DIRECTORS’ ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
Monday, November 6, 2017
555 S. 10TH STREET
BILL LUXFORD STUDIO

I. MINUTES
   1. No minutes due to October 30, 2017 was a night meeting

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

III. CITY CLERK

IV. MAYOR’S OFFICE

V. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

   LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES
   1. Annual Report September 1, 2016 - August 31, 2017

VI. BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSION REPORTS
   1. Downtown Lincoln Association (DLA) - Gaylor Baird, Eskridge (10.24.17)
   2. WHJPA - Eskridge (10.26.17)
   3. Problem Resolution Team (PRT) - Lamm (10.26.17)
   4. Telecommunications/Cable TV Advisory Board - Lamm, (10.26.17)
   5. Internal Liquor Committee (ILC) - Eskridge, Christensen, Shobe (10.30.17)

VII. CONSTITUENT CORRESPONDENCE
   1. Proposed Annexation of Sunrise Estates, opposition - Ron & Robin Hruska
   2. Proposed Annexation of Sunrise Estates, opposition - Dan & Donna Howe
   3. Proposed Annexation of Sunrise Estates, opposition - Dennis Schuette
   4. Proposed Annexation of Sunrise Estates, opposition - Dan Hinnah

VIII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS
   See invitation list.

IX. ADJOURNMENT
Annual Report
Lincoln City Libraries
September 1, 2016 – August 31, 2017

Learning, Literacy and Literature remain the values at the core of Lincoln City Libraries.

The 2016-2017 reporting year saw continued progress in ongoing community campaigns that build up lifelong education and community success.

The library continues to take seriously its responsibility to prepare children for school. “Read Aloud 15 Minutes a Day” is a program to encourage parents of young children to read aloud to them 15 minutes a day, birth through age 8. Activities in support of “15 Minutes a Day” included seasonal promotions, collaborations with Head Start funded through Rotary 14, partnerships with medical homes funded through the Lincoln Community Foundation, and the first Prime Time Family Reading Time series for families with preschoolers, a project with Humanities Nebraska.

The library capitalizes on opportunities to work with partners. The Institute for Library and Museum Studies awarded the Lincoln Community Foundation a $150,000 Community Catalyst grant. The library is among the participating agencies in this “Lincoln Reads Aloud” project for the next two years, bringing together the forces of the Community Foundation, libraries, and museums.

The library partners with schools to support students’ academic success. The ConnectED program expanded to all locations of Lincoln Public Schools with the 2017-2018 school year. ConnectED accounts have been created for nearly all LPS students. The accounts allow checkout of up to five items with no overdue charges, access to most of the library’s electronic resources, and encouragement to use the library's stellar wireless Internet access.

The library continues to build its technology that serves customers. Capitalizing on the library’s connection to the City’s fiber network in 2016, the wireless network at Lincoln City Libraries was rebuilt and strengthened throughout the system.

The library is one of the few places that offer free Internet and computer access. A new collaboration with Prosper Lincoln places trained volunteers in libraries to assist customers using library computers and Internet access to apply for jobs.

The library invests in maintaining its strong reputation and serving the core of Lincoln well. Work continued on the Central Library project when Godfrey’s Associates, Inc. of Dallas was hired to create a Central Library Building Program. This document, still in draft form, describes the spaces, equipment, and furnishings required for a Central Library to provide 21st Century services to the City. The process included public input meetings, focus groups, interviews, and library staff consultation. Announcement of a Central Library site is expected in fall of 2017.

Libraries are seen as neighborhood assets. Several major projects addressed the ongoing needs of branch libraries. The parking lot of South Branch Library was rebuilt to address serious drainage issues. Anderson and Gere Branch Libraries were both re-roofed and re-carpeted during this year.

The library participates in distinctive community events. Through a grant from the American Library Association and support from the Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries, the library distributed over 2,000 pairs of eclipse viewing glasses in preparation for the total solar eclipse on August 21, 2016. Over a thousand people participated in eclipse-related events held at all libraries.

