IN LIEU OF
DIRECTORS’ MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2016

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1. Minutes of Directors’ Meeting of October 17, 2016.

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

III. CITY CLERK

IV. MAYOR’ CORRESPONDENCE
1. NEWS RELEASE. Nature Center winter hours begin October 24.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Deadline for Luminary Award nomination is October 31.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Environmental Leadership awards to be presented November 2.

V. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

FINANCE/BUDGET
1. Upcoming Capital Financing Proposals information from Director Herz.
   a) Memo from Councilman Carl Eskridge thanking Director Herz for the information.
2. October sales tax reports reflecting August 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

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

VIII. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP
1. Councilman Camp replying to Linda Stephen on her correspondence to approve the VA project.
   a) Linda Stephen expressing why she believes the VA project should be approved.

IX. CITIZEN CORRESPONDENCE
1. LES Administrative Revised Agenda for October 21, 2016.
2. Richard Bagby, President of Witherbee Neighborhood Association, writing regarding moving Parks headquarters.
   a) Witherbee Neighborhood Association statement on the relocation of Parks & Rec Administrative Offices.
3. Jim Frohman on changes to the Fair Budgeting Charter.
   a) Fair Budgeting Charter Changes submitted by Jim Frohman.
4. Tammy Ward, Director Senior Foundation, thanking Council for vote and invitation to the groundbreaking.
5. Phil Boehr, Wedgewood Neighborhood Liaison, writing regarding to the VA Project vote and invitation to meeting on October 25.
6. James Whitehead giving thanks on the fight not to raise taxes.
X. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS
See invitation list.

XI. ADJOURNMENT
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 19, 2016  
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jamie Kelley, Pioneers Park Nature Center, 402-441-8708

NATURE CENTER WINTER HOURS BEGIN OCTOBER 24

The Chet Ager Building at the Pioneers Park Nature Center will be closed Monday through Friday beginning Monday, October 24. The building remains open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays and from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Sundays. The Nature Center, including the Prairie Building and adjacent trails, continues to be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and from noon to 5 p.m. Sundays. The facility will be closed on Thanksgiving and Christmas.

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

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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 19, 2016  
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831  
Randy Bretz, Leadership Lincoln, rbretz@leadershiplincoln.org

DEADLINE FOR LUMINARY AWARD NOMINATION IS OCTOBER 31  
Date for awards event changed to December 18

The nomination deadline for Lincoln’s first Luminary Award is Monday, October 31. The award, which will recognize an individual for his or her impact on our community, will be presented Sunday, December 18 at Tower Square, 13th and “P” streets (original date was December 21). The award was announced by Mayor Chris Beutler at his annual State of the City address, and the awards program is being coordinated by Leadership Lincoln. More information and a nomination form are available at leadershiplincoln.org or by calling 402-441-4661.

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.”
ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP AWARDS
TO BE PRESENTED NOVEMBER 2

The Lincoln and Lancaster County Environmental Leadership Awards Ceremony and Breakfast will be from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, November 2 at the Nebraska Innovation Campus Conference Center, 2021 Transformation Drive.

Scott Holmes, Environmental Public Health Division Manager at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department, said the awards ceremony will recognize businesses, organizations and individuals who have demonstrated environmental leadership in sustaining and improving air, land and water quality and protecting public health.

The 2016 award recipients are:
- Business and Industry – Uribe Refuse Services, Inc. and Duncan Aviation
- Agriculture – Grow with the Flow and Old Cheney Road Farmers’ Market
- Education/Nonprofit Organization – Don Wilhite, Ph.D.
- Community Nonprofit Organization – EcoStores Nebraska and KZUM 89.3 FM
- Government – Lincoln Electric System
- Individual Citizen – Gene Hanlon, City Recycling Coordinator

Holmes said the award winners have been instrumental in identifying, reducing or solving an environmental problem or promoting public awareness and concern for the enhancement and protection of the environment. He said winners have also demonstrated active stewardship in one or more of the following environmental practices: pollution prevention/risk reduction, waste reduction and recycling, water conservation, soil conservation and energy conservation.

Reservations are $15 per person and are due by October 26. Reservation forms are available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: awards) or by calling 402-441-8023.
CITY OF LINCOLN
COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS
Thursday, October 27, 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 September 29, 2016, Commission Meeting

III. Approval of Agenda for October 27, 2016, Commission Meeting

IV. Case Dispositions
   A. Reasonable Cause / No Reasonable Cause
      1. LCHR Case No.: 16-0401-014-E-R
      2. LCHR Case No.: 16-0428-020-E-R
      3. LCHR Case No.: 16-0510-021-E

V. Administrative Closure:
   1. LCHR NO.: 16-0902-040-E-R

VI. Old Business
   A. Outreach
   B. HUD projects
   C. Civil Rights Conference

VII. New Business
   A. HUD Contract Award
   B. New Commissioner – Status

VIII. Public Comment**

IX. 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.

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.
Memo

To: City Council

From: Don Herz
Finance Director

Date: October 19, 2016

Re: Upcoming Capital Financing Proposals

Over the next several months, there will be some proposed capital financing actions that you should be aware of. Several of these transactions are the result of the continual analysis that we pursue with our financial advisors on reducing our debt service obligations through debt refinancing. These actions, for the most part, will require Council action. I thought it would be helpful to provide a heads-up on these potential actions.

1. Refunding of outstanding 2007 Highway Allocation bonds. There are approximately $17.4 million of bonds that are now callable and the action to do so will likely result in fairly significant savings for the Street Construction Fund. Interest rates are lower and replacing bonds that originally had 10 to 20 year maturities with 1 to 10 year maturities should result in annual savings of almost $200,000 per year over each of the remaining 10 years. A bond ordinance is expected to be placed on your agenda yet this month to refund these bonds.

