

**IN LIEU OF  
DIRECTORS' MEETING  
MONDAY, October 30, 2017**

**I. MINUTES**

1. Approval of Director's Minutes October 23, 2017

**II. MAYOR'S CORRESPONDENCE**

**III. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE**

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

1. Action dated Wednesday, October 25, 2017

**FINANCE/CITY TREASURER**

1. Cash Letter for the month of September, 2017

**IV. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS**

See invitation list.

**V. CONSTITUENT CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Proposed Annexation No. 17016, Sunrise Estates, opposition - Ted Wolfram
2. Proposed Annexation No. 17011, Yankee Hill Golf Course, opposition - Steve and Nancy Speidel

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

## **\*\*ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION\*\***

**NOTICE:** The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 25, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 112 on the first floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> St., Lincoln, Nebraska. For more information, call the Planning Department, (402) 441-7491.

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

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

### **AGENDA**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2017**

**[Commissioner Washington absent]**

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held October 11, 2017. **\*\*APPROVED: 8-0; (Washington absent)\*\***

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

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONFORMANCE:**

- Page 01
- 1.1 Comprehensive Plan Conformance No. 17017, to review as to conformance with the 2040 Lincoln Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan, a proposed amendment to the Antelope Valley Redevelopment Plan that identifies the Telegraph District Phase 2 Redevelopment Project. The project area includes approximately 16 acres, more or less, consisting of 5 areas with connecting streetscape within the project. Telegraph Flats Commons will include a new mixed-use building and rehabs three buildings creating a mixed-use residential and retail area. Telegraph Lofts East will be a new, approximately 147,870 square foot, 4- to 5-story mixed-use building providing for first floor retail/restaurant uses and live/work loft and multi family housing with upper floors containing about 60 residential units and office space. Underground parking and off-street surface parking are also included. Telegraph Lofts West is a proposed companion building providing approximately 84 residential units in a 4- to 5-story building and parking. Telegraph Lofts South is another mixed-use building, located on the NW corner of 21st and M Streets, including approximately 30 residential units in a 4- or 5-story building, retail space and associated parking. Renovation of 1935 O Street will also provide a mix of uses in the 2-story building.

Streetscape improvements are planned throughout the Phase 2 project area. The project is generally located between M and O Streets, 20th Street to the Antelope Valley channel.

**Staff recommendation: Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan**

**Staff Planner: George Wesselhoft, 402-441-6366, [gwesselhoft@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:gwesselhoft@lincoln.ne.gov)**

**Planning Commission recommendation: Conforms to the Comprehensive Plan: 7-0 (Scheer declared a conflict of interest; Washington absent). Public hearing before the City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 20, 2017, 5:30 p.m.**

### **CHANGE OF ZONE AND RELATED APPLICATIONS:**

Page 17 1.2a Change of Zone No. 17029, from O-2 (Suburban Office District), O-3 (Office Park District), and I-2 (Industrial Park District) to I-3 (Employment Center District), on property generally located at NW 1st Street and W. Fletcher Avenue.

**Staff recommendation: Approval**

**Staff Planner: Rachel Jones, 402-441-7603, [rjones@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:rjones@lincoln.ne.gov)**

**Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL; 7-0 (Scheer and Washington absent). Public hearing before the City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 20, 2017, 5:30 p.m.**

Page 17 1.2b Use Permit No. 17007, for a new I-3 (Employment Center District) Use Permit, with waivers to setbacks and sign regulations, on property generally located at NW 1st Street and W. Fletcher Avenue.

**Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval**

**Staff Planner: Rachel Jones, 402-441-7603, [rjones@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:rjones@lincoln.ne.gov)**

**Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set for in the staff report dated October 17, 2017: 7-0 (Scheer and Washington absent). Public hearing before the City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 20, 2017, 5:30 p.m.**

Page 41 1.2c Street and Alley Vacation No. 17009, to vacate portions of the West Harvest Drive and West Grand Drive rights of way, generally located at NW 1st Street and West Grand Drive.

