IN LIEU OF
DIRECTORS’ MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2016

I. MINUTES
1. Minutes of Directors’ Meeting of September 12, 2016.

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

III. CITY CLERK

IV. MAYOR’ CORRESPONDENCE
1. NEWS RELEASE. Children invited to “Read to a Dog”.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Administration files lawsuit on property tax levy.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Fall events planned at Nature Center.
4. NEWS RELEASE. New StarTran routes to start November 1, 2016.
5. NEWS RELEASE. Volunteers needed for fall cleanup.
6. NEWS RELEASE. Open house postponed for N. 14th and Cornhusker Project.

V. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

FINANCE/BUDGET
1. Memo from Jan Bolin, Budget Office, on September sales tax reports reflecting July activity.
   a) Actual Compared to Projected Sales Tax Collections;
   b) Gross Sales Tax Collections (with refunds added back in) 2012-2013 through 2016-2017;
   c) Sales Tax Refunds 2012-2013 through 2016-2017; and

VI. BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSION REPORTS
1. Joint Budget Committee (JBC) - Gaylor Baird, Lamm

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

VIII. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP
1. Dan Holley commenting on actions in the Mayor’s office.
2. Wes Springer with questions on the wheel tax increase.
   a) Councilman Camp replying to Mr. Springer on Lincoln’s need to address its wheel tax.
3. Councilman Camp’s memo to Director Miki Esposito, Public Works & Utilities, regarding letter written by Gary Aldridge.
   a) Gary Aldridge’s letter regarding structurally deficient sidewalk.
4. William Boernke stating opinions on taxes and nullification.
   a) Reply from Councilman Camp.
JANE RAYBOULD
1. Bastienne Salners stating the location selected is a perfect place for Costco, and an issue with lights on during the night at Humann School.

IX. CITIZEN CORRESPONDENCE
1. Wayne Smith stating there should be a way to build a budget and not have to increase property taxes.
   a) Councilman Camp’s reply on budget and property tax, giving explanation.
2. Jay Snyder commenting on budget levy dispute.
3. Dennis Wertz suggesting a commission for possible changes and improvement in governing our city.
4. Twila Wilson call stating she agrees with the Council on not raising taxes.
   a) Councilman Jon Camp replying the Council did not pass the higher tax rate budget requested by the Mayor. Hopefully the Mayor will work with Council to live within this tax levy.
5. Eugene Tyre commenting on the City budget, City charter, and overall City taxes.
6. Bob Olmsted listing options to help citizens and seniors in Lincoln with the wheel tax and all the tax increases.
   a) Councilman Camp thanking Mr. Olmsted for several good ideas.
7. Deborah Andrews thanking Council Members Camp, Lamm, Christensen, and Fellers for representing all the people of Lincoln.
8. Jim Frohman comments on the city charter and problems with the budget process.
   a) Fair Budgeting Charter Changes.

X. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS
See invitation list.

XI. ADJOURNMENT
LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES
136 S. 14th Street, Lincoln, NE  68508, 402-441-8500

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 20, 2016
FOR MORE INFORMATION:  Shelley Ruterbories, Lincoln City Libraries, 402-441-8546

CHILDREN INVITED TO READ TO A DOG

Lincoln City Libraries (LCL) invites children to read aloud to dogs this fall as a way to improve their reading skills. The program is offered through a partnership between the local Healing Heart Therapy Dogs organization and LCL.

Children ages 6 to 12 who experience reading difficulties or need to practice their reading are teamed with a dog and handler to polish their skills by reading aloud to the animal. Children read to dogs in 20-minute shifts once a week for six weeks. The fall session begins the week of October 2 and continues through the week of November 6.

Pre-registration is required at most branches. Register by contacting the person listed at the branch you prefer to visit. The program is offered at the following locations:

- **Eiseley Branch Library**, 1530 Superior Street, Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Contact Angela at Anjherbert@me.com.
- **Gere Branch Library**, 2400 S. 56th Street, Thursdays, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Contact Mimi at 402-217-9019.
- **South Branch Library**, 2675 South Street, Thursdays, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Contact Jayne at Apa-jayne@neb.rr.com.
- **Walt Branch Library**, 6701 S. 14th Street, Wednesdays, 4 to 5 p.m. Contact Cindy at 402-416-0824 or orskilescindy@yahoo.com.
- **Anderson Branch Library**, 3635 Touzalin Avenue, Sundays, 2 to 3 p.m. No reservation required, drop-ins only.

For more information, contact Shelley Ruterbories at 402-441-8546 or visit lincolnlibraries.org.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 20, 2016
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

ADMINISTRATION FILES LAWSUIT ON PROPERTY TAX LEVY

The Administration of Mayor Chris Beutler today asked the District Court to issue a writ of mandamus to require the City Council to set the property tax rate necessary to balance the lawfully adopted City budget.

In August, Mayor Beutler vetoed a 2016-2018 budget passed by the City Council on a four-to-three vote. The City Council did not have five votes to override the Mayor’s veto. The City Charter states that because the Council did not pass another budget in the time required by the Charter and City ordinance, the Administration’s budget is the lawfully adopted budget and is the basis for the property tax rates for the biennial period.

Yesterday, the City Council did not follow the law spelled out in the Charter and instead set the property tax rate at 32.194 cents per $100 of valuation. That rate does not provide the revenue needed to balance the Administration’s budget. The writ of mandamus would require the Council to set the rate at 33.366 cents per $100 of valuation, the rate needed to balance the adopted budget.

Mayor Beutler repeated that he could not in good conscience sign the City Council’s version of the budget. The Council’s budget reductions included funding to address the Emerald Ash Borer and for a seventh ambulance. The Council budget also delayed debt service payments for street lights. Beutler said those actions did not eliminate the costs, but pushed them to the future, increasing the cost to taxpayers.

“The budget passed by the Council majority was fiscally irresponsible and did not meet the needs of the City,” Mayor Beutler said. “The majority avoided tough choices by kicking the can down the road in a way that threatened the City’s future financial stability. When the Council was unable to override my veto, the City Charter spelled out a very clear path for lawfully resolving a budget dispute, a path that is designed to move the City forward. We are simply asking the Council to follow the law.”

