IN LIEU OF
DIRECTORS’ MEETING
MONDAY, July 31, 2017

I. MINUTES
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OFFICE OF TREASURER, CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

JUNE 30, 2017

TO: MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER & CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS
FROM: FINANCE DEPARTMENT / CITY TREASURER
SUBJECT: MONTHLY CITY CASH REPORT

The records of this office show me to be charged with City cash as follows at the close of business June 30, 2017

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I desire to report that such City cash was held by me as follows which I will deem satisfactory unless advised and further directed in the matter by you.

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The negative bank balances shown above do not represent the City as overdrawn in these bank accounts. In order to maximize interest earned on all City funds, deposits have been invested prior to the Departments’ notification to the City Treasurer’s office of these deposits; therefore, these deposits are not recorded in the City Treasurer’s bank account balances at month end.

I also hold as City Treasurer, securities in the amount of $22,466,749.49 representing authorized investments of the City's funds.

**ATTEST:**

Melinda J. Jones, City Treasurer

Teresa Meyer, City Clerk
# CITY OF LINCOLN - PLEDGED COLLATERAL STATEMENT

**AS OF JUNE 30, 2017**

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Hello to my City Council representatives:

I am writing to you today to register my concerns about the long term quality of the water we depend on here in Lincoln. I realize that each of you also wish to insure that quality and have been taking steps to stay informed regarding the specific effects that the upstream actions near the city of Fremont may have on our sources.

I have reviewed the presentation given by Donna Garden, Steve Owen and Jon Carlson on this topic. The city of Lincoln water people seem confident in the ability of Fremont to protect the water coming from the plant itself. However, I am left with several questions:

1. Will there be any kind of ground water monitoring for the chicken barns? Once the chicken litter is handed over to farmers in the area, will there be any monitoring of how it is applied in the fields? Any monitoring of the groundwater near those fields? If yes, what entity will do that monitoring?

2. Information provided by the City of Lincoln water department states that the nutrient management plans required of each barn owner will be monitored by a third party entity. Who is that entity? Will they be collecting samples of ground water to determine if the plans are working?

3. If the nitrates from the Fremont plant exceed the average that is expected, what recourse does the city of Lincoln have? It seems unknown as to how the Costco/farmer plan will be monitored or regulated, if at all.

4. How much does the City of Lincoln currently spend annually to treat nitrates in the city water? Is it expected that the planned Fremont chicken plant will add to those costs?

Once a new operation is up and going, it seems nearly impossible to rein it in or stop it even if impacts exceed projections. I urge you to call for PRE-CONSTRUCTION cautions and answers. The long term safety of our water is worth the time and effort.

Thank you for your help.

Maureen Ose
402-423-8823

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Mni Wiconi: Water is Life
Angie,
Please forward the email below to all council members.
Thank you

Cyndi Lamm
Lincoln City Council
District 1/NE Lincoln

clamm@lincoln.ne.gov
402.432.9770
follow me on facebook at cyndiforthecity

From: Carol Zanetti [noldor51@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 1:31 PM
To: Cyndi Lamm
Subject: Re: 84th and Leighton school crossing issue

Dear Ms. Lamm,

I saw the news article concerning the crosswalk at 84th and Leighton Streets in Lincoln, in which you were interviewed. I am trying to find out how to sign the petition regarding changes to that intersection. But as I am unable to attend the Council Meeting for public discussion on this issue, I hope my following input might be useful:

For two years I lived at Appleton Apartments at 86th and Leighton Streets. My three young granddaughters and their family lived there for another two years after I moved. During that time my granddaughters attended Kahooa Elementary and Mickle Middle Schools.

Children who live at Appleton Apartments, which is a sprawling, growing, family-oriented complex, as well as those who live in the surrounding
neighborhoods, have no alternative but to use that intersection to walk to and from school.