Lincoln’s libraries reflect trends seen throughout the country. Libraries are creating spaces that emphasize how people use libraries in many different ways. Less space is allocated for shelves of materials, and more space to tables, chairs, and collaborative spaces. Events from preschool storytimes to summer reading programs to the One Book - One Lincoln community reading program, draw people in to the library for experiences that emphasize learning in community.

The library’s strategic plan reflects the community’s interest in building on its success, ensuring that its children succeed in school and life, and addressing the needs of people struggling to make ends meet. Through Learning, Literacy, and Literature the libraries contribute to our community in all of these areas.
### HEADQUARTERS:

**Bennett Martin Public Library**
- 136 So. 14th Street
- Circulation: 646,505*
- Visits: 214,251
- **Public Service Hours Per Week:** 54
  - Monday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
  - Sunday 12 p.m. – 6 p.m.

### BRANCH LIBRARIES:

**Bess Dodson Walt Branch**
- 6701 So. 14th Street
- Circulation: 639,567
- Visits: 222,982
- **Public Service Hours Per Week:** 64
  - Monday – Thursday 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
  - Friday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
  - Sunday 12 p.m. – 8 p.m.

**Bethany Branch**
- 1810 No. Cotner Blvd.
- Circulation: 128,411
- Visits: 61,715
- **Public Service Hours Per Week:** 48
  - Monday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
  - Sunday Closed

**Charles H. Gere Branch**
- 2400 So. 56th Street
- Circulation: 880,184
- Visits: 303,202
- **Public Service Hours Per Week:** 64
  - Monday – Thursday 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
  - Friday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
  - Sunday 12 p.m. – 8 p.m.

**Dan A Williams Branch**
- 5000 Mike Scholl Street
- Circulation: 20,102
- Visits: 17,347
- **Public Service Hours Per Week:** 28
  - Monday – Thursday 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.
  - Friday 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.
  - Saturday – Sunday 1 p.m. – 6 p.m.

**Loren Corey Eiseley Branch**
- 1530 Superior Street
- Circulation: 395,673
- Visits: 198,912
- **Public Service Hours Per Week:** 64
  - Monday – Thursday 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
  - Friday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
  - Sunday 12 p.m. – 8 p.m.

**South Branch**
- 2675 South Street
- Circulation: 140,569
- Visits: 71,734
- **Public Service Hours Per Week:** 64
  - Monday – Thursday 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
  - Friday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
  - Sunday 12 p.m. – 8 p.m.

**Victor E. Anderson Branch**
- 3635 Touzalin Avenue
- Circulation: 215,757
- Visits: 118,703
- **Public Service Hours Per Week:** 64
  - Monday – Thursday 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
  - Friday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
  - Sunday 12 p.m. – 8 p.m.

**Bookmobile**
- Circulation: 27,670
- Visits: 8,207
- **Public Service Hours Per Week:** 20

*Includes InterLibrary Loan and electronic downloadable eBooks/audiobooks/video
LIBRARY MATERIAL HOLDINGS
(volumes)
Adult Print: 373,510
Adult NonPrint: 81,908
Youth Print: 302,708
Youth NonPrint: 34,093
Total Owned: 792,219

27,409 LPS students had ConnectED accounts with more being added every day.

