bars, merge, and there tends to be tussles. Sometimes at the Bourbon Theater have out of town gang activity. The Omaha Police Gang Unit is very active in calling LPD when they know certain people are coming, and work closely together.

Fellers stated he was surprised at how tame the Rail Yard was, other than the assault. Think the assault was a little extraordinary. The crowd at the Rail Yard was a little older, as opposed to 14th and O patrons. Seemed as if people were hanging out, having drinks, and different than times I’ve walked through the Rail Yard later in the evening where the crowd might have been a little younger.

Christensen added earlier in the evening, around 7:00 p.m., I went through the Rail Yard just before the dedication of the “Harvest” artwork. Any of us could easily have been in the crowd, not sticking out. A completely different crowd after midnight.

Fellers noted other item at 14th and O. In talking with police and people from UNL it seems as if Friday nights have become a more tame. Don’t know what to attributed the change to, whether more people were hosting their own parties, but a trend over many Fridays. Maybe more kids working those nights or need to wake up and work on Saturday. But Saturday night is when problems happen and you can’t walk up and down the sidewalk because of the numbers. May have gone on the wrong night. Another item is how the demographics have really shifted. You don’t see just college students on the western side of 14th and O. The demographics definitely shifted for some bars, especially Main Street and Brothers. May be a little older, more ethnic population, which was a big eye opener. College students are still downtown, Brass Rail, Iguana’s, Duffy’s, and on the other street side. Brothers and Main Street was a different crowd than across the street.

Camp asked what ages? Fellers replied it felt like more people in their 30's were in the Rail Yard at 11:00/12:00 o’clock. Just as many would be identified as college students. Camp stated, older? Trent answered a little older by Main Street and Brothers. Gaylor Baird asked, older than college? Trent said maybe late 20's, early 30's. More ethnicity. If you stand in front of the Brass Rail, and others, all college.

Eskridge thanked everyone who went adding particularly Linda Major for putting together and the great participation from the Lincoln Police and The Bridge staff.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

Jane Raybould stated there are a couple of meetings. The StarTran Open Houses to talk about some route changes starting Tuesday, at Gere Library. Then on Wednesday and Thursday. Eskridge commented at Eisley Library on Wednesday and the University on Thursday.

Raybould noted Tuesday, September 27th, at Scott Middle School there’s a meeting on Costco. Attended the last meeting and remember one comment being, why isn’t more City Council people here? There was a lot of concern and several staff people from the Planning Department attended. Think constituents want to know we’re listening to some of their concerns and certainly Costco is listens to their concerns. This is a follow up meeting and will be very well attended, as was the last meeting. The meeting starts at 5:30 p.m.

Gaylor Baird stated David Cary anticipated the actual application would have been submitted last week. Did that happen? Raybould replied it did and they made some modifications, including a traffic signal on 16th Street. Also they listened to the biking community’s concerns about the traffic along the bike trail on Pine Lake Road. Interested to see what the neighbors think as well.
VII. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP
1. Gary Aldridge writing regarding a deficient sidewalk in Williamsburg.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
1. Bob Peters asking Council to accept the Mayoral proposed budget.
2. Lyle Vannier in support of the Mayors budget proposal.
3. Gary Powell writing on his concerns with Lincoln’s taxes and the budget.

IX. ADJOURNMENT
Chair Gaylor Baird adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.