2. Advance refunding of 2007 Wastewater Revenue bonds. There are approximately $15.5 million of bonds that will be callable next year. I am reviewing the possibility of doing a one-time advance refunding of these bonds to take advantage of the current low interest rates that exist. It appears that the Wastewater system could see an annual savings of more than $125 thousand each year over the remaining 15 years. A decision to proceed will be forthcoming in the near future.

3. Advance refunding of 2007 Storm Water General Obligation bonds. There are approximately $5.5 million of bonds that will be callable next year. I am reviewing the possibility of doing a one-time advance refunding of these bonds to take advantage of the current low interest rates that exist. It appears that the General Fund could see an
annual savings of approximately $67 thousand each year over the remaining 10 years. A decision to proceed will be forthcoming in the near future.

4. **New Water Revenue Bonds.** The Capital Improvement Program called for the issuance of Water Revenue bonds during the current fiscal year ending August 31, 2017. The amount if this new bond issue is being finalized, but the amount will be approximately $25.5 million. This transaction is expected to occur within the next several months. A reimbursement resolution should be placed on your agenda within the next several weeks with a bond ordinance to follow.
From: Carl B. Eskridge  
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2016 8:43 AM  
To: Donald R. Herz; Council Packet  
Cc: Cyndi Lamm; Jane Raybould; ‘Jon Camp’; Leirion Gaylor Baird; ‘Roy Christensen (royforlincoln@gmail.com)’; Trenton J. Fellers  
Subject: RE: Capital Financing

Don,
Sounds great.
Thanks for your work.

Carl B. Eskridge
Lincoln City Council
District 4 (Central and NW Lincoln)

From: Donald R. Herz  
Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2016 4:11 PM  
To: Council Packet  
Cc: Carl B. Eskridge; Cyndi Lamm; Jane Raybould; ‘Jon Camp’; Leirion Gaylor Baird; ‘Roy Christensen (royforlincoln@gmail.com)’; Trenton J. Fellers  
Subject: Capital Financing  

Attached is a memo regarding potential capital financing/refinancing actions to be included in the Council packet.

Don Herz
Finance Director
Phone: 402-441-7412
Cell: 531-289-8234
Email: dherz@lincoln.ne.gov
Here are the October sales tax reports reflecting August activity. The amount collected for the 1/4 cent sales tax for public safety projects in October is $1,099,791.44.

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 2.84% 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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CITY OF LINCOLN
SALES TAX REFUNDS
2012-2013 THROUGH 2016-2017

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Year to date vs. previous year
# CITY OF LINCOLN  
## NET SALES TAX COLLECTIONS  
### 2012-2013 THROUGH 2016-2017

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Linda:

Yes, I agree that the process and evolution of the VA Campus transformation has been productive and inclusive. A great change for Lincoln. Thanks to you and your neighbors for your interest and suggestions that have been pivotal in this process.

Best regards,

Jon

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Dear Councilman Camp:

Thank you for all you do for Lincoln, especially your work in redeveloping the Haymarket.

I am writing regarding item 19 (16R-214) on the agenda of today (10/17/16)’s City Council Agenda regarding the redevelopment of the VA Campus, Victory Park near 70th and O streets.

I urge you to vote to APPROVE the Amendment.

1) I live in the Wedgewood neighborhood and was greatly impressed in summer 2015 with the developer’s responsiveness to requests for design changes from the neighbors (increasing setbacks, moving location of VASH housing, etc.) in June and July 2015.

2) I greatly hope that the new Veterans Affairs clinic will be sited on the historic VA campus rather than some other plot of land in Lincoln. The land has historic significance, means much to veterans, and is located on arterial roads on a bus route. One of the reasons I chose to live in the Wedgewood neighborhood when I moved to Lincoln from New York City was my home’s proximity to the VA clinic (though primary reason was proximity to 2 schools and parks).

The approval of the amendment will help the chances that the new VA hospital will be located on the historic campus.

I regret that I am unable to attend today’s City Council meeting in person since I will be out of town this afternoon.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Linda Stephen
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Cell: 402-499-6090
"REVISED"
AGENDA
LES ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD
Friday, October 21, 2016
9:30 a.m.
LES Board Room
1040 “O” Street

9:30 A.M.
1. Call to Order

2. Safety Briefing

3. Approval of Minutes of the September 16, 2016 Regular Meeting of the LES Administrative Board

4. Comments from Customers

5. Committee Reports
   A. Operations & Power Supply Committee
   B. Finance & Audit Committee
   C. Communications & Customer Services Committee
   D. District Energy Corporation (DEC) Update

6. CEO Reports
   A. Consideration of 2017 LES Operating and Capital Budget
      1. Comments from the Public on 2017 Budget
      2. *Approval of 2017 LES Operating and Capital Budget – LES Resolution 2016-11
      3. *Approval of 2017 Rates – LES Resolution 2016-12
   B. Quarterly Power Supply Report
   C. Third Quarter 2016 Financial Review and Forecast
   D. 2016 Third Quarter Key Performance Indicators
   E. *Sale of Property to City of Waverly – LES Resolution 2016-13
   F. *Recognition of Ann Bleed – LES Resolution 2016-14

7. Other Business
   A. Monthly Financial and Power Supply Reports
   B. Miscellaneous Information

8. Adjournment
   * Denotes Action Items

Next Regular Administrative Board meeting Friday, November 18, 2016.
The Parks & Rec Advisory Board is not alone in objecting to the Zoo Expansion plan revisions.

We do not object to the general goal of improving Lincoln’s Children’s Zoo. We find the lack of opportunity for public input and review troubling at best. We object to chipping away at Lincoln’s Parks without replacing same in same neighborhood.

We offer suggestions to make relocation to the Health Department building and taking of land from Woods Park more palatable.

Attached please find a statement from the Board of the Witherbee Neighborhood Association opposing the current plan to relocate the Parks & Rec Offices.