**Staff recommendation: Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan**

**Staff Planner: Rachel Jones, 402-441-7603, [rjones@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:rjones@lincoln.ne.gov)**

**Planning Commission recommendation: Conforms to the Comprehensive Plan: 7-0 (Scheer and Washington absent). Public hearing before the City Council will be scheduled when the provisions of Chapter 14.20 of the Lincoln Municipal Code have been satisfied.**

2. **REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL: None.**

3. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: None.**

**4. PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:**

**TEXT AMENDMENT:**

Page 51 4.1 Text Amendment No. 17001, an ordinance amending Chapter 27.63 of the Lincoln Municipal Code relating to Special Permits by amending Section 27.63.685 to delete the access door location requirement, and add exterior door opening requirements for a special permit for alcoholic beverages to be sold for consumption off the premises in zoning districts B-1, B-3, H-1, H-2, H-3, H-4, I-1, and I-3, and repealing Section 27.63.685 as hitherto existing.  
**Staff recommendation: Denial**  
**Staff Planner: Brian Will, 402-441-6362, [bwill@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:bwill@lincoln.ne.gov)**  
**Planning Commission recommendation: DENIAL: 4-4 (Beckius, Edgerton, Harris and Joy dissenting; Washington absent). Due to the lack of 5 affirmative votes, continued public hearing and action before the Planning Commission will be held at the next hearing on November 15, 2017.**

**ANNEXATIONS:**

Page 67 4.2 Annexation No. 17017, for a City-initiated annexation of approximately 156 acres, more or less, on property generally located between 84th and 105<sup>th</sup> Streets, adjacent to O Street on the north and south, also including the entire Hillcrest Heights Subdivision and the properties directly west and south of the subdivision.  
**Staff recommendation: Approval**  
**Staff Planner: Andrew Thierolf, 402-441-6371, [athierolf@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:athierolf@lincoln.ne.gov)**  
**Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL: 8-0 (Washington absent). Public hearing before the City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 20, 2017, at 5:30 p.m.**

Page 78 4.3 Annexation No. 17018, for a City-initiated annexation of 68 acres, more or less, on property generally located between 75th and 84th Streets, between Highway 2 and Yankee Hill Road, adjacent to Portsche Lane, Dunrovin Road, or Alimark Lane.  
**Staff recommendation: Approval**  
**Staff Planner: Andrew Thierolf, 402-441-6371, [athierolf@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:athierolf@lincoln.ne.gov)**  
**Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL: 8-0 (Washington absent). Public hearing before the City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 20, 2017, at 5:30 p.m.**

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

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**Adjournment: 5:56 p.m.**

OFFICE OF TREASURER, CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

SEPTEMBER 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 September 30, 2017

Balance Forward	\$	360,496,095.72
Plus Total Debits September 1-30, 2017	\$	37,033,892.87
Less Total Credits September 1-30, 2017	\$	(51,842,887.21)
<b>Cash Balance on September 30, 2017</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>345,687,101.38</b>

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.

U. S. Bank Nebraska, N.A.	\$	5,081,292.07
Wells Fargo Bank	\$	(257,041.40)
Wells Fargo Bank Credit Card Account	\$	(99,807.67)
Cornhusker Bank	\$	55,946.18
Pinnacle Bank	\$	117,842.62
Union Bank & Trust Company	\$	89,931.50
West Gate Bank	\$	6,064.10
Idle Funds - Short-Term Pool	\$	27,980,221.56
Idle Funds - Medium-Term Pool	\$	312,003,833.76
Cash, Checks and Warrants	\$	708,818.66
<b>Total Cash on Hand September 30, 2017</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>345,687,101.38</b>

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 \$20,972,561.08 representing authorized investments of the City's funds.