Despite the close proximity of those schools to our home, we never allowed my grandchildren to walk to or from school or even to the nearby stores or fast-food restaurants, specifically because of that dangerous crossing. But unlike our family, most parents who work don't have a grandparent, friend or relative to drive their children every day. More than a few lower-income families at Appleton Apartments either don't own a car, or have only one vehicle which a parent uses for work. Those families have no option other than to cross 84th Street twice a day to take their children to and from school, or allow their children to do so by themselves.

When we lived at Appleton, we adults drove through that intersection daily and witnessed first-hand how dangerous it is. We saw quite a few "close calls" between cars and kids, or between cars and each other as they sped through the intersection to beat the yellow light, or turned and at the last second noticed people in the crosswalks.

Personally, I have witnessed car, pedestrian and bicycle accidents in the lanes and crosswalks there. Once, I drove past just after a car had hit a man on a bicycle, throwing him into the street and injuring him severely. Many times I watched as cars turned from one street to the next and barely missed children, adults, and even families with strollers, all of whom were walking with the proper light and within the marked crosswalks.

The speeds there are far too high for school traffic. Shopping areas nearby create a lot of traffic. In addition, northbound 84th Street leads to access to a major highway and the Interstate. Even if speed limits are reduced, or school crossing lights are added or changed, it is far too busy an intersection for pedestrians to use safely.
I don't know what other options are being discussed, but if any intersection ever needed an overhead walkway, it is this one. The area is growing rapidly: houses and apartments are being built, and new businesses are cropping up, especially around the northeast Walmart. In the two years I lived there, I watched the area change from a rural area surrounded by old farmhouses and fields, into an urban area filling quickly with new homes, apartments, gas stations, restaurants, banks, medical offices, a storage facility, and more.

I urge the City Council to make whatever changes can and must be made to make this crossing safe for citizens. As is, it simply is a serious accident waiting to happen.

Thank you,

Carol Zanetti
402-405-1111
noldor51@gmail.com
I support the Lincoln Environmental Action Plan and more specifically I hope that our city will go even further beyond this modest proposal to mandate city-wide and city-run recycling, composting and landfill trash reduction. We are considerably behind other cities in this regard.

I also support LES's efforts to increase renewable energy and am a proud energy provider with a rooftop solar array. I hope to see more solar installations and electric car charging stations in the near future.

Finally, I am happy that Roberts Park has restored wetland and grassland areas. I use the park more now that less of it is mowed. This positive change has resulted in a radical increase in biodiversity from native plants and wildflowers to birds. And while I have more trouble identifying them, I imagine the number of insects has also increased. I enjoy hearing the red-winged blackbirds every day over the traffic noise of A Street.

I hope the LEAP is implemented and that our city will become increasingly cleaner and greener each year.

-Dana Fritz
Lincoln resident since 1998
From: WebForm <none@lincoln.ne.gov>  
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2017 11:47 AM  
To: Council Packet  
Subject: InterLinc - Feedback  

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Council Office - Feedback  
Date: 7/27/2017 11:46:42 AM  

Full Name Sally Bush  
Address 2635 S. 15th  
City Lincoln, NE  
Phone 402-904-3148  
Email sallybh7671@gmail.com  

Comments I would encourage more aggressive maintenance of the floundering horse trails in Pioneer Park. Please direct the appropriate Parks personnel (Matt Middlestat, Jerry Shorney) to see to the necessary tasks to return the trails to useable, safe conditions.

IP: 76.84.143.23  
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I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR’S CORRESPONDENCE

III. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

IV. CONSTITUENT CORRESPONDENCE
   1. 84th Street Speed Zone Resolution, opposition - Garbe Family
   2. South 6th Street needs speed limit signs - Pam Grieser
   3. 84th Street Speed Reduction, oposition - Keith Henning
   4. Conclusion of Mid Biennium Budget Memorandum - Jim Frohman
   5. Recycling Education Contract, opposition - Barb Nielsen
   6. 84th Street Speed Zone Resolution, opposition - Valerie Phelps
   7. 84th Street School Zone Ordinance, opposition - Nathan Boone
   8. 84th Street School Speed Zone, opposition - Jeanne McClure
   9. Recycling Education Contract, opposition - Patty Doering
Honorable Council Members,

Thank you for your willingness to serve and to provide representation for the Lincoln community. My wife and I live in District 2 and use the 84th Street corridor to get to the Hwy 6 and I-80 at least 3 times per week. I work in the traffic engineering industry and have been performing traffic studies for over 25 years.