Richard Bagby, President
Witherbee Neighborhood Association
October 16, 2016

A statement from the Board of the Witherbee Neighborhood Association

RE: Relocation of Parks & Rec Department Administrative Offices to City County Health Building and resulting expanded parking in Woods Park

We greatly appreciate the opportunity to meet with Parks & Recreation Director Lynn Johnson and Planning Manager JJ Yost at our neighborhood association meeting Thursday Oct 6th, 2016. After an hour-long discussion with Mr. Johnson and Mr. Yost, we further discussed options. Our position:

Witherbee Neighborhood Association’s longstanding position to encourage preservation of open green space in the city center is unchanged. The environmental, physical and mental health of our citizens and our community is well served by green space, accessible and available to the public.

We protest the lack of public discussion before the announcement of the current plan. We oppose the incremental taking of land from parks for other uses. Erosion of our greenspace is unhealthy for the community. Further, we believe the Parks and Recreation Department should be a strong and visible advocate of protecting this and all park lands as well as a strong and visible opponent of converting park land to paved parking lot space. We request the Parks and Recreation Department provide verbal and written statement of its commitment to these positions to the Witherbee Neighborhood Association and the Woods Park Neighborhood Association.

If any green space is taken or lost, we encourage replacement. We ask that any project that reduces greenspace or public access to greenspace be required to provide an equivalent replacement in the same general neighborhood. Equivalent or improved availability and accessibility to the general public should be a goal.

In accordance with our stated position, we oppose taking of Woods Park land to serve as parking for the City County Health Department building.

We ask that governing authority for the building, the City-County Public Building Commission, be required to provide parking for its property without infringing on Woods Park.
Alternatives:
We propose that a careful examination of utilization of land around the building be undertaken.

A. We propose that alternatives to expanded parking be studied. In keeping with the mission of the Health Department and Parks Department, and to preserve and enhance the health and wellness of the citizens of Lincoln and Lancaster County, we encourage a thoughtful and comprehensive review of alternate transportation for the staff and programs housed in the building. Following the example of UNL, bicycle parking and bike lockers, and bus passes for employees working in the building could significantly reduce commuter parking pressure on the premise. At the same time, health of employees and of the environment would be enhanced.

B. If alternatives prove inadequate and expanded parking must be undertaken, we ask that the City County Public Building Commission be required to provide for its tenants.

In order of preference we encourage:
1) Re-configuration of the existing campus. We direct attention to potential parking expansion in two locations:
   a. The landscaped greenspace to the north of the office building
   b. To the west of the clinic building where the two-stall garage currently sits.

2) If expansion of the current campus is required, we ask that acquisition of private property be considered before the taking of park land. We would ask for consideration of a willing seller purchase, or a negotiated right-of-first-refusal for future acquisition with nearby property owners. We do not sanction use of eminent domain for a parking project.

3) If park land is to be considered for expanded parking, we prefer options 2 or 3 as presented, featuring removal of the park parking pad closest to the Health Department building, relocating those parking spaces to the expanded south parking lot.
   a. We ask that the removal of the parking pad and remnant circular sidewalk be a catalyst to re-grade and re-landscape the area around that lot as multipurpose open green space.
   b. Street access to Rogers Memorial Drive from the expanded south parking lot is viewed as a desirable. Night and weekend public access for the nearby park amenities would be well served.
   c. We do not oppose re-purposing of the existing restroom building, preferring reuse to its remaining vacant. We prefer a use that directly serves Woods Park if possible. Parks & Rec. storage inside the building is acceptable. Removal of the building altogether with conversion of the land to green space would be better, but active use as storage would still be better than leaving it unused and vacant.
   d. We ask that while landscape and construction crews are in the area, the dirt path pedestrian/bike cut-off from the cross-park east-west sidewalk to the north-south sidewalk be addressed, preferably as a hardscape path.
I've attached an updated version of the Fair Budgeting charter amendment that I previously sent on 09/2/2016.

The updates are in green. At the end of the document I've added a variation on the theme in which I've moved the changes into a single section and removed all other references to the budget. This may be a better approach since it is simpler to review and discuss.

Thanks in advance for your attention.

Jim Frohman
jimfrohman@outlook.com
Fair Budgeting Charter Changes

This year’s budget process has made clear the significant problems in the city charter related to the budget. There are two major problems; the mayor has too much power and there are no incentives for the mayor or council to cooperate during the budget process. This document contains proposed changes to the charter that will address these issues and make future budgeting a more fair and cooperative process.

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
By 2nd Friday in June
By last Friday in July
By first Friday in August
By second Friday in August
By 2nd Friday in September

Budget presentations to Council
Mayor submits budget to Council
Council approves budget
Mayor approves or vetoes budget
If needed, Council override vote
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.

Changes in green are new to the 10/17/2016 version of this document.

A variation on a theme starts on page 7 of this document. Instead of making changes within current sections all budget related sections and statements are removed and a new comprehensive budget section is added. This may be a better approach to a charter amendment since it may be easier to review and discuss.
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.

(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. During this timeframe the mayor shall keep the council apprised of any relevant information that affects the budget process.

(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 powers 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 or if a super majority of 80% of the council following routine non-budgetary procedures propose and adopt changes to the biennial budget. If a super majority of 80% of the council adopt a new budget the mayor may veto this budget, a vote of 80% of the council is required to override this mayoral veto. The power to amend or
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).
A Variation on a Theme

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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.

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(4) Submit annually to the council for its consideration a recommended operating budget and capital improvement program and budget.
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(3) Not later than forty days prior to the end of the fiscal and budget year, the mayor shall submit to the council for its consideration and action his proposed budget. Upon submission the budget shall become a public record and shall be open to inspection. (Amendment of August 27, 1962; effective May 20, 1963). (Prior Sec. 25 repealed; effective May 20, 1963).