**ATTEST:**

*Teresa J. Meier*  
 Teresa Meier, City Clerk



*Melinda J. Jones*  
 Melinda J. Jones, City Treasurer

CITY OF LINCOLN - PLEDGED COLLATERAL STATEMENT

AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

DESCRIPTION	CUSIP	MATURITY DATE	CURRENT PAR	MARKET VALUE
FHLMC GOLD POOL C91166 6%	3128P7JK0	03/01/2028	\$164,353.76	
FHLB 1.25%	3130A5PX1	08/28/2018	\$1,000,000.00	
FNMA POOL #254548 5.5%	31371KWH0	12/01/2032	\$266,346.50	
FNMA POOL 256125 5%	31371MPJ0	01/01/2026	\$106,612.92	
FHR 2776 CG FREDDIE MAC CMO 5%	31394WJC3	04/15/2019	\$272,087.84	
SBAP 1998-20L 1 PASS-THROUGH 5.8%	83162CJR5	12/01/2018	\$64,963.60	
SBIC 2010-10A 1 4.11%	831641ES0	03/10/2020	\$244,999.79	
FNMA POOL MA0909 25DD	31418AAK4	11/1/2021	\$127,189.30	
<b>CORNHUSKER BANK</b>		<b>TOTAL PLEDGED</b>	<b>\$2,246,553.71</b>	
FNMA G1D PASS THRU POOL #AU5145	3138X4WF3	08/01/2028	\$640,000.00	\$613,187.10
FHLB 2.63%	313376C94	12/10/2021	\$750,000.00	\$771,480.00
FHLMC 1.63%	3137BN5M2	01/25/2023	\$2,000,000.00	\$1,530,972.04
FHLB 1.50%	3130ABDB9	08/28/2019	\$800,000.00	\$799,272.00
FHLB 1.38%	313380FB8	09/13/2019	\$803,000.00	\$802,060.49
<b>UNION BANK AND TRUST</b>		<b>TOTAL PLEDGED</b>	<b>\$4,993,000.00</b>	<b>\$4,516,971.63</b>
FHLB LOC #522941		11/01/2017	\$7,000,000.00	
<b>USBANK</b>		<b>TOTAL PLEDGED</b>	<b>\$7,000,000.00</b>	
FHMS X707 A2 2.22%	3137ANMN2	11/23/2018	\$5,000,000.00	
FHMS X038 A1	3137BBBC3	10/25/2023	\$1,763,112.98	
<b>PINNACLE BANK</b>		<b>TOTAL PLEDGED</b>	<b>\$6,763,112.98</b>	
FMAC FGPC 3.500%	3132QSUG1	9/1/2045	\$1,000.00	\$908.08
FNMA FNMS 3.000%	3138ALU21	10/1/2026	\$869,408.00	\$168,582.84
<b>WELLS FARGO</b>		<b>TOTAL PLEDGED</b>	<b>\$870,408.00</b>	<b>\$169,490.92</b>

## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** WebForm <none@lincoln.ne.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 25, 2017 10:26 AM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** InterLinc - Feedback

### Council Office - Feedback

Date : 10/25/2017 10:25:40 AM

**Full Name** Ted Wolfram  
**Address** 1040 N. 92nd Street  
**City** Lincoln, NE  
**Phone** 713-897-1550  
**Email** [ted.wolfram@gmail.com](mailto:ted.wolfram@gmail.com)  
**Comments** Council Members,

My name is Ted Wolfram and I live at 1040 N. 92nd Street which is part of the Sunrise Estates community. This note is in regard to Annexation No. 17016. This annexation is to be voted on Monday, October 30th and we are hoping to be able to meet with as many of the city council members as possible between now and the time of the meeting to discuss our concerns and get a few answers. We are not opposed to annexation but is this the proper time. We raised to the planning commission our initial concern around fire safety and those are still concerning and of record. We also question the timing of this. Repeatedly we have been told that annexation would be 2020 and now it is very rapidly being pushed through in 2018. I don't think we fully understand all the consequences to the city and the homeowners at this time. We are hoping that meeting with you we can voice these concerns with candid discussion. We want to see Lincoln expand and grow and be the best place to live. It will be great for all but we don't want this to happen by jeopardizing the community at large, by spreading our resources/assets too thin.