I am opposed to the 84th Street Speed Zone Resolution and ask for your votes against the resolution. This resolution would overrule sound traffic engineering standards, in an attempt to "feel" safer. The traffic and pedestrian movements along 84th Street and the distance to the school are well outside the national standards established for the evaluation of a school or speed zone. I could site numerous studies and engineering practice against creating this Speed Zone, but I think other considerations are just as important as the engineering studies:

1. Approval of this speed zone in this manner would set a precedent for speed zone or other traffic control by parent petition. If this is the process, can I petition next week to remove a signal or eliminate the "No Right Turn" sign that illuminates westbound at 40th & Pinelake (I don't like that sign but understand why it is there). Or would parents along Highway 2 request Speed Zones so they could feel "safer".
2. Just because a vast majority drive does not make us all experienced traffic engineers. Just like the design of bridges, we would not allow parent petitions to set aside the structural analysis. The City of Lincoln has an experienced and qualified group of traffic professionals, please don't undermine their ability to use and apply sound engineering judgment.

As I have studied the recent articles in the news and on local TV, they referenced that the parents were working to move forward with a crossing guard program. This seems like an appropriate level of response. It may take sometime to organize but it is easy to sign a petition and expect someone else to take care of the problem. If the parents that petitioned for the School Zone want to create a "safer" walk for the students, they can provide an additional set of eyes at the cross walk(s).

Forcing a lower speed limit on this segment of 84th Street will likely result in more accidents as it will increase the speed differential between vehicles. The result will likely be abrupt lane changes as faster cars jump around drivers attempting to comply with the Speed Zone. It will also result in aggressive" drivers running through the end of the yellow and all-red at the signal. My years of experience and numerous studies tell me this is likely the operational condition that will be created.

Finally, If I understand correctly, new schools are being programmed for construction east of 84th Street, this would likely reduce or eliminate the student "commute" across 84th Street.

Thank you for your time and consideration, I am not able to attend the meeting Monday, I will be out of town but again, I encourage you to vote against the Speed Zone Resolution.
Regards,
I have been complaining about what happens on this street for over 4 years...and nothing gets done! NOTHING!! Still don't have any speed limit signs... Not enough money in the budget? But, you have money to put in a playground for the elderly...really? I was just outside on my porch, and screamed at 2 different cars for FLYING down this street, and what do I get? Crap from these assholes!! There are kids & adults riding bikes in the street, kids playing at the park, kids playing at the school, kids playing in their yards, people walking in the street... At some point, someone is going to get hurt... Then what? When school is in session, I see some of these kids dodging traffic just to get across the street to go to school. How much does that suck? The school said one time that they have to enter from the other side... WHAT ABOUT THE ONES THAT LIVE ON THIS SIDE?

SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE ABOUT THIS BEFORE SOMEONE IS REALLY HURT!!! or, does that mean something will not be done until someone is seriously hurt?
Dear City Council members,
I live in NE Lincoln and understand there is a petition to put in a school zone at 84th and Leighton along with a request to lower the speed limit from 45mph to 40mph. Sounds like a group will be speaking to get this done at next meeting. I'm not opposed to the school zone but in no way should the speed limit be reduced. That would cause a traffic nightmare to reduce the speed for only for a small stretch and then return to 45mph again. There are other alternatives like having school crossing guards there in the morning and afternoon. The cars are completely stopped on 84th for kids to cross safely now. I'm all about safety for kids but lowering the speed limit would inconvenience traffic all day long. If a school zone can be put in without lowering the speed limit on 84th street, that is OK but otherwise, there are many people who didn't sign the petition that don't want the speed limit changed.