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The proposed budget submitted by the mayor to the council shall contain at least the following:

1. A budget message in which the mayor shall discuss the city's financial condition and prospects, explain both in terms of money and work programs the important features of the operating budget, and outline the financial policies he proposes for the ensuing budget year.

2. Appropriate statements showing for each fund the estimated transaction and balances for the ensuing budget year and comparative data for the current year and the immediately past budget year.

3. Schedules of all estimated revenues itemized by sources for the ensuing budget year and comparative data for the current and the immediately past budget year.

4. Operating budget schedules showing by activity or program the proposed operating expenditures for the ensuing budget year, and in a separate column or section entitled "Proposed Appropriations," the lump sum recommended for appropriation, which lump sums need not be itemized further than by departments, divisions, or major activities and programs. Comparative expenditures data for the current year and the immediately past budget year and information on work programs and workloads shall also be presented.

5. A schedule or schedules showing principal and interest requirements for the ensuing budget year and for at least five years thereafter on each outstanding note and bond issue comprising the city debt.

6. Capital budget schedules showing the total amount proposed for expenditure on each capital improvement project during the ensuing budget year and a complete analysis of the sources of funds by projects showing balances available and amounts to be appropriated, borrowed, or derived from other sources. 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. 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 the hearing, be published in one issue of the official paper of the city; if there be none, 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.

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. 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 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 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. 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).

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**Sec. 25. Budget.**

**Contents.** The budget shall be a complete financial plan for the ensuing budget year(s) 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.

**Levy. Revenue Limit.** 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 budget shall be balanced in that total estimated revenues, including applicable borrowing proceeds, shall be equal in amount to total appropriations.

**Levy. 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.
Fair Budgeting Charter Changes

Process:

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

(2) 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 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 may be required. During this time frame the mayor shall keep the council apprised of any relevant information that affects the budget process.

(3) In consultation with the council the mayor shall formulate the proposed budget. Not later than the second Friday in June, the mayor shall submit to the council for its consideration and action the proposed budget. Upon submission the budget shall become a public record and shall be open to inspection.

(4) 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.

(5) If the mayor vetoes the council approved budget the council may override the veto by a two thirds majority vote 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.

(6) 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 next fiscal year.

Biennial Budget. The City may by ordinance switch to or from 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 a budget. The process shall follow the budget process outlined in this section of 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.

After a biennial budget is adopted, neither the mayor nor the council can adopt a new budget in the second year of the biennial period unless a super majority of 80% of the council following routine non-budgetary procedures propose and adopt changes to the biennial budget. If a super majority of 80% of the council adopt a new budget the mayor may veto this budget, a vote of 80% of the council is required to override this mayoral veto.

If the mayor and council failed to approve a biennial budget in its first year than in the second year a full budget process will be followed for the second year budget.
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 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).
Dear Members of the Lincoln City Council:

On behalf of the Seniors Foundation and our Redevelopment Team, thank you very much for your vote on Monday to approve the beginning of construction at Victory Park on the VA Campus. We appreciate your steadfast support throughout the entire process and are very excited to begin.

We would be honored if you could attend and ask you to please save the date for the groundbreaking ceremony to be held **Saturday, November 12, at 10 am on the VA Campus**. You will be receiving an invitation in the near future.

As you know, we are also hosting an informational meeting for the neighborhood on **Tuesday, October 25, 5:30 pm in the Prairie/Pioneer Room in the VA Hospital, first floor**. You are cordially invited to attend. We look forward to this opportunity to update our neighbors on the plans for construction at this time.

Again, our thanks. Please let any of us know if you have any questions at this time.

Tammy Ward

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Tammy J. Ward  
Executive Director  
Seniors Foundation  
600 S. 70th Street, Bldg 7  
Lincoln, NE 68510  
w: 402.441.6179
Hello Wedgewood Neighbors,

This is Phil Boehr, the one who tried to keep us connected through e-mails as we interacted with the city in regards to the VA development project.

As you probably know, Monday the City Council voted to allow the project to proceed. We received a letter last Thursday -- a bit late to think through possible neighborhood concerns about the vote.

Ray and Judy Norkiewicz, who live close to 70th, brought up a number of concerns which it would be good to clear up. They are in the letter below.

Yesterday we received another letter inviting us to a neighborhood meeting. We are pleased the Seniors Foundation has opened up this avenue of communication. Please read the letter below and inform yourselves of possible concerns, then plan to attend the meeting next Tuesday, October 25, at 5:30 P.M. in the Pioneer/Prairie Room at the VA clinic building.

Below is the letter Judy drafted before the City Council meeting which expresses various concerns:

See you at the meeting,
Phil Boehr
Wedgewood Neighborhood Liaison

From: Judy & Ray Norkiewicz <jnorki@frontier.com>
Subject: Council Vote on VA Campus Redevelopment Plan (also attached as a PDF)

In response to a letter received on Thursday October 13th, 2016 (from The Seniors Foundation) to the residents of the Wedgewood Manor Corridor adjacent to the VA Campus, I initiated several inquiries with city staff and council members regarding the impending vote. I HAVE FORMALLY REQUESTED THAT THIS VOTE BE DELAYED BY ONE WEEK TO VACILITATE REVIEW/SCRUTINY BY AN INFORMED PUBLIC. A delay would also allow interested citizens to attend the meeting and if appropriate, express their position on the project given a later time of 5:30pm.

I have asked several members of the City Council, The Seniors Foundation, and Sampson Construction, to postpone the vote in order to allow the “stakeholders” in this Redevelopment to consider AND examine the new terms of the redevelopment plan. There have been SUBSTANTIAL and MATERIAL changes made to the plan over the last twelve (or more) months that HAVE NOT been communicated to the public, the residents bordering the development or the veterans having stake in the campus.