LIBRARY SERVICES
Number of registered borrowers 278,394
Annual library visits 1,217,053
Annual reference transactions 267,111
Number of Public Internet computers 150
Internet Computer Reservations 212,468
Children's program attendance 119,458
Adult program attendance 3,545
Circulation of adult materials 1,636,818
Circulation of children's materials 1,463,620
Circulation total 3,100,438
Total lost materials 7,988
Materials loaned to other libraries 1784
Materials borrowed from other libraries 2282
Number of public access catalog computers 62
Total employees (FTEs) 105.54
Total number of volunteers 826
Number attending meetings/activities in meeting rooms 63,682

McPhee Elementary School Night
REVENUES:
Local Government Revenue: This includes all local government funds designated by the community and available for expenditure by the public library. Does not include the value of any contributed or in-kind services or the value of any gifts and donations, library fines, fees, or grants.
City of Lincoln: $8,236,093.56
Lancaster County: 776,770.00
Keno & Interest Earned: 678,399.90
Total Local Revenue: $9,691,263.46

State Revenue: These are funds distributed to public libraries by Nebraska state government for expenditure by the public libraries. This does not include federal money distributed by the state.
State Aid: $53,892.00
Other State Gov. Revenue: 45,592.00
Total State Government Revenue $99,484.00

Federal Government Revenue: This includes all federal government funds including federal money distributed by the Nebraska Library Commission as Library Improvement grants.
Total Federal Government Revenue $6,721.00

Other Revenue: This is all operating revenue other than that reported under local, state, and federal operating revenue including monetary gifts and donations received, interest, library fines, fees for library services, and grants. Does not include the value of any contributed or in-kind services or the value of any non-monetary gifts and donations.
Other Revenue $743,197.85
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE $10,640,666.31

TOTAL CAPITAL REVENUE: $192,200.00

EXPENDITURES:
Operating Expenditures are current and recurrent Costs necessary to support library services.
Salaries and Benefits: $6,883,627.14
Collection Materials: $1,653,953.10
Facility: $232,477.91
Utilities: $316,505.42
Office Supplies: $102,566.65
Postage: $19,846.77
Telephone: $61,013.91
Insurance: $58,474.20
Contracts for Services: $536,670.16
Computer Hardware & Software: $279,284.25
Electronic Access: $8,835.18
Continuing Education: $26,891.20
Miscellaneous: $191,939.85
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES: $10,372,085.74

TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES: $211,064.13

Pat Leach, Library Director
Lincoln City Libraries
Lincoln, Nebraska
October 30, 2017
Jon,

As owners of our home @ 8831 East Avon Lane for the past 24 years we oppose the annexation of Sunrise Estates Association. It is our understanding that as property owners we will be responsible for paying off a current bond for the Waverly school district and then if we are annexed; any future LPS bonds that pass we would be additionally paying for. If this is the case we feel this is unfair as property owners to have to pay for two bond issues at the same time.

Another major concern of ours is that there are no fire hydrants in our neighborhood. Even though LFR has reassured us that by daisy chaining the hoses there would be no problem in fighting a fire in our area. To accomplish this they would need at least three trucks to hook up hoses before even beginning to fight a fire at our house.

We feel we are getting nothing in return for the City gaining our tax base. We deserve to have the same services as other Lincoln residents & feel the City should install the fire hydrants or wait until a new fire station is built in our area before the annexation.

We respectfully request you to vote to delay this annexation of our area.

Thank you for your time and attention to our concerns.

Ron & Robin Hruska
Donna Howe  
1001 North 92nd Street  
Lincoln, NE 68505

October 31, 2017

City Council Members  
City County Building  
555 South 10th Street  
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear City Council Member:

Thank you for your consideration at last night’s city council meeting regarding annexation of our area to existing city limits. I appreciated the questions and the evident concern by the council members regarding the issues presented.

In regard to the stated driving force to the annexation presented by City Planning (whose argument I would represent as one requiring "equity"):

We chose to live outside city limits accepting both the limitations and benefits. Although I am a dentist, owning and operating a dental practice at 1217 N. Cotner Boulevard as well as owning the adjacent commercial property for 40 years, we paid city taxes and all other city fees without the benefit of electing the officials who established those expenses. I served the citizens of Lincoln to the best of my ability and am acknowledged enough in my profession to have spent several years sitting on the Lincoln Lancaster Board of Health as dentistry’s representative.