Thanks for you time and consideration

Sent from my iPhone
The language of the charter is clear, “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.” And as to how the budget can be revised, “The council shall not make any appropriation in addition to those authorized in the annual budget, except that it may authorize emergency appropriations in the event of an emergency threatening serious loss of life, health, or property in the community.” The City Attorney has jumped through hoops to find a way to nullify this language, he failed.

The charter is the equivalent of the constitution for the city. It cannot be ignored nor overwritten by ordinance. The City Attorney's opinion relies entirely on the interpretation of one phrase in the charter, “The City may by ordinance establish a process for the adoption of a balanced biennial budget for biennial periods..." "by ordinance" is interpreted to give the Mayor and Council the ability to completely rewrite any language in the charter that deals with a biennial budget. This interpretation nullifies the charter and makes ordinance superior to our city constitution. This is wrong.

I have attached my response to the City Attorney's memo and for reference I've also included the memo and charter.

Please review my more detailed response to the City Attorney's memo. And feel free to contact me if you have questions or comments.

Thank you for your efforts and attention.
Mayor and Council Members,

The City Attorney has written a memo that outlines his reasoning for concluding that appropriations in the second year of a biennial budget can be increased under certain circumstances. His interpretation of the charter is flawed.

Below I review the major sections of the memo.

The Council Cannot Make Exceptions to the Charter Related to Biennial Budgets

The first sentence of section 26a, “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.” Note that in the memo the end of the sentence, “… notwithstanding any existing provisions of this charter referencing an annual budget” is left out.

The City Attorney interprets the phrase “by ordinance establish a process” to allow the Council to make exceptions to the charter. This is seen in ordinance LMC 3.06.050, “The council shall not make any appropriation in addition to those authorized in the biennial budget, except that it may revise the previously adopted biennial budget pursuant to Nebraska state law.” (bolding and highlighting are mine)

The last paragraph of section 26a outlines how to amend or revise a biennial budget, “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.”

The important part of section 27 states that, “The council shall not make any appropriation in addition to those authorized in the annual budget, except that it may authorize emergency appropriations in the event of an emergency threatening serious loss of life, health, or property in the community.” Note the phrase “in the annual budget”.

So, what does this all mean. Any biennial budget ordinance must not violate a provision of the charter that references the annual budget, “… notwithstanding any existing provisions of this charter referencing an annual budget”. The part of the charter defining how the Council may amend or revise a budget specifically references the annual budget, “The council shall not make any appropriation in addition to those authorized in the annual budget…”. Thus, the current exception in ordinance is violating the charter and is void. Without this exception, the City Attorney’s interpretation has no basis. So, in the words of the charter “The council shall not make any appropriation in addition to those authorized in the annual budget”.
The Charter is in Compliance with State Law

From the memo, “the Nebraska Budget Act: “[W]henever during the current fiscal year or biennial period it becomes apparent to a governing body that (a) there are circumstances which could not reasonably have been anticipated at the time the budget for the current year or biennial period was adopted . . . such governing body may propose to revise the previously adopted budget statement and shall conduct a public hearing on such proposal.” Neb. Rev. Stat. §13-511(1) (emphasis added).” (bold and highlight are mine). This is an option for a governing body. As a home rule entity, the City can further restrict what it can do without being in conflict with an optional state law. The charter specifically restricts the Council from using this option in state law, “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 Charter is Explicit in How a Biennial Budget Can Be Modified

There are several places in the City Attorney’s memo that state that the charter does not indicate how to update a biennial budget. This is false. The charter explicitly states that, “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.” It later references the only way a biennial budget can be changed by referencing section 27 which states that, “The council shall not make any appropriation in addition to those authorized in the annual budget, except that it may authorize emergency appropriations in the event of an emergency threatening serious loss of life, health, or property in the community.” These are very explicit references to modifying a biennial budget.