The residents of Wedgewood Manner and many veterans last heard details of the “plan” over 18 months ago in two Town Hall meetings. At that time, the residents were presented with a materially different initial plan, many residents were concerned over the layout and terms of the agreement and how it would impact, not only our property values, but also and importantly, how the Veterans felt regarding the new use of the campus. In response, a few
modifications to the layout of the plan were made and communicated to the residents via a letter – with a promise to continue a “good neighbor” policy of transparency and full communication of “plan” developments as they occurred.

To date, the only follow up communication received has been the letter dated October 11, 2016, received by most on October 13th in the afternoon post. The website for Seniors Foundation has nothing related to this project, the Lincoln Journal Star has done a few superficial articles (but to search and view a complete collection of their articles, you MUST be a PAID subscriber) – and no other resource for information has been published, posted at the VA Clinic, or made available for interested parties OR for Lincoln City residents.

The Redevelopment was originally packaged as a complete “Campus” redevelopment that would focus on providing both services and housing for veterans and seniors. From a lay person’s perspective – the priority is to be given to VETERANS in both housing and services.

The original plan included the VA Clinic and several housing units, restoration & preservation of the existing structures and some assurance that the property – having been designated “Blighted” to facilitate TIF financing of this project, would be maintained into prosperity.

The public has not been adequately informed of material changes to the scope of the work or the alterations to the original agreement with the VA or the City of Lincoln.

I cannot possibly convey, in this short time frame, ALL of the points of concern or questions the “stakeholders” might have. I have tried to bullet point several of the more prominent points that may be of interest to the lay persons, land owners and veterans.

- The NEW VA Clinic is not guaranteed to be built on this campus. The VA has indicated their mission is to build a new state of the art clinic that is not contingent on OWNING the land it is built on. The VA does not WANT to own the land the new clinic is on. It has also indicated that the Seniors Foundation is one of SEVEN possible bidders that may be awarded the contract to build the clinic. There is NO timeline as to when the VA will move on their plan to award and start construction of the clinic.

- The terms of the agreement (absent the legalese) with the Seniors Foundation, Sampson Construction and the developer – Victory Park, LLC materially changed in that – if the CLINIC is not awarded to the Redevelopment group – the Developer may finish whatever phase they may have started and void their agreement to complete the balance of the redevelopment. The lease and land management (outside of completed construction) falls back to the V.A.

- The Developer has until 12-31-2019 to exercise their “Roll Back” provision and end their agreement.

- In the interim between October 30th, 2016 to December 31, 2019, (while waiting for disposition of the Clinic Award) the Developer is free to develop ANY OTHER phase of
the plan as they see fit, in any order of phases – as they find a market for a phases use. In other words, they can start building any of the other structures in CONJUNCTION with the VASH Housing they are pushing this urgent time line for.

- IF the Clinic is awarded to a location other than the VA Campus – the existing clinic will be moved and there is NO specific provision to restore/remodel or market a use for the old clinic. The main hospital building is not guaranteed to be part of the redevelopment.

These are only a few of the changes from the terms of the original agreement – but have severe and lasting implications to the community and the city of Lincoln citizens.

If or when the Developer is allowed to exercise their Roll Out provision, the property (now “Blighted”) falls back to the V.A. to maintain or dispose of. As a selling point to this development, the Seniors Foundation claimed the V.A. threatened to board up the windows and walk away from the property.

The landowners adjacent to the development cannot make informed decisions on how they want to proceed with their property – they must be able to assess the exposure to a loss or the need to sell their property.

Finally, the biggest point pushing this vote with such a short time frame, and most importantly IN THE ABSENCE OF AN INFORMED PUBLIC, is the pulling at the heart strings of the City Council, the Mayor’s office and other influential parties by the Development team to get the vouchers for the VASH Housing Unit by October 31, 2016. The development team has built up a sense of doom that if they do not secure the vouchers by their expiration date, the most important piece of this project – VASH Housing for 70 homeless veterans will be lost. I have asked if the vouchers could be extended in a meeting with Sampson and Seniors Foundation representatives and they have indicated that they could request but could not guarantee HUD’s answer. To the lay person and other interested parties – this seems like a strong arm tactic to induce this vote under pressure and at the expense of the other “stakeholders” to this project.

From my limited research – support for this project has been tenuous at best. On the surface as the original package was presented it seems a great use and answer to some of the issues facing veterans. However, upon a very marginal review – I do not believe the general public has been informed of some of the finer details – material details, such as the restrictions for the housing.

ONLY the first building – the VASH housing - is exclusively for 70 units housing VETERANS that are homeless or near homeless without any age limitations. The units are the ONLY units that will be discounted via the HUD vouchers issued to qualifying parties. The following housing units are all designated as SENIOR age housing, that will give occupancy preference to veterans AS LONG AS they meet the SENIOR age requirement. Furthermore, the balance of the housing outside of the VASH unit is all rental units at MARKET price rents. There are NO financial discounts or incentives provided on the other housing units. A veteran younger than 55 will not qualify for housing on the campus outside of the VASH units.

I believe that an informed PUBLIC is critical to this vote – I am pleading with the City Council to delay this vote a minimum of one week to facilitate a clear path to
communication with ALL parties concerned. I would hate to think this would need to be at the expense of the 70 units in the VASH housing and believe it will not be. It may be that there is little or no opposition to the new terms – but in the COMPLETE ABSENCE OF AN INFORMED PUBLIC - the City Council will never know – until it is far too late to address concerns beyond those of the Development teams.