If the Council majority reconsiders its levy vote or if Court finds in the Administration’s favor, the Council would need to vote again on the property tax levy. The Beutler Administration will reintroduce the 33.366-cent levy to the Council September 26, with a public hearing and vote October 3. The Lancaster County Board is scheduled to meet October 11 to set the overall County property tax rate.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:  September 21, 2016
FOR MORE INFORMATION:  Jamie Kelley, Pioneers Park Nature Center, 402-441-8708

FALL EVENTS PLANNED AT NATURE CENTER

Pioneers Park Nature Center invites the public to a variety of youth and family-oriented outdoor events this fall.  The following activities are planned:

Wild Fall Festival – Friday, October 7, 5 to 8 p.m.  This event features various free games, crafts, and activities.  Hayrack rides also will be available for $3 per person, and tickets will be sold at the event.  Food will also be available for purchase.  Payment is cash only.  Due to another event at the park on October 7, the Nature Center recommends festival participants enter the park from S. Coddington Ave.

Fall Fun Day – Friday, October 14, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.  This camp for children in kindergarten through fifth grade is scheduled during Lincoln Public School’s fall break.  Children will spend the day hiking, exploring, playing games, taking a hayrack ride, making s’mores and more.  Participants should plan to be outside most of the day and must bring their own sack lunch.  The fee is $35 per child, and advance registration is required.

Fall Hayrack Rides – Private hayrack rides will be available Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights from September 23 to October 30.  Group rides include a campfire.  Fees are $215 for up to 30 people and $350 for 31 to 60 people.  Arrangements for larger groups also can be made.

To make reservations or for more information, contact the Nature Center at 402-441-7895 or parks.lincoln.ne.gov/naturecenter.
PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT
StarTran, 710 “J” Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7185

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 21, 2016
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Mike Davis, StarTran, 402-441-7185

NEW STARTRAN ROUTES TO START NOVEMBER 1
Free rides to be offered in October and November

StarTran has moved the start date for its restructured route system from October 3 to November 1. StarTran Transit Manager Mike Davis said the date was moved back to ensure a good transition and to allow time for all the bus stop signage to be completed. StarTran will now offer free fares not just during the month of October but through November as well.

The public has two more opportunities to attend open houses on the StarTran changes:
- Wednesday, September 21, 5 to 7 p.m., Eiseley Branch Library, 1530 Superior Street
- Thursday, September 22, 3 to 5 p.m., Jackie Gaughan Multicultural Center, Ubuntu Room 202, 1400 “R” Street (next to UNL City Campus Union)

New maps and schedules will be available at the open houses and staff will be available to answer questions about the new routes, which include designated stops resulting from the Transit Development Plan.

For more information, visit startran.lincoln.ne.gov or call 402-476-1234.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:  September 21, 2016
FOR MORE INFORMATION:  Willa DiCostanzo, Health Department, 402-441-8035

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FALL CLEANUP

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department invites volunteers and volunteer groups to help clean up litter and other debris from area lakes and streams in September and October. The 2016 International Coastal Cleanup, organized by Keep Lincoln and Lancaster County Beautiful (KLLCB), is part of a world-wide volunteer project designed to remove trash from ocean beaches, lake shores, riversides and other waterways. KLLCB is a program of the Health Department.

Last year, volunteers picked up over 9,000 pieces of litter, including 1,541 cigarette butts and 1,486 beverage cans. “The cleanliness of our local waterways directly impacts rivers and oceans downstream,” said Willa DiCostanzo, Environment Health Educator for KLLCB. “Although the nearest ocean is almost one thousand miles away, 80 percent of trash found in oceans starts out on land. That is why we need volunteers to help us keep our local lakes and streams beautiful.”

DiCostanzo said that this event is a great opportunity for families, sports teams, scouts, youth organizations, churches and other groups to beautify the community. Both shoreline and lakeside litter pickups are needed, so groups with boats, canoes and kayaks are welcome to help reach more inaccessible areas

DiCostanzo said groups will be asked to tally each type of trash collected as part of an effort to add to the worldwide marine debris database maintained by the Ocean Conservancy. The International Coastal Cleanup program receives funding from the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality

For more information or to volunteer, contact KLLCB at 402-441-8035 or kllcb@lincoln.ne.gov. KLLCB will set dates, times and locations that are most convenient for volunteers. More information on the program is also available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: kllcb).

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 21, 2016
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Craig Aldridge, Engineering Services, 402-416-5349

OPEN HOUSE POSTPONED FOR
N. 14TH AND CORNHUSKER PROJECT

The open house scheduled for Thursday, September 22, on improvements to the intersection of N. 14th Street and eastbound Cornhusker Hwy. has been postponed. The meeting was to be 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., at Educare, 3435 N. 14th Street. The open house will be rescheduled following a review of documentation related to the federal aid process.

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 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.

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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CITY OF LINCOLN
COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS
Thursday, September 29, 2016, 4:00 p.m.
City County Building, 555 South 10th Street, 1st Floor, Council Chambers

AGENDA

I. Roll Call

II. Approval of Minutes of August 25, 2016, Commission Meeting

III. Approval of Agenda for September 29, 2016, Commission Meeting

IV. Case Dispositions
   A. Reasonable Cause / No Reasonable Cause
      1. LCHR NO.: 16-0223-006-E-R
      2. LCHR NO.: 16-0427-019-E-R
      3. LCHR NO.: 16-0427-004-H
      4. LCHR NO.: 16-0504-005-H
      5. LCHR NO.: 16-0510-023-E
      6. LCHR NO.: 16-0628-008-H

V. Pre-Determination Settlement:
   1. LCHR NO.: 16-0707-030-E-R

VI. Administrative Closure:
   1. LCHR NO.: 15-1231-047-E-R

VII. Old Business
   A. Outreach
   B. HUD projects
   C. Travel

VIII. New Business
   A. HUD Contract Award
   B. New Commissioner – Status
   C. African American Leadership Conference – Omaha

IX. Public Comment**

X. Adjournment

**Public comments are limited to 5 minutes per person. Members of the public may address any item of interest to LCHR during this open session with the exception of LCHR cases. Also, no member of the public who wishes to address the Commission will be allowed to examine any individual Commissioner or staff member on any item/question before the Commission unless invited to do so by the Chairperson.