The Charter Language is the Law No Matter the Original Intent

The intent of those that wrote the biennial budget into the charter may have been to allow for changes but they failed to make that intent clear in the language of the charter. The language of the charter is very clear and there is only one way to modify the second year of a biennial budget and that is to declare an emergency.

Just Because We Got Away with It Before Does Not Make It Right

How many wrong doers would like for things to work the way the City Attorney wants them to work. Previous adjustments to the biennial budget were in violation of the charter and should not have happened. They have no bearing on the current argument.
The Conclusion is Wrong

Yes, making changes to the biennial budget is allowed under state law but the charter legally restricts this option making adjustments without a declared emergency illegal. The state does not have a “superior authority” in this instance since the referenced law is just an option not a mandate. The charter is not silent, it is specific, “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.”

Conclusion

The charter is clear. The charter is in compliance with state law. The only way to change the biennial budget in the second year is to declare an emergency.

This is a flaw in the charter. There should be a mechanism to make changes in the second year of a biennial budget. I have suggested such a change and have forwarded it to the Charter Revision Commission.

In the words of the charter, “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.”

Jim Frohman
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Apt. 212
Lincoln, NE 68506
402.617.2484
jimfrohman@outlook.com

Mid Biennium Budget Memorandum

The City Council Is Allowed to Add Spending to the Budget During the Mid-Biennum Under Certain Circumstances.

Paragraph Four

Section 27 does not refer to any procedures for revising an adopted biennial budget. However, Section 26a, in establishing the option of a biennial budget procedure, states, “The City may by ordinance establish a process for the adoption of a balanced biennial budget for biennial periods . . . .” When the Council did so, it specifically noted, “The council shall not make any appropriation in addition to those authorized in the biennial budget, except that it may revise the previously adopted biennial budget pursuant to Nebraska state law.” LMC 3.06.050

Lincoln City Charter

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. ...

Paragraph Four

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.

Sec. 27. Appropriations.

Paragraph Three

The council shall not make any appropriation in addition to those authorized in the annual budget, except that it may authorize emergency appropriations in the event of an emergency threatening serious loss of life, health, or property in the community. ...

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Angie,
Please add to the addendum for council members' review.

Thanks

Cyndi Lamm
Lincoln City Council
District 1/NE Lincoln

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From: barb nielsen [misskeely2012@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2017 9:13 AM
To: Cyndi Lamm
Subject: RE: $850K

Reading the paper this morning I feel we have another pork barrel before our eyes. The headline first got my ire. Continued reading it is an insult to the people of Lincoln. The initial spending to find out why those who are recycling and why those who don't.

In contrast I don't believe we have received anything in the mail or another social media to let us know, "By the way there is a pending shortfall and we're going to raise your taxes." Oh, yes, you can go and complain about the increase but rarely is anything done.

Most cities already recycle and those moving into Lincoln know about it. We visit our daughter in a neighboring state and she tells us what and where to recycle.

What needs to be done. Select a simple means of letting people know recycling starts and give the exact day, followed by how to recycle and drop off places. Granted living in northeast Lincoln the recycle site west of Russ' could be given an overhauling with proper signage. People do use it tho. Spend some money on recycling containers, location, and proper instructions what goes where.

Thank you,

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Full Name: VALERIE PHELPS
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Comments: I am writing as one of your constituents in opposition to adding a school zone to 84th and Leighton Streets. Traffic flow in Lincoln is already horrible. The people that purchased homes on the east side of 84th knew that their kids were going to have to cross 84th to get to Kahoe school. I live in the Northern Lights neighborhood that these same parents drive thru to drop their kids off at school. They do not follow the 25 mile an hour speed limit thru our neighborhood, they do not follow the right away rules at unmarked intersections in our neighborhood. The Lincoln police very frequently have radar setup on Leighton and Garland (the 2 street these parents use to drop their kids) because the speed limit is not being followed and it isn't just one police officer, they usually have multiple officers because there are so many people speeding. If these parents aren't concerned about the people in the neighborhood around their school do you really think changing the speed limit on 84th which is 6 blocks from the school and wasting $100,000+ of tax payer money is the right solution? You are going to waste $100,000+ and I would be willing to bet that there are not 20 kids that will walk to ride their bike to school a day and it will more than likely only be for the months of Sept, Oct, Apr and May. There are kids that live on my street which is closer to the school than the people living on the other side of 84th and these kids don’t walk to school, their parents drive them. I keep hearing that there are 2 other school zones on 84th already and that is why there should be another. Those are totally different situations the schools are on 84th Street. Please explain to me how you can justify spending that much tax payer money for a handful of people for a limited number of months?