Thank you for your consideration.
Judy Norkiewicz (and Raymond Norkiewicz)
7020 South Wedgewood Drive
Lincoln, Nebraska 68510
402.261.3870
Comments
I just want to comment on the editorial by the LJS on 10/7/2016, titled "Council 4 wasted time and money." I'm sending this to all the council members even though I'm directing my comments to the four conservative members of the council. THANK YOU for fighting for the citizens of Lincoln in the manner you did. You are looking out for us who don't want our taxes to keep going up. And don't worry about what the LJS writes about the four of you, because they will NEVER give you a fair shake on anything you endeavor to do. Jon, Roy, Trent, and Cyndi keep fighting for us! Again my sincere thanks. James Whitehead
I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR CORRESPONDENCE
1. NEWS RELEASE. Public invited to “Put the Beds to Bed” at Sunken Gardens.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Portion of Billy Wolff Trail to close for three days.
3. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler’s public schedule for the week of October 22, 2016 through October 28, 2016.
4. NEWS RELEASE. Seniors invited to participate in October Aging Partners events.
6. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler and Council Members Leirion Gaylor Baird and Trent Fellers will hold a news conference to discuss Lincoln being selected to participate in Bloomberg Philanthropies’ What Work Cities initiative.
7. NEWS RELEASE. Lincoln selected to join What Works Cities initiative.

III. DIRECTORS

POLICE DEPARTMENT
1. NEWS RELEASE. Accreditation Assessment Team invites public comment.

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES
1. Correspondence from Miki Esposito, Public Works & Utilities Director, on the Ms. Roberts pothole claim.

WEST HAYMARKET JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY
1. The West Haymarket Joint Public Agency will meet on October 27, 2016. Agenda and attachments online.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

V. COUNCIL MEMBERS

VI. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
1. Phil White writing in regards to safety in the Southern Hills Neighborhood after a scare with gear bought at Scheels.
2. Steven Delair commenting on not infringing on the existing open space at Woods Park.

VII. ADJOURNMENT
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 20, 2016
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Steve Nosal, Parks and Recreation, 402-441-8267
Janet Ball, Parks and Recreation, 402-441-7847

PUBLIC INVITED TO “PUT THE BEDS TO BED” AT SUNKEN GARDENS

The public is invited to volunteer for the 15th annual “Put the Beds to Bed” event at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, November 5 at the Sunken Gardens, 26th and “D” streets. The Lincoln Parks and Recreation Public Garden Section created the event to involve residents in the joy of gardening at Sunken Gardens. Over the years, gardening groups, neighbors, Master Gardeners, 4-H groups and friends of Sunken Gardens have helped with the annual “Wake Up the Gardens” and “Put the Beds to Bed” events.

Because the work will involve preparing planting beds for winter, participants should dress in work clothes, wear heavy-soled shoes and gloves and bring a shovel or spade. The length of the project will depend on the number of participants. This volunteer activity is not recommended for children under the age of 13.

Participants are asked to register by Friday, October 28 online at parks.lincoln.ne.gov or by contacting Janet Ball at 402-441-7847 or jball@lincoln.ne.gov.

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PORTION OF BILLY WOLFF TRAIL TO CLOSE FOR THREE DAYS

The Billy Wolff Trail will be closed near Phares Park, just north of Glynoaks Drive beginning Monday, October 25 for repair work. The trail is tentatively scheduled to reopen October 27.

The suggested detour is Glynoaks Drive west to Phares Drive, north on Phares Drive to the sidewalk access rejoining the Billy Wolff Trail near the intersection of S. 78th Street.

For more information, contact Sara Hartzell, Parks and Recreation, at 402-441-8261 or shartzell@lincoln.ne.gov. More information on Parks and Recreation facilities and programs is available at parks.lincoln.ne.gov.

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Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule
Week of October 22 through 28, 2016
(Schedule subject to change)

Monday, October 24
• News conference, topic TBA – 1:30 p.m., Room 303, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.

Tuesday, October 25
• KFOR – 12:30 p.m. (recorded earlier)

Thursday, October 27
• Downtown Lincoln Association annual meeting and lunch, remarks – noon, main ballroom, Embassy Suites, 1040 “P” Street
• West Haymarket Joint Public Agency – 3:30 p.m., Bill Luxford Studio, first floor, County-City Building

Saturday, October 29
• NAACP Freedom Banquet, remarks – 5:30 p.m., Holiday Inn, 141 N. 9th St.
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
Aging Partners, 1005 “O” Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7070

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 21, 2016
FOR MORE INFORMATION: David Norris, Aging Partners, 402-441-6156

SENIORS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN OCTOBER AGING PARTNERS EVENTS

Aging Partners invites senior citizens and the general public to attend a variety of senior-focused activities and classes in Lincoln and Lancaster County from October 24 through 30:

Monday, October 24
- Contemporary Yoga, Cotner Center Condominium, 1540 N. Cotner Blvd. – 9 a.m.
- Tai Chi (Continuing 24 Form), Cotner Center Condominium – 10:30 a.m.
- Stepping On fall prevention class, Savannah Pines, 3900 Pine Lake Road – 2 p.m.

Tuesday, October 25
- Talent show, Lake Street Senior Center (located in St. James United Methodist Church), 2400 S. 11th St. – 10 a.m.
- Stepping On fall prevention class, Madonna ProActive, 7111 Stephanie Lane – 10 a.m.

Wednesday, October 26
- Vermeer House Senior Health Promotion Center UNMC Health Clinic, 4000 S. 84th St. – 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Blood pressure screenings by Bryan Health, Lake Street Senior Center – 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Haven Manor blood pressure screening, Hickman Senior Center, 300 E. Third St., Hickman, NE (located in Hickman Presbyterian Church) – 11 a.m., Halloween party at 12:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 27
- Beginners Tai Chi for Balance and Fall Prevention (Basic 8 Form), Auld Recreation Center, 1650 Memorial Drive – 9 a.m.
- Downtown Senior Health Promotion Center Health Clinic, 1005 “O” St. – 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- “Surfing the Internet” introductory class, Northeast Senior Center – 9:30 a.m.
- BINGO, Bennet Senior Center, 970 Monroe St., Bennet NE (located in the American Legion Hall) – 1 p.m.