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Here are the September sales tax reports reflecting July activity. The amount collected for the 1/4 cent sales tax for public safety projects in September is $1,044,292.72.

Jan Bolin
City of Lincoln Budget Office
402-441-8306
### Actual Compared to Projected Sales Tax Collections

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Actual collections for the fiscal year to date are 0.78% over projections for the year.
# City of Lincoln

**Gross Sales Tax Collections (With Refunds Added Back In)**

**2012-2013 Through 2016-2017**

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Year to date vs. previous year
### CITY OF LINCOLN

**NET SALES TAX COLLECTIONS**

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Page 4
Dear Mr. Camp
I can't believe the insanity going on in the mayors office. Unbelievably in mature, spending is out of control on city art work and bike paths. And he still wants more. He needs to be stopped. He'll ruin this city like Obama has ruined this country.
Mr Camp,

I'm not one to normally write my council representative, but I want to ask a few questions about the proposed wheel tax increase.

Has there ever been any discussion about the fact that those of us who live in Lincoln proper are the one paying for the upkeep of the roads that a lot of other people are using? Has there ever been a discussion about adding an extra "fee" to UNL student fees? A lot of extra cars here, using the roads, for 9+ months of the year.

Also, what about all the people that live outside the city but work in Lincoln? I think that's one of the reasons it's so attractive to move outside the city limits.

Ok, I think I'm just rambling now. Any insight to this you could provide would be appreciated.

Thanks in advance for your time.

Wes Springer
Wes

Thanks for your email. Your comments are quite valid and have been the subject of past discussion.

Regarding the wheel tax for imposition on others...within Lancaster County, there would need to be support from the various villages and the County Board, a daunting task.

Lincoln does need to address its wheel tax, which is very high in comparison to other jurisdictions. Further, the use of the wheel tax has been diluted in the past...the Mayor’s proposed budget in July shifted substantial sums from the general fund to the wheel tax for snow removal, which reduces the funds available for road construction, rehabilitation and maintenance.

Please know I will continue to encourage equitable revenue measures and efficiency in the expenditure of funds.

Best regards,

Jon

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Miki

Please see the attached letter that reviews previous contacts by Mr. Aldridge concerning the foundation erosion of a sidewalk in Williamsburg.

Please let me know the timetable and remedy for this situation.

Jon

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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 probem. 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
cc/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.
Dear Councilperson Camp:

“Nothing is certain except death and taxes.” (Ben Franklin)

“For the maintenance of the public force and for the expenditures of administration, a common contribution is indispensable; it must be equally distributed between all the citizens, according to their ability to pay.” (French Declaration of the Rights of Man and the Citizen)

I think you anti-tax Republicans simply don’t understand that governments will tax citizens as surely as we will all die at some time in the future. But your greatest mistake is to think that taxes should not be raised regardless of the effect this will have on society. Most rational people are utilitarians who think government should produce the greatest good for the greatest number. This is why the French Declaration of the Rights of Man and the citizen proposes that taxes should be levied “based on the ability to pay.” The problem for the city is that the property tax is not based on the ability to pay because simply owning property does not mean one has the money to pay the property tax.

Nobody likes to pay taxes, but rational people understand that it is foolish to always oppose increased taxation and to think there is some kind of duty for legislators to cut taxes and oppose any attempts to raise taxes. It is simply nonsense to think (as does the Platte Institute) that cutting taxes is always better than raising taxes because the economy is harmed by taxation (especially taxation of businesses).

Reasonable people can certainly disagree about how governments should spend tax revenue, but unfortunately, you are simply tilting at windmills in your zeal to prevent a tax increase. You have every right to vote to cut spending so that a tax increase will not be necessary. But, the simple fact is that the Mayor vetoed your spending cuts to his budget. Because a super-majority is necessary to override a veto, the cuts in spending that you proposed will not take place. Because the city must have a balanced budget, taxes will have to be raised to fund the spending in the Mayor’s budget. The city is not the federal government that is able to cut taxes and increases spending (e.g., Ronald Regan cut taxes on the wealthy and increased spending to engage in an arms race with the old Soviet Union producing massive deficits that resulted in our debt increasing by 300% during Reagan’s years in office).

I wish you anti-tax Republicans would read the history of previous anti-tax rebellions in this country. (The Boston Tea Party was not an anti-tax rebellion; it was a rebellion against taxation without representation.) Both Shays Rebellion and the Whiskey Rebellion were anti-tax rebellions where the rebels actually used their Second Amendment right to bear arms against a tyrannical government that taxed them. In both cases, the Militia was used to quell the rebellions. So much for the notion that I have a right to use a gun to overthrow a tyrannical government that does things I don’t like.

What you are doing is to use nullification to prevent a tax increase. You might want to read the history of the Nullification Crisis of 1832. New England wanted a tariff on imported industrial goods from Europe (this would
protect young industries in New England). But the agricultural south understood that their economy (exporting cotton to Europe) would be harmed because Europe would retaliate with a tariff on imported cotton. So, John C. Calhoun of South Carolina came up with the notion of nullification: states can nullify anything the federal government does that they don’t like. This so enraged President Jackson that the old general was ready to lead the troops to South Carolina and hang Calhoun. Henry Clay brokered a compromise in Congress and Old Hickory did not have to hang Calhoun. Old Hickory did say on his deathbed that his greatest regret in life was that he didn’t shoot Clay and hang Calhoun.

You are trying to nullify the Mayor’s spending proposals by refusing to raise taxes to fund those proposals. This is no different than Republicans in Congress trying to nullify the ACA by refusing to fund it.

Republicans in Congress should be thankful Barack Obama is not Old Hickory, for if Old Hickory were president, he would simply hang the obstructionist Republicans from the highest trees in Washington, D.C.