We are requesting 10 to 20 minutes of your time at most. Please let me know if/when there is time in your busy schedule.

Respectfully,

Ted Wolfram  
713-897-1550

IP: 76.84.233.86

Form: <https://lincoln.ne.gov/city/council/feedback.htm>

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## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** Steve and Nancy Speidel <sspeidel1@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 25, 2017 2:19 PM  
**To:** Angela M. Birkett  
**Subject:** Annexation No. 17011 South 40th St and Yankee Hill Rd

Hello Angie,

Could you please forward this email to all the city council members concerning annexation 17011 of my property and Yankee Hill Golf Course. Thank you for your assistance. Steve Speidel

Dear Lincoln City Council Members,

Regarding annexation 17011 of my property and Yankee Hill Golf Course in the south 40th Street and Yankee Hill Rd area, there are three points I would like to elaborate on which time didn't allow during my presentation at the Oct 23 Council public hearing.

1) Guy Lammler, owner of Yankee Hill Golf Course, was out of town during the September 27th Planning Commission hearing for this annexation and did not submit a written statement at that time. When I asked him why not, he said he was concerned he might face retaliation for a couple projects he has coming up at HiMark if he openly opposed annexing Yankee Hill Golf Course. Since there was no opposition to annexing Yankee Hill Golf Course and LFR made it sound like they were being sent out on the course all the time for emergencies, ( when in fact they have been on the course one time in 20 years), the Planning Commission discussion was to annex the golf course but amend the annexation application to remove my Speidel property and not annex it. Then they realized if they annexed the golf course, I would be totally surrounded.

2) Because of the increase in mill levy and huge increase in valuation if my property is annexed, I estimate my property taxes will go from \$5000 to \$11,000 per year. That will be pretty difficult to justify holding on. Its sad I could be forced off my very long held family land that way.

3) The 160 acres of unannexed land on the east side of me and Yankee Hill Golf Course is considered not appropriate for annexation at this time, maybe not until 2025, according to the planning staff report. If that area is annexed sometime in the future, I would accept that my property and Yankee Hill Golf Course would be annexed then and I would not oppose it at that time.

Since I hold the easement and restrictive covenant on the golf course land which prevents anything from being built there and requires it to be used only as a golf course, Yankee Hill Golf Course and my property will not be developed by 2025. Also, because my property is intensely farmed and is not urban in character and because my property and Yankee Hill Golf Course are not surrounded by city and the much higher taxes would be very problematic for us, I submit annexation is not appropriate now. I urge you to NOT approve annexation of my property and Yankee Hill Golf Course at this time.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Steve Speidel

7800 S 40th St

Lincoln, NE 68516

402 423-4003

402 613-0944 cell



**DIRECTORS'/ORGANIZATIONAL AGENDA**  
**ADDENDUM**  
**MONDAY, October 30, 2017**

**I. CITY CLERK**

**II. MAYOR'S CORRESPONDENCE**

**III. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE**

**IV. CONSTITUENT CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Proposed Annexation No. 17016, opposition - Ted Wolfram
2. Flashing yellow lights - Nancy Thygesen  
Response from Angie Birkett, Office Coordinator, Lincoln City Council
3. Proposed Annexation No. 17016, opposition - Dan Howe
4. Proposed Annexation Hillcrest Heights, concerns - Robert Creager

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Ted Wolfram <tedwolfram@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 27, 2017 1:53 PM  
**To:** Jon Camp; Jane Raybould; Carl B. Eskridge; Leirion Gaylor Baird; Cyndi Lamm; Roy A. Christensen; Bennie R. Shobe  
**Subject:** Annexation No. 17016 - Letter from Ted and Carlene Wolfram  
**Attachments:** Annexation - City Council.docx

City Council Members,

My name is Ted Wolfram and I have attached a letter authored by my wife and I regarding Annexation No. 17016. We reside in Sunrise Estates which is in Area C of the current Annexation study.