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Friday, October 28

- Downtown Fright Fest, Downtown Senior Center – 10 a.m. to noon.
- Traditional Tai Chi (24 Form), Auld Recreation Center – 9 a.m.
- Stepping On fall prevention class, Eastmont Towers, 6315 “O” St. – 2 p.m.

For more information, visit lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: My Center News).

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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Parks & Recreation / Golf

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**NEED**

The range ball picker at Holmes Golf no longer operates efficiently due to worn out parts & breaks down frequently. New 5 gang Front Wheel Picker will provide more efficient use of labor and collection of golf balls. Reallocate funds from 09714.5450 to 09714.6076 capital outlay.

**FUTURE IMPACT:**

- Ongoing
- Limited Projected Completion Date: Nov 30, 2016

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object code description

**OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES business unit:**

object code description

**EQUIPMENT business unit:**

object code description

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TOTAL EXPENDITURES

$3611.25

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**SOURCE OF REVENUES**

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**DIRECTOR**

**DATE**

10/18/16
WHEN TO USE FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

1. Requesting transfer of operating appropriations.
2. Requesting increase in personnel (full time equivalents) appropriations.
3. Requesting transfer of capital improvement appropriations.
4. Requesting operational change not authorized during the budget process.
5. Requesting appropriations based on receipt of additional funds from outside sources.
6. Requesting use of Contingency funds.

HOW TO USE FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

NEED: There should be a detailed explanation of why a change to the previously approved budget is necessary. If the change will have any impact beyond the current fiscal year, it should also be noted.

FUTURE IMPACT: One of the boxes should be checked. An example of an item with ongoing impact would be a request for additional fte authorization that will also be requested in upcoming budgets. This would necessitate filling out the "Next Fiscal Year Annualized" column. An example of an item with limited impact would be asking for authorization to use salary savings for the one time purchase of equipment. If "Projected Completion Date" applies, please fill in.

REVENUES GENERATED: Please note if the request will affect current and future revenues.

LEGISLATIVE CHANGES: These boxes should be marked yes or no. Some of the actions this form is used for (transfer of capital improvement appropriations, Contingency Funds) require a City Council ordinance.

PERSONNEL (full time equivalents): Please note the number of fte’s the request involves, if applicable.

PERSONNEL (cost), SUPPLIES, OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES, EQUIPMENT: All entries in these boxes must have the business unit, object code, and object code description along with the dollar amount. Negative amounts must be indicated by brackets.

TOTAL EXPENDITURES: This box should contain the sum of the dollar amounts in the various expenditure categories.

SOURCE OF REVENUES: This box should contain the name of the fund the action is required for.
Range Mart  
1240 Activity Dr  
Suite C  
Vista, CA 92081  
USA

Voice: (760) 741-2678  
Fax: (760) 839-5645

Sold To: (760) 741-2678  
Holmes Golf Course  
3701 S. 70th St.  
Lincoln, NE 68506

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Lincoln has been selected as one of 16 new cities to participate in Bloomberg Philanthropies’ What Work Cities initiative. Mayor Chris Beutler and City Council members Leirion Gaylor Baird and Trent Fellers will discuss what this means for the community at a news conference at 1:30 p.m. TODAY, Monday, October 24 in room 303, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street.
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LINCOLN SELECTED TO JOIN WHAT WORKS CITIES INITIATIVE

Mayor Chris Beutler today announced that Lincoln has been selected as one of 16 new cities to participate in Bloomberg Philanthropies’ What Works Cities initiative. Lincoln is the first city in Nebraska to participate in the initiative, one of the largest-ever philanthropic efforts to enhance the use of data and evidence in the public sector. City Council members Leirion Gaylor Baird and Trent Fellers joined the Mayor in making the announcement. Gaylor Baird first brought the What Works Cities initiative to the attention of the Mayor’s Office.

As a What Works city, Lincoln will receive technical assistance at no cost from world-class experts to build capacity in two areas:

- Lincoln will establish and improve performance management programs to set, track and share progress toward priority goals, strengthen accountability and achieve better results. The Mayor appointed his Chief of Staff Rick Hoppe to lead the effort.
- Lincoln will improve open data practices in order to make municipal data more accessible and engage residents around government priorities and services. The Mayor appointed Public Safety Director Tom Casady to lead this effort. Gaylor Baird and Fellers recently co-authored a resolution on open data which was passed by the City Council.

“Our Taking Charge public engagement process has helped us set community priorities, establish goals and use broad data to measure success as we develop the City’s budget,” said Beutler. “But our use of data shouldn’t end once the budget book is printed. Data is an important tool for driving the day-to-day management of the City and instilling accountability for results. Improving the use of data will yield new directions for City policy. It will help us become more efficient, more effective, and more transparent.”

What Works Cities was launched in April 2015, and 55 mid-sized U.S. cities are now working to better use data and evidence to improve services for residents, inform local decision-making and engage citizens. The cities are in 33 states, represent 19 million residents and have annual budgets exceeding $63 billion. The initiative will partner with 100 cities on a rolling basis through 2018.

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“What Works Cities supports open data efforts by providing technical assistance with things like data inventory and by sharing best practices from other cities so we don’t have to reinvent the wheel,” said Gaylor Baird. “We’ll utilize their expertise to help make our city’s data more accessible to the public and across city departments, to engage residents around government priorities and services, and to increase transparency and accountability.”

“Open data is the next generation of government transparency,” Fellers said. “In business, data drives decision-making, and government should be no different. What Works Cities will help us establish a culture in City government of thinking about what data we collect, how to use it and how we can publish it in meaningful ways. With a new data policy, the committee’s work, and the help of What Works Cities, I hope that someone in the future will pick up some of this data and use it to help the City set new policy, create a business or help us solve problems.”