Best,

Bill Boernke
Bill:

Thank you for your email. You are entitled to your opinions as am I. My opinions differ substantially from yours.

Best regards,

Jon

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Mary M. Meyer

Subject: Constituent Call

Constituent Call

Jane,

Bastienne Salners.

Thinks that’s a perfect place for Costco.

402.477.4169

Another issue was with Humann School, which she lives kind of close to, leaving their lights in the back on all night when there’s animals which come there because of the stream close by. Disturbs the animals. I thought it would be up to LPS, and possibly talk to the principal.

Mary

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402.441.6533 Fax
It makes sense to find a way to build a budget and not have to increase the property taxes. The total amount of taxes will increase based on the valuation. It is not necessary to increase the property tax rate.

My wife and I are retired senior citizens living on a fixed income. We don’t need added taxes.

When we moved to Lincoln from OH, our property taxes doubled.

We love Lincoln, but the property taxes are too high.

Thanks
S. Wayne Smith
6345 S 35th Ct
Lincoln, NE 68516
Mary M. Meyer

Subject: FW: Budget and Property Taxes

From: Jon Camp [mailto:joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2016 9:49 AM
To: swaynes1@windstream.net
Subject: RE: Budget and Property Taxes

Wayne:

The City Council is trying to hold the line and yesterday passed by a 4-3 margin a “tax rate” that is equal to the previous rate plus the amount to amortize the recently passed Stormwater bond. The Council did not pass the higher “tax rate” requested by the Mayor. Hopefully the Mayor will work with the City Council and live within this tax levy and not sue the City Council—he still has control over the approximately $185 million in the general fund, which is about $6 million higher than last year due to the property re-valuations and increases you noted in your email.

Jon

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From: Wayne Smith [mailto:swaynes1@windstream.net]
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2016 1:09 PM
To: Mayor; Carl B. Eskridge; Cyndi Lamm; Jon Camp; Jane Raybould; Leirion Gaylor Baird; Roy A. Christensen; Trenton J. Fellers
Subject: Budget and Property Taxes

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InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

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City:     Lincoln

Phone:
Fax:
Email:    jaysnyder1@neb.rr.com

Comment or Question:
So the mayor is now suing the representatives of the people of Lincoln. For you democrats on the council I hope you're happy. This stupidity could have been averted, but no, you have to pull the democratic party line. I hope you're all voted out next time around along with mayor!

If I was dem and my mayor with my party sued me I'd have an issue with that personally.
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

Name:  Dennis Wertz
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City:  Lincoln

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Comment or Question:
It is becoming more obvious that the current city structure between the mayor and city council is disfunctional.

I would suggest the forming of a blue ribbon commission to suggest changes and improvement to the structure to make it more effective in governing our city.
Constituent Call:
09.21.16

Twila Wilson

Lives in Lincoln and agrees with Council on not raising taxes.
Pleas pass this on to all council members. Thank you

I have send e-mails before and as I have heard it sounds like the Mayor had no intentions of trying to work with anyone to compromise on a solution that would be good for everyone. I don't want a tax increase but it sounds like we have no choice right now. So, now is the time to redo the City Charter so that this mess doesn't happen again. It is the tax payers that lose when this stuff happens and I have lost all respect for the Mayor(and I am a registered Democrat) but I am in complete agreement with the Republicans on this one.

As Tax payers, we expect you all to get along and work for the betterment of the citizens on Lincoln which includes not losing citizens because we are being taxed and fees are increased to a point of no return. Property taxes increased, water and waste fees increased, LES fees to increase and and it just continues. I am on a fixed income now and I am starting to think that maybe Lincoln is going to fee and tax me out of the state, which makes everyone a loser. I don't want to see and move, but something has to change. The state is trying to cut taxes but I see that the wheel tax is going to increase again. What sense does it make to lower State taxes and then raise City taxes?

Please stop all of the Tax Increment Financing and we might have enough money to go around, the special interest in the Haymarket is going to break the city and the Mayor will be long gone when that all hits the fan. You can't continue to give those cuts without it impacting the city income, and then the tax payers have to pay to mak up for it. NOT RIGHT!!!!!

Thank you,
Eugene Tyre
Dear Council Members,

I implore each of you to consider the “inevitability” of the $5.00 wheel tax increase at five year intervals. As citizens on a fixed income adding to the already incredible amount of fees we pay in Lancaster County for license renewals this wheel tax increase is burdensome. Including other fees and taxes that have already or soon will be increased by all government subdivisions and/or their approval (i.e. LES, BHenergy, the city budget, etc.) you can see that senior citizens budgets are impacted more severely than the rest of the general public.

I have some suggestions:

1. Excuse those of us 65 or older from any tax increases. No taxes increases from the city whatsoever.

2. Revisit extracting the wheel tax from people who work in Lincoln but live in surrounding communities. It is appalling they get away with this.

3. Abolish further increases in the wheel tax—period.

4. To make up for any lost revenue from the above reconsider the huge number of tax exemptions currently awarded.

Thank you for your service to Lincoln.

Bob Olmsted
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rolmsted@neb.rr.com
Bob:

Thanks for your email. You itemized several good ideas. I will refer to these as we discuss wheel taxes in the future.

Jon

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Dear Council members,
I applaud your courage, perseverance and dedication to your oath of office and principles of Liberty.

This week provides those of us with grave concerns for our Republic, hope for our future.

In Liberty,
Deb

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needhelpaskdeb.com
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Jim Frohman

Summary

The budget process will be a cooperative process.

Approval of the budget by the council and mayor is also approval of the levy required by that budget.

Failure to reach agreement will carry over the previous year’s budget with an adjusted levy to match the budget.

New Budget Timeline

1st of the year through last Friday in May  
Budget presentations to Council

By 2nd Friday in June  
Mayor submits budget to Council

By last Friday in July  
Council approves budget

By first Friday in August  
Mayor approves or vetoes budget

By second Friday in August  
If needed, Council override vote

By 2nd Friday in September  
If needed, Council and Mayor attempt to reach a compromise on the budget. If they fail last year’s budget carries over to new fiscal year

The levy is tied to budget approval, no separate vote, Finance Director calculates the rate based on budget.