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Good afternoon Mr. Camp,

As a Professional Engineer here in Lincoln, I feel a responsibility to reach out and voice my opposition of amending Section 10.14.260 in order to allow for the installation of the school related speed zone on 84th Street. The Lincoln Public Works Department Engineers have performed research and studies to determine the installation of such measures not only goes against industry standards, but will undoubtedly create an unsafe environment for both motorists and pedestrians, as referenced in Miki Esposito’s recent memo. Whether a public official or Professional Engineer, we all desire the same outcome: safety for our children and each other. Moving forward with such a measure goes against this unified desire.

From a professional standpoint, proceeding with this amendment undermines the engineering profession we have pledged to uphold. Engineers are in place to safeguard life, health, and property, and to promote the public welfare. What good is our engineering stamp if a public figure can disregard educated, professional recommendations. A precedent of this nature can have extensive ramifications in the future whether weeks, years, or decades from now.

My colleagues and I would more be than happy to discuss this further with you and rest of the City Council in order to find a common solution.

Regards,

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TO: Members of the Lincoln City Council
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   Councilman Carl Eskridge
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   Councilman Roy Christensen
   Councilwoman Cyndi Lamm
   Councilwoman Jane Raybould
   Councilman Bennie Shobe

FROM: Jeanne McClure, Executive Director
      American Council of Engineering Companies of Nebraska

DATE: July 31, 2017

RE: City Council Agenda Items 17-94 and 17R-190, 84th Street School Speed Zone

I am writing to you on behalf of ACEC Nebraska to oppose the proposed Council action on the subject resolutions until further study can be conducted. ACEC is the only national organization of engineers engaged in the practice of consulting engineering. It is comprised of 51 state and regional member organizations, representing more than 5,600 independent engineering firms throughout the United States. ACEC’s member firms offer expertise in a wide range of engineering disciplines. Our membership strongly supports the engineering profession and our member firms. We value the partnership we have built with professional engineers within the City of Lincoln’s Public Works Department.

The City Council’s proposal related to school zone modifications is contrary to the City’s uniform application of these zones and could cause confusion among pedestrians and other road users, contribute to incorrect decisions and cause crashes. Proposing such legislation without technical practitioner support is contrary to the engineering profession. It is the responsibility of professional engineers to analyze, design and implement infrastructure that keeps people safe. The engineering profession is founded in professional training, licensure and ethics.

We respectfully request that you oppose the proposed resolution and ask that you work with City engineers, public works, and outside consultants to evaluate this issue in a comprehensive manner before making a decision of this magnitude.

Thank you for your consideration.
Reader wants this passed on.

Nancy

From: Patty Doering [mailto:ptdoering@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2017 12:59 PM
To: Nancy Hicks
Subject: Council weighs $850,000 recycling contract

Nancy, I would have appreciated an email contact in your article today to express an opinion for those who cannot attend the public meeting. I’m not sure where to send a comment, so maybe you can pass it on or send a link to me. Thank! Patty

Will not be able to come to the public hearing this evening 7/31. But wanted to express my concern about spending that much money just to study why people in Lincoln do or don’t recycle. Personally, we do recycle, but if you want to make the change from a voluntary option, you just do it and make sure it is communicated well. If cardboard is disposed in trash, maybe have garbage collectors leave notice about change with their customers.

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