“We are thrilled to welcome these new cities to the initiative, furthering our mission to help cities leverage data and evidence to improve their residents’ lives,” said Simone Brody, Executive Director of What Works Cities. “We’re proud to add the commitment of these 16 new and innovative cities to this national movement.”

The other 15 cities selected as new What Works Cities participants are Albuquerque, New Mexico; Birmingham, Alabama; Boulder, Colorado; Des Moines, Iowa; Fort Worth, Texas; Hartford, Connecticut; Knoxville, Tennessee; Madison, Wisconsin; Nashville, Tennessee; Olathe, Kansas; Portland, Oregon; Salt Lake City, Utah; South Bend, Indiana; Syracuse, New York; and Virginia Beach, Virginia. More information and a list of the other cities participating in the initiative are available at whatworkscities.org.

To support cities, Bloomberg Philanthropies has assembled a consortium of leading organizations, including the Behavioral Insights Team; the Center for Government Excellence at Johns Hopkins University; the Government Performance Lab at the Harvard Kennedy School; Results for America; and the Sunlight Foundation. With their help, cities are identifying more effective ways to evaluate programs and improve performance; use resources to serve their communities; and address a range of social challenges.

Another benefit in joining What Works Cities is the growing national network of local leaders and global experts actively sharing best practices for outcomes-focused government. Through the initiative, 90 U.S. mayors and more than 1,700 city employees are finding ways to better use data and evidence to improve services. What Works Cities has produced 130 resources that cities around the world are using to improve their communities.
LINCOLN POLICE DEPARTMENT
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FOR RELEASE: November 1, 2016
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Accreditation Assessment Team Invites Public Comment

The Lincoln Police Department and the Lincoln Emergency Communications Center are proud to announce participation in a program to achieve law enforcement and public safety communications re-accreditation. Administered by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (C.A.L.E.A.), the accreditation program requires law enforcement agencies to comply with standards in four basic areas: policy and procedure, administration, operations and support services. Public Safety Communications Centers are required to comply with standards in six basic areas: organization, direction & supervision, human resources, recruitment-selection-promotion, training, operations and critical incidents-special operations.

A team of assessors from C.A.L.E.A. are scheduled to arrive November 13, 2016 to conduct an on-site assessment and verify that the Lincoln Police Department and Lincoln Emergency Communications Center meet professional standards.

As an element of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session November 14, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. The session will be conducted in the City Council Chambers at the City County Building, 555 S.10th Street; Lincoln, Nebraska.

If for some reason an individual cannot speak at the public information session but would still like to provide comments to the assessment team, he/she may do so by telephone. The public may call 402.441.7661 on November 14, 2016 between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Telephone comments as well as appearances at the public information session are limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency’s ability to comply with CALEA’s standards. A viewable copy of the standards is available at the Lincoln Police Department.

Persons wishing to offer written comments about the Lincoln Police Department’s ability to meet the standards for accreditation are requested to write: Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), 13575 Heathcote Blvd., Suite 320; Gainesville, Virginia 20155.
Good Afternoon City Council Members -
As you recall, Ms. Sandra Roberts testified before you at public hearing last week regarding denial of her pothole claim. Since that time, PWU was able to follow up with Liz Elliot, Assistant City Attorney who handled the claim for the City.

We confirmed that road rehabilitation work was underway at the time of the alleged damage. Thomas offered to be in touch with the contractor, MTZ to get a sense of the conditions of the site at the time of construction. He will also check into the legal/contractual requirements (Jane and Carl’s question) regarding keeping a tidy work site.

Following our discussion with Liz, she followed up with Ms. Roberts to provide her with the contact information for MTZ. Liz suggested she talk to them about assistance with the repair costs. Liz also put Ms. Robert’s claim back on the denial list and a letter will go out to her with her next council date.

Should we receive any additional information regarding liability of the contractor between now and the next council date, we will be sure to let you know.
Thank you,
Miki

Miki Esposito, Director
Public Works & Utilities
O: 402.441.6173; C: 402.525.0065
Subject: Upcoming JPA Meeting - Thursday, October 27, 2016 at 3:30 p.m.

The agenda and attachments for the upcoming October 27, 2016, JPA Board Meeting are available online at: http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/finance/account/jpa-mtgs.htm

Kasey Simonson
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Council members, This evening my family was over for a bbq in our backyard. 2 persons dressed in ghillie suits approached the gate to my property, rattled the gate and ran off. We quickly headed into the house. Ghillie suits are used by snipers for camouflage. I decided to pursue them and had my son call 911. I found two teenage boys lying under trees on the berm several blocks west of my property. After a lengthy and loud chewing session, they said their parents just bought the suits at scheels, and they were testing them out. Great. What if someone steals or buys a gun from scheels and decides to test it out in our neighborhood? The boys took off before the police arrived. Safety in our neighborhood continues to be an issue. I spoke of this to you regarding the expansion of scheels. The new store wants to carry more gear to bring in more business. Our neighborhood is not going to be a testing ground for this gear. Someones going to get hurt, hope it's not a teenager. Please pass this along to all council members. Thank you, Phil White
Concerning our cities preemptive maneuver to further infringe on the existing open space at Woods Park, accompanied by a positive and ambiguous political spin, is a short cut in many respects. I will comment on just one—the big picture.

Lincoln is growing at a manageable rate. That is good. However, we need all of the existing city parks to retain their existing space. Let us think beyond the now and leave what we have inherited from past Lincolnites—a big gift that we are obligated to forward to future generations. Consider that those past generations did this while residing in a much smaller Lincoln. Let’s not incrementally, over time, subdivide and commodify something that has an intrinsic value beyond money. There are multiple alternatives that are economically viable if we utilize common sense.