If a budget was not approved the full budget process outlined above will be repeated for the second year of the biennial budget.
ARTICLE IV

ELECTION AND ORGANIZATION OF ADMINISTRATION RECALL, INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM

Sec. 8. Council Powers and Duties. The council shall be composed of seven members who shall be elected and known as council members. The four (4) district council members shall be elected by the people of the district in which they reside on a nonpartisan basis and the other (3) three council members shall be elected by the people on an at-large nonpartisan basis, and all council members shall serve for a term of four (4) years.

All legislative powers of the city shall be exclusively vested in the council and shall be exercised by it in the manner and subject to the limitations set forth in this charter. The council shall have the power to pass, amend, and repeal any and all ordinances and other enactments necessary or proper to execute or carry into effect any of the provisions of this charter or any of the powers herein granted, except as otherwise provided in this charter.

The council shall have the power to conduct investigations concerning any subject upon which it may legislate or the operations of any department, board, or commission engaged in the administration of city affairs. For the purposes of conducting such investigations it may employ counsel, accountants, engineers, other experts and employees. In conducting such investigations, the council shall have the power to administer oaths, subpoena witnesses, and compel the production of any books and records pertinent to such investigation. Any person who shall fail to appear in response to subpoena or shall refuse to answer any question or produce any books and records pertinent to such investigation, or shall knowingly give false testimony therein, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to such penalties as may be fixed by ordinance, which the council is hereby authorized to pass, and to such other penalties as may be provided by law.

Prior to the end of each fiscal year, the council shall contract with a certified public accountant to make, as of the end of the fiscal year, an independent audit of all city funds and accounts in accordance with accepted auditing practices. The audit report shall be submitted to the council, and a copy shall be filed with the mayor immediately upon its receipt. Three (3) copies of the audit report shall be filed in the city clerk's office as a public record.

In addition to exercising its general legislative, investigatory, and audit powers, the council shall make or confirm appointments as provided by the charter, adopt a budget in coordination with the Mayor, set the tax levy, equalize taxes and assessments, and take such other actions as it deems necessary and as are consistent with this charter. (Amendment of May 1, 1979; effective June 30, 1979: prior amendment of May 10, 1966).

Sec. 12. Duties of Mayor. The executive and administrative power of the city shall be vested in and exercised by a mayor, who shall also be the ceremonial head of the city government. The mayor shall maintain an office in city hall and shall devote full time to the duties of that office. The mayor shall be elected by the people at large on an at-large, nonpartisan basis and shall serve for a term of four years.

The mayor shall be fully responsible for the proper conduct of the executive and administrative work and affairs of the city. The mayor shall have the power and shall be required to:
(1) Exercise supervision over all departments and agencies of the city government and provide for the coordination of their activities.

(2) Enforce the provisions of this charter, city ordinances, and all applicable laws.

(3) Exercise powers granted to the mayor in this charter, ordinances and applicable laws concerning the appointment and removal of certain officers, employees, and members of boards and commissions.

(4) In coordination with the Council adopt a budget. Submit annually to the council for its consideration a recommended operating budget and capital improvement program and budget.

(5) Exercise supervision over the making of purchases and contracts and personally make or approve all purchases and contracts in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000).

(6) Cause to be prepared, transmitted to the council, and distributed to the public at least an annual report on the activities and accomplishments of the departments and agencies comprising the executive branch.

(7) Promote and encourage improvement of the city government, encourage the commercial and industrial growth of the city, and promote and develop the prosperity and social well-being of its people.

(8) Exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by this charter, ordinances and resolutions and applicable laws.

ARTICLE IX
FINANCE AND TAXATION

Sec. 25. Formulation of Annual Budget. The procedure and calendar for the formulation of the annual proposed executive budget and for its submission to the council shall be as follows:

(1) The budget process shall be a cooperative process between the mayor and council:

(1) (2) On or before a date to be prescribed by the mayor Starting after the first of the year and ending by the last Friday in May, each city department and agency head on dates determined by the mayor and council chair shall compile and transmit to the finance director present at a public hearing before the council estimates for the ensuing year of revenue and operating expenditure for the department or agency concerned, along with such work program information and other supporting data as the mayor may be required.

(2) The mayor, with the assistance of the finance director, shall review all estimates and the capital improvements program, and shall formulate the proposed budget, making such revisions of estimates as the mayor deems desirable.

(3) In consultation with the council the mayor shall formulate the proposed budget. Not later than forty days prior to the end of the fiscal and budget year, Not later than the second Friday in June, the mayor shall submit to the council for its consideration and action his the proposed budget. Upon submission the budget shall become a public record and shall be open to inspection.
The provisions of this section shall govern and apply notwithstanding any existing provisions of this charter to the contrary. (Amendment of August 27, 1962; effective May 20, 1963). (Prior Sec. 25 repealed, effective May 20, 1963).

Sec. 25a. **Annual Budget, Contents.** The annual budget shall be a complete financial plan for the ensuing budget year and shall consist of an operating budget and a capital budget. The capital budget shall provide for the acquisition of real property; the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, improvement, extension, equipping, or furnishing of any capital improvement, but not routine maintenance work thereon; and equipment with a probable useful life of fifteen or more years. The operating budget shall provide for all classes of expenditures not provided for in the capital budget.

Sec. 26. **Annual Budget, Adoption.** At the meeting of the council at which the mayor submits the proposed budget, the council shall determine the time and place at which it will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget. The date for a public hearing shall be scheduled for not later than ten days prior to the budget adoption date prescribed in this section, and the time and place of the hearing, together with a copy of a summary of the proposed budget, shall, not less than five days before such hearing, be published in one issue of the official paper of the city, if there be one, and if there be no official paper, then in one newspaper published and of general circulation in the city.

The council shall have full power at any time prior to the adoption of the budget to revise revenue estimates and to increase, decrease, insert, or delete appropriation items.

Not later than five days prior to the end of the fiscal and budget year, the council shall by a vote of four of its members adopt a budget by resolution and thereby authorize appropriations for the ensuing budget year. Should the council fail to adopt a budget on or before the prescribed budget adoption date, the budget proposed by the mayor shall be deemed to have been adopted by the council and shall become the basis for expenditure during the ensuing budget year and for the tax levy for such ensuing year.

The council shall before the last Friday of July consider, amend, and approve a budget. The mayor shall approve or veto the council approved budget by the first Friday in August.

If the mayor vetoes the council approved budget the council may override the veto before the second Friday in August. Alternatively, the mayor and the council may consult and amend the council approved budget. This amended budget can be presented for public hearing and action at the next council meeting.

If there is no council approved and mayor approved budget by end of the 2nd Friday in September, the previous year’s budget will become the budget for the new fiscal year.

Not more than ninety percent of the total levy for any fiscal year shall be included in the budget revenue estimates for such year, but each annual budget shall be balanced in that total estimated revenues, including applicable borrowing proceeds, shall be equal in amount to total appropriations.
Approval of a new budget or the carryover of the previous budget shall be considered approval of the associated property tax levy. The tax levy shall be set by the finance director based on the approved budget if approved by the council and mayor. If the previous year’s budget is carried over the levy shall be recalculated by the finance director using the previous year’s budget.

The provisions of this section shall govern and apply notwithstanding any existing provisions of this charter to the contrary. (Amendment of March 3, 1959).

Sec. 26a. Biennial (Two-Year) Budget. The City may by ordinance switch to or from establish a process for the adoption of a balanced biennial budget for biennial periods, which biennial periods shall consist of two fiscal and budget years commencing in odd-numbered years or even-numbered years, notwithstanding any existing provisions of this charter referencing an annual budget. The process shall follow the budget process outlined in the charter when adopting a biennial budget. The biennial period shall begin on the first day of September and shall end on the last day of August unless the council by ordinance establishes a different biennial period. Each biennial budget shall be balanced.

The ordinance shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, the procedure and calendar for the formulation of the biennial budget, its contents, the procedure and calendar for the formulation of the biennial capital improvement program budget, the procedure for the presentation to the council including the time and place at which the council will hold a public hearing on the proposed biennial budget, the procedure for the transfer and reduction of funds and authorization of emergency appropriations, and the manner in which the property tax rate will be determined for the second year of the biennial period.

The mayor shall have the power and shall be required to submit to the council for its consideration a recommended biennial operating and capital improvement program budget. The mayor shall submit the recommended biennial budget no later than forty days prior to the beginning of the biennial period. Amendments provided by the mayor to the recommended biennial budget no later than forty days prior to the beginning of the biennial period shall be considered part of the mayor’s recommended budget as if they were part of the original submission to the city council. The council shall have full power at any time prior to the adoption of the biennial budget to revise revenue estimates and to increase or decrease appropriations of departments or divisions or capital improvement program projects. No later than five days prior to the beginning of the biennial period the council shall, by a vote of four of its members, adopt the biennial budget by resolution and thereafter authorize appropriations for the ensuing biennial period. Any legislation pertaining to the biennial budget shall be subject to the power provided in Article IV, Section 13 of this charter. Should the council fail to adopt the biennial budget on or before the prescribed adoption date, the biennial budget proposed and submitted by the mayor shall be deemed to have been adopted by the council and shall become the basis for expenditure during the ensuing biennial budget period and for the property tax rates for the ensuing biennial period.

After a biennial budget is adopted, neither the mayor nor the council can adopt a new annual budget in the second year of the biennial period unless the mayor and council failed to approve the biennial budget in which case a full budget process will occur for the second year budget. The power to amend or revise the biennial budget shall be as provided in Article IX, Section 27 of this charter. (Amendment of November 2, 2010).
Sec. 30. Finance Director Report to Council. The finance director shall report to the council annually, quarterly, and at such other times as may be required by the council, a full and detailed account of the city’s financial condition and of all receipts and disbursements during the year or other period concerned. The finance director shall be responsible for the keeping of a register or other appropriate record of all payments made. Such register or record shall show the date, amount, and number of each payment made and the payee name to whom paid. Such register or record shall be kept subject to examination by the council at any time. (Amendment of May 1, 2007: prior Amendment of March 3, 1959).

ARTICLE IX-B
CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Sec. 7. Capital Improvements. Each department or agency annually, on or before a date which the mayor shall establish, shall submit to the planning director a schedule of all capital improvements which it recommends to be undertaken in any of the six succeeding fiscal years.

The term "capital improvements" shall include the acquisition of real property; the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, improvement, extension, equipping, or furnishing of any physical improvement, but not routine maintenance work thereon; and equipment with a probable useful life of fifteen or more years.

The planning director shall examine each recommended project for conformity to the comprehensive plan and shall prepare a consolidated schedule of the projects recommended by the departments, which schedule shall describe the character and degree of conformity or non-conformity of each project as it relates to the comprehensive plan. This consolidated schedule shall be submitted to the city planning commission for its review and comment. Not later than seventy-five days prior to the budget adoption date, the commission shall submit the consolidated schedule of projects and its comments thereon to a capital improvements advisory committee composed of the mayor as chairman, and such directors as designated by the mayor. The capital improvements advisory committee shall formulate and recommend a six-year improvement program showing exactly which projects should receive appropriations in each of the six succeeding fiscal years. No later than the last Friday in May the capital improvements advisory committee shall present to the council at a public hearing on a date determined by the mayor and council chair the recommended six-year improvement program. As a part of his annual proposed budget, the mayor shall, after consideration of the recommended capital improvements program, submit to the council his recommendations with respect to the capital budget for the ensuing year.

The council shall not appropriate any money in any budget for any capital improvement project unless and until the conformity or non-conformity of that project has been reported on by the planning department by special report or in connection with the capital improvement programming process. (Amendment of May 10, 1966).
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VII. ADJOURNMENT
PUBLIC CAN COMMENT ON COMP PLAN AND LRTP

The Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is accepting public comment on the Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan (LPLAN 2040) and the Lincoln Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Both draft plans are available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: lplan2040 and lrtpupdate).