Respectfully,  
Ted Wolfram

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**Ted Wolfram**

713-897-1550

[ted.wolfram@gmail.com](mailto:ted.wolfram@gmail.com)

Ted and Carlene Wolfram  
1040 North 92<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Lincoln, NE 68505

City/County Building  
555 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Lincoln, NE 68508

September 26, 2017

City Council Members:

My wife and I moved to Lincoln 20 months ago from Houston Texas and found what we were looking for in Sunrise Estates, a nice little acreage just east of Lincoln within a few miles from our two daughters. We love the location, the peace and quiet and the fact that we are living self-sufficient outside of the city with no need for city services. The first time I heard anything about the potential of annexation was during our homeowner association annual meeting and it was mentioned we are up for annexation in 2020.

This isn't the first time my wife and I have been annexed. When living in Houston our subdivision was annexed and it made total sense. The infrastructure was in place including water, sewage, hydrants, and new fire station had been built and fully staffed to handle the newly annexed population. As a home owner in the subdivision, I was in favor of the services the city would be providing so I am not opposed to annexation. In the case of Annexation No. 17016 I am questioning the timing.

Is the City of Lincoln prepared for what this annexation will do? The LFR 2016 Annual report provided statistics on response time showing that they are struggling to meet the minimum threshold levels defined by LFR and in some cases failing to meet that level. How will LFR improve in this area with the increase area(s) to cover? Lincoln Fire and Rescue is well respected and provides excellent service but will this annexation put more stress on an already stressed Fire Department? Our streets are currently being maintain by the county and are not up to Lincoln city standards. What cost will the city incur to bring this streets to city standards? Our street lights are currently being maintained and covers internally by our community. What cost will the city incur to begin that maintenance. The Lincoln Police Department will now have more area to cover, will this annexation include additional Police Officers to cover the expanding areas?

In the case of Sunrise Estates, water and sewage lines are not in place but not needed as each residence has a well and a septic system or lagoon for sewage. Hydrants are not needed as the South East Fire Department has provided the services to our community for years with the equipment to bring and pump the water to a fire. That station is ½ mile from our community. My concern is will the annexation of our community and others that are being proposed put more stress on already stressed city services.

I worked for a large global software company and we provided software and service to large global fortune 500 companies. On more than one occasion we could have made money by selling software and/or services but made the recommendation not to sell as the company wasn't ready for it. Because of this recommendation we became a trusted advisor for these companies because it was in the best interest of their company and not the best interest of my company. We made several sales over the years that followed to those companies as they knew we placed their interest first.

In conclusion we respectfully submit that the City Council not annex Sunrise Estates at this time and keep with the 2020 plan that has been quoted to us the past several years. These additional 2 years will allow LF&R to increase to a level needed to support a city the size of Lincoln, this includes the new proposed station at 84<sup>th</sup> and Leighton which is 1 mile from our community. Other city services will have the time to prepare for the expanding areas. This time will also give the residents in our community the additional years we thought we had to prepare for annexation. Be our Trusted Advisor. Be the Trusted Advisor for all residents of Lincoln.