It felt truly like a slap in the face to have the fact that, as county residents, we don’t pay wheel tax be the issue that is pointed to as justification for changing our status from county resident to city resident. Many individuals in our area own businesses or property within Lincoln city limits. As was noted at the meeting, there is no question where city limits start after any snowstorm—OUR road is passable as Avon Lane until it reaches city limits. All other public services are at least equivalent, if not better, in our area now as compared with the other Lincoln city properties Dan and I lived in for 20 years before purchasing this property.

Whatever the outcome of this council action, I would request that someone who understands more about public/public servant interaction be assigned to work with the individuals who spent unlimited time presenting their case for annexation prior to the PUBLIC hearing for said case. Their demeanor was condescending and arrogant in virtually each case. While I respect Pat Borer’s position, I do not believe that he could not approximate the amount of time required to “daisy chain”. I respect the planners (considering their youth but do not respect their presentation, even though they at least were candid enough to acknowledge that the rush is to get the properties on the tax rolls for 2018. They weren’t smart enough to understand that tax incurred is an expense no matter what year it has to be paid in. The same with their attitude toward Assessment Districts—expense is the same no matter how many years it’s spread over.

Thank you again for your time.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Donna M. Howe, DDS
Dan Howe  
1001 North 92nd Street  
Lincoln, NE 68505

October 31, 2017  

Lincoln City Council  
City/County Building  
555 South 10th Street  
Lincoln, NE 68508

City Council Members:

I would like to comment regarding the supposed benefits from the availability of City water and sewer after annexation of AN17016:

We have excellent water and sewer facilities, and are not in need of redundant City services upon annexation. We purchased, permitted, installed and continue to maintain these systems at our own expense. I am secretary of Sunrise Estates, and am not aware of any homeowner in Sunrise Estates that needs City water or City sewer services.

My wife and I have two geothermal heating systems in our home. To operate these systems, we installed a second well to return water to the groundwater from which it came. Geothermal systems (and a second well) are significantly more expensive to install, but are ecologically ‘green’ and economical to operate – IF the system only moves water from one well to the other well. It defeats the ecological and economic benefit of owning a geothermal system to purchase City water only to then pay sewer fees to discharge clean water. Lincoln Wastewater System ordinances prevent non-contact cooling water from being discharged to City sewer, as it creates unnecessary wastewater volume for them to process. (Mr. Wellman has a similar geothermal heating system, also.)

Once annexed and the sewer main extends along my property, I will be required to hire a contractor to vacate my septic system, hire a contractor to trench and install 200‘ of sewer line, hire a contractor to change my interior plumbing to divert wastewater from an ecologically beneficial septic system to City sewer. Once I have paid a connection fee to the City, I can then pay for them to treat wastewater that I could otherwise treat myself.

City Planning has explained that once annexed, I can continue to have my two wells – I just will have to pay $130 each to have my wells inspected annually. Oh! Also there is annual inspection fee for the vacuum breaker inspection for my turf irrigation system.

Where are the annexation benefits?

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Dan Howe  
(402) 486-4531  
knowinghowe@gmail.com
ANNEXATION INEQUITY

INEQUITY IN STREET USE
The City Planning Department argues there is inequity in that we use City streets without paying wheel tax to maintain them. Home owners in AN10716 do use City streets, but:
1. The City uses our streets to access Waterford Estates, Holdrege, and 84th streets — without compensation to us.
2. City use of our streets is significantly increased after every snow and ice storm because our streets are safer due to county snow removal and sanding.
3. Gasoline stations, business owners and the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce want out-of-town residents to use City streets to access and support City businesses, and probably realize this is a major reason to have City streets.

INEQUITY IN BENEFITS
1. We purchased, permitted, installed & maintained our wells, pressure tanks and septic systems at our expense.
2. If City water and sewer pass by our property, we would be required to pay for redundant infrastructure.
3. We would be required to hire a contractor to vacate our septic systems, hire a contractor