The public can comment in the following ways:

- The Lincoln MPO will hold a public open house on LPLAN 2040 and the LRTP from 3 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, September 27 in the Bill Luxford Studio (room 113) at the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street.
- Send an email to mbrienzo@lincoln.ne.gov.
- Fax comments to 402-441-6377.
- Mail comments to MPO, Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Commission, 555 S. 10th Street, Suite 213, Lincoln, NE 68508.

Email, fax and mail comments will be accepted through October 30, 2016.

For more information, contact Mike Brienzo, Planning Department, at 402-441-6369.

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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.
Date: September 23, 2016
Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule
Week of September 24 through 30, 2016
(Schedule subject to change)

Saturday, September 24
• Lincoln Arts Festival Patron Breakfast, remarks – 9 a.m., SouthPointe Mall, 2910 Pine Lake Rd.

Tuesday, September 27
• KFOR – 12:30 p.m. (recorded earlier)

Thursday, September 29
• KLIN – 8:10 a.m.
• West Haymarket Joint Public Agency Meeting – 3:30 p.m., Bill Luxford Studio, first floor, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street.
• Mayor’s proclamation signing for Fresh Start 25th Anniversary – 6:30 p.m., Country Club of Lincoln, 3200 S. 24th Street.
LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES
136 S. 14th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-8500

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 23, 2016
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Vicki Clarke, Lincoln City Libraries, 402-441-4467

LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES CELEBRATE NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Lincoln City Libraries invites the public to attend several free events to celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month. The events recognize the heritage and culture of Hispanic and Latino Americans and their contributions to our City, State and nation.

The following events are all scheduled for the Walt Branch Library, 6701 S. 14th Street:

- At 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 29, Dr. Joel Gajardo will present a lecture on the “Inter-relatedness of Latinos and Latin American Affairs.”
- A Hispanic-themed family story time with crafts will begin at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 11.
- A Hispanic-themed, family story time, Quinceanera program and fashion show are scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, October 15. Quinceanera fashions are on display at the Walt Branch Library now through October 15.

In addition to these events, the library will offer more Hispanic-themed story times as well as exhibits and displays throughout the month-long celebration. For more information, visit lincolnlibraries.org.

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TRAFFIC SIGNALS BEING REPAIRED AT
N. ANTELOPE VALLEY AND MILITARY ROAD INTERSECTION

There will be no traffic signals for the remainder of the weekend at the intersection of N. Antelope Valley Parkway and Military Road. The intersection will operate under a four-way stop while emergency crews conduct repairs following a vehicle accident.

Please use caution at this intersection. Patience is appreciated until it is fully functional again. For more information, contact Shane Dostal at 402-471-7711

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Mr. Kubly

Thank you for submitting your comments regarding the above-referenced application, which have now become part of the record. A copy of this letter will be distributed to each Planning Commission member for their consideration prior to the public hearing on Wednesday, October 12, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 112 on the First Floor of the County-City Building, 555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. I am also providing a copy of your comments to the staff planner and the applicant for their information.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Rachel Jones with the Planning Department at 402-441-7603 or at rjones@lincoln.ne.gov

Geri Rorabaugh, Administrative Officer
Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Department
(402) 441-6365

FW: Costco

Chris and all Ridge Neighbors:

Attached are 3 photos of the Costco store in Iowa City that I photographed recently. It is a very Ugly warehouse building, not a well-designed store like a normal modern shopping center. No real screening, and the Landscaping they have used in that location will take many years before they even partially screen the building.

Most of us would like a Costco in Lincoln, but this is not the location for it. It belongs in a very commercial, industrial area and not between two of our schools, adjacent to the cemetery and next to our neighborhoods. The streets, turn lanes off of Pine Lake road were never designed for this type of store. Every Costco that I am aware of is located off of a major highway or interstate due to the potential high traffic. WE SHOULD ALL VIGOROUSLY OPPOSE THIS LOCATION FOR THE COSTCO STORE.

Bill and Myrna Kubly

Subject: FW: Costco

Thanks Chris.

Just so you know, I believe this is a terrible location for this store, and not only because we all live so close. Their buildings are ugly, minimal screening, and with obvious traffic problems.

I drive by this site 4-6 times daily and it just does not fit within this neighborhood. One question you should ask, since you are on the planning board is how do they plan on grading the site. There is way too much dirt on this site so if they don’t haul any away, the building will sit up very high, just drive by and visualize how ugly that might be, especially after you see the photos that I will forward to you from the COSTCO in Iowa City that I took recently.
On Sep 22, 2016, at 2:21 PM, Hove, Chris <chris.hove@thenbcbank.com> wrote:

Ridge Homeowners,

On September 14th, Costco submitted their plans to the City for the proposed rezoning and development of a Costco Wholesale Warehouse and Fueling Station along Pine Lake Road.

Attached is the invitation from Costco to a public meeting on Tuesday, September 27th at 5:30 pm at Scott Middle School.

If you have an interest in this, I encourage you to attend this meeting and voice your opinion.

Chris Hove | President & CEO Nebraska Bank of Commerce
6000 Village Dr. Suite 100 | Lincoln, NE 68516 MAIN 402.423.2111 | FAX 402.423.2151 DIRECT 402.420.8344 | CELL 402.525.5888 Chris.Hove@theNBCbank.com | theNBCbank.com
NMLS ID 1289272 <image001.jpg>

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OLD CHENEY; HUNTS DRIVE – SALT VALLEY VIEW
SEAL COAT APPLICATION ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2016

Dear Resident,

On Tuesday, September 27, 2016, the City of Lincoln and Gee Asphalt of Cedar Rapids, IA, will be applying a seal coat to Old Cheney Road from Hunts Drive to Salt Valley View. The seal coat is a Gilsonite Sealer Binder called GSB-88® which penetrates into the pavement and becomes part of the surface of asphalt, sealing and binding aggregates tightly together prolonging the life of asphalt pavements by reducing surface oxidation/weathering and rejuvenating vital oils. This pavement preservation strategy will help us keep our good roads healthy for a longer period of time allowing us to better serve all the streets in our city.