Thank you,

Ted and Carlene Wolfram

## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** WebForm <none@lincoln.ne.gov>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 29, 2017 10:45 AM  
**To:** Jon Camp  
**Subject:** InterLinc - Feedback

### Council Office - Feedback

Date : 10/29/2017 10:44:49 AM

**Full Name** Nancy Thygesen  
**Address** 5045 SAWGRASS DR  
**City** LINCOLN  
**Phone** 4024309379  
**Email** [nancy@thygesenhci.com](mailto:nancy@thygesenhci.com)

**Comments** I have searched the City website to find where I can email re: traffic signals and after 15 minutes I gave up. So I am emailing you. I am so frustrated - Sunday at 10:00 a.m. at 84th and Pioneer - church getting out, race and who knows what else - no green turn arrow only yellow flashing. I don't understand how this came about that we only get yellow flashing at times but green arrow at others. I find this horribly confusing and I know others do too. Why are we not consistently getting green arrows - then change to yellow flashing? It is very difficult to anticipate what you are going to do when you never know. Driving in Lincoln at any time is an absolute disaster and is so frustrating!! Please see if this can be changed. If not please I would like to know the rationale for this and if there is criteria as to when we don't get a green first. You might want to know that while there was no green arrow at 84th and Pioneer or 56th and Hiway 2 and 56th and Old Cheney today - there was a green arrow at 70th and Old Cheney with no traffic. Go figure. We deserve better and we deserve consistency. If you can tell me who to contact at the City I would be happy to. I am not surprised Traffic contacts are missing from the website! Please respond. The last email I sent you while you were out of the country and the City cast a vote without you I did not receive a response from you.

IP: 97.98.177.87

Form: <http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/council/feedback.htm>

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## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** Angela M. Birkett  
**Sent:** Monday, October 30, 2017 8:41 AM  
**To:** 'nancy@thygesenhci.com'  
**Cc:** 'joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com'; Miki M. Esposito  
**Subject:** RE: InterLinc - Feedback

Good Morning Nancy,

Thank you for taking the time to write the City about your concerns regarding the flashing yellow lights. I have included both Councilman Camp and Miki Esposito, Director of Public Works & Utilities, in this email. Ms. Esposito oversees our "traffic engineering" department. She is great at handling inquiries like yours and, in fact, the City appreciates observations by citizens that can assist in correcting traffic light patterns that may need adjustment. In the meantime, we have some important information on our website about flashing yellow arrows at:  
<http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/pworks/engine/traffic/flashing-yellow-arrow.htm>

We appreciate your patience while the traffic engineering department looks into the matter further.

Thank you,

Angie Birkett  
Office Coordinator  
Lincoln City Council  
555 South 10<sup>th</sup> St., Ste 111  
Lincoln, NE 68508  
Phone 402-441-6867  
Fax 402-441-6533  
[abirkett@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:abirkett@lincoln.ne.gov)



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### **Council Office - Feedback**

Date : 10/29/2017 10:44:49 AM

**Full Name** Nancy Thygesen

Daniel Howe  
1001 North 92<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Lincoln, NE 68505

Lincoln City Council Members  
555 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Lincoln, NE 68508

October 28, 2017

I respectfully request denial of Annexation Proposal No. 17016 for 'Annexation Subarea C', which includes Sunrise Estates. This Annexation Proposal should be denied at this time because:

Sunrise Estates does not have fire hydrants. Lincoln Fire & Rescue (LF&R) does not have equipment necessary to deliver water to fight fires where there are no fire hydrants. We were told that each LF&R fire engine carries 750' of 5" hose to connect engines to fire hydrants and to connect fire engines together. We were told that LF&R could connect multiple fire engines together to relay water to a house fire in Sunrise Estates.

I reside at 1001 N. 92<sup>nd</sup> Street. (See attached map.) The nearest fire hydrant is located at the intersection of North 86<sup>th</sup> Street and Avon Lane, which is ½ mile distant from my home via streets. (The distance measured 2051' of street, plus 252' of driveway.) To fight a fire at my location, LF&R would require a minimum of three fire engines to relay water to my home.