What can you expect?

- **Old Cheney Road will CLOSE from Hunts Drive to Salt Valley View on Tuesday, September 27 at 8:30am and REOPEN in the afternoon.**
  - Temporary access will be maintained for Hunts Drive from the west during construction.
- This is a one day project.
- The application is performed quickly with a distributor truck and then allowed to dry for a few hours.
- Pavement markings will be repainted and allowed to dry for a few minutes.
- Road will re-open to traffic.

Please plan ahead with any vehicle access you may need.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation while we strive for better ways to serve you!

Any questions please contact me.

Tim Byrne
City of Lincoln PW&U
Pavement Management Program
402-416-5342
tbyrne@lincoln.ne.gov
Hello, readers!

The next issue of *The Urban Page* is now available at: [http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/urban/reports/pdf/urbanpg/v20i2s16.pdf](http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/urban/reports/pdf/urbanpg/v20i2s16.pdf). This issue includes:

- Haymarket development update
- High speed fiber for all Lincoln
- Nebraska Innovation Campus update
- Project Homeless Connect on Oct. 20th
- HILP – the end of a program
- Youth Employment & Support Services
- Girl Noticed in Lincoln
- North 48th Street scene is changing

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Opal Doerr
Planning Assistant
City of Lincoln/Urban Development Dept.
Phone 402-441-7852, Fax 402-441-8711
Subject: Upcoming JPA Meeting - Thursday, September 29, 2016 at 3:30 p.m.

The agenda and attachments for the upcoming September 29, 2016, JPA Board Meeting are available online at: [http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/finance/account/jpa-mtgs.htm](http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/finance/account/jpa-mtgs.htm)

Kasey Simonson  
City Law Department  
555 South 10th St., Suite 300  
Lincoln, NE  68508  
402-441-8801  
ksimonson@lincoln.ne.gov
Hello Mr. Camp,
I live on Blanchard Blvd in the Village Meadows neighborhood. I'm writing to express a strong opinion of disapproval for the $2 million roundabout proposed for the intersection of Pine Lake Rd & Blanchard Blvd. This is for a few reasons.

Is there really a need for a third entrance into the neighborhood? May I see the traffic study that shows this third entrance is needed? At a $2 mil price tag, it seems like a big waste of tax payer dollars to invest in an intersection when there are two other entrances to this neighborhood within the same 1/2 mile section on Pine Lake Rd.

This area frequently floods, the Beal Slough frequently swells during rains. Since I've lived here for 18 months, that area of Pine Lake Rd has flooded at least 4 times. The railroad tracks a little further down are constantly washed out. I feel it would be better to have a paved straight road here rather than an intersection.

The $2 million is the hardest pill to swallow. I would like to see the end of Blanchard turned into a dead end or a cul-de-sac at the end of the 3 lots slated to be platted there. And do not connect it to Pine Lake Rd. Use the $2 million to correct the budget shortfall or use that money to make improvements to Yankee Hill Rd between 56th & 70th. The intersection of Yankee Hill Rd & S 56th St is extremely dangerous and needs traffic lights. I encourage my 16-year-old to avoid it at all costs because I fear for her safety through that intersection. There have been a couple of fatality accidents there in recent years. That street/intersection needs the maintenance/improvements much more than Pine Lake needs a roundabout at Blanchard.

I sure hope you can relay these ideas and concerns to the council for consideration. I do not want to see Blanchard Blvd extended to Pine Lake and do NOT want to see $2 million to put a round about there. It's too costly and not needed. Our Village Meadows homeowners association met last week and this was a resounding consensus by many of the residents here.

Sincerely,
Amy Andersen

7220 Blanchard Blvd
Lincoln, NE 68516
402-202-9916
Members of the Lincoln City Council:

Thank you for your service to the city of Lincoln.

I'm writing to regarding 16R-208. I want to thank Council member Carl Eskridge for raising this important matter before the council and residents of Lincoln.

I encourage you to pass this resolution to honor and recognize the Indigenous people who have called this land home for centuries. This is important not just for the past contribution of Indigenous people, but to honor the work and involvement of Indigenous people and American Indians in Lincoln today.

Pax,

Tyler

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Tyler Richard | 402.202.6211
Hi Jon -

It seems a little odd to me that the only people on the city council who decided, notwithstanding a budget that has been set, that the council is free to do whatever it wishes with the tax rate which ignores the budget. It also seems a little odd to me that the only individuals on the city council adopting this philosophy are republicans. I listened to the arguments and am convinced the republicans on the council are doing nothing more than what is happening at the national level in our congress – drawing lines in the sand based on party positions and ignoring decisions based on what is best for the country, or, in this case, what is best for the city of Lincoln.

To simply say that decisions will be based on “no new taxes” rather than looking at the needs of the city seems to me a lot like the ostrich who sticks its head in the sand, ignoring the reality of the situation around him.

John, I have been a republican since I was first able to vote many years ago but with what is going on at this time, I am starting to think a change may be in order.

Tom Fitchett
402-430-0391
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

Name: Jeanette Nakada
Address: 949 So. 11th St, Apt C
City: Lincoln, NE 68508
Phone: 
Fax: 
Email: 

Comment or Question:
Dear Lincoln City Council Member,

I support, and encourage you to approve, declaring the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day in the City of Lincoln. In this manner, we will be able to honor our deep local history and encourage learning more about it and, thus, about ourselves.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jeanette Nakada
It really irritated me when I read in the paper the city council is thinking about changing Columbus day to another name. Seems like governments today can do whatever they want to and the public is suppose to accept it. I was angered by the fact this is a change of history, not just a name. If you want to do something for the Native Americans in this country, then pick a completely different day, but don't change a day that has been a federal holiday since 1937. The other fact is how can our city council change the name of a federal holiday? So I for one am totally against any change of name for this day.
Pick another day to recognize the Native Americans.