In the event of a fire, LF&R would arrive onsite to determine if additional LF&R equipment was required to fight this specific fire. The distance and response time required for arrival of equipment from multiple LF&R stations is listed in the table below. LF&R fire engines are not equipped to drive off road. Using accurate computer map applications, the nearest three LF&R Stations are located:

<u>STATION</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>DISTANCE</u>	<u>DRIVING TIME</u>
9	901 N. Cotner Blvd	2.7 mile	8 min
12	2201 S. 84 <sup>th</sup> Street	2.8 mile	8 min
5	3640 Touzalin Ave	4.2 mile	12 min

Once LF&R is onsite and determines they need additional support to begin to fight a fire, a greater delay results awaiting arrival of other stations. Also, it is possible that one of the above LF&R stations would not be available to support LF&R when additional equipment is needed. Increased time required for response from multiple LF&R fire stations to pump water onto a fire significantly increases property damage during a fire.

The City has the authority to annex Subarea C to increase Lincoln tax revenue. However, annexation before LF&R has a properly manned facility to serve Subarea C increases homeowner risk regarding loss from fires. LF&R is currently struggling to meet response time goals, and adding subarea C dilutes coverage for stretched resources. Annexation is not requested or required, and is opposed by all homeowners within Sunrise Estates, Mr. Wolman and Christ Community Church. Proceeding with annexation at this time would be perceived as City policy to increase tax revenues while causing penalty to those taxed. This would be an abuse of City Council authority.

Sincerely,

Daniel Howe & Donna Howe

## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** Jon Camp <joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 30, 2017 1:07 PM  
**To:** Angela M. Birkett  
**Subject:** FW: Hillcrest Heights Annexation

Please see the email below regarding Hillcrest Heights Annexation.

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**JON A. CAMP**  
**Lincoln City Council**  
**200 Haymarket Square**  
**808 P Street**  
**P.O. Box 82307**  
**Lincoln, NE 68501-2307**

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Jon:

I live in the Hillcrest Heights development. I have been in jury trial the last couple of weeks and have not paid much attention to the Annexation proposal for our neighborhood. I am not opposed to the Annexation. However, in following up on the planning commission hearing last week and discussing the issues last night with our neighborhood association, I am concerned about the City's response to safety concerns; in particular the response time for the fire department. When this question is raised, all we hear from the Fire Chief is the "we can handle it" and we "do this all the time". When I tried to look up any "numbers", or studies, I am not finding anything addressing the issue for our neighborhood. What I do find generally is not encouraging as Lincoln does not seem to be meeting its targets and may be regressing to the point of endangering some communities.

Our neighborhood is mostly rural in character. We are bounded on the west by LPS property which includes some soccer fields and ground that is farmed. On the east we are bounded by the Hillcrest country club golf course. Neither of these properties are developed or platted for development. So, we have no nearby fire hydrants. At the south end of our development the homes are at least ¾ of a mile from O street. We are not connected to A street. That is cause for concern as I live at the far south end of the development

There was some discussion on the safety issues at the open public meeting. We were told by the representative of the fire department that when we are under City control our insurance rates should go down because of the improvement in response time. But when I called my insurance agent, she said there would be no decrease in our rates as Lincoln does not have a better than average rating. So, I am not sure what to make of that.



Most importantly, we were told by planning just last summer that we were not slated for annexation until 2020. So, this latest move caught me by surprise. The lack of reliable communication/information about all this is becoming problematic. The short time for response gives me little opportunity to study the unintended consequences for both sides. What is the rush at this point?

With all this in mind, I have a couple of questions that I hope you can answer for me:

1. Is there any study that shows that fire service will be adequate for **our entire neighborhood**?
2. What is the City Council's general philosophy about making sure that annexation generally doesn't strain existing services?
3. Is there a plan for expanding services (fire stations, police officers, etc.) to meet the service needs of expanding to the east?
4. Would it make more sense for both sides to have a little more time to study these issues as they relate **to our neighborhood**?

I would be happy to chat if you have the time. Or you can respond to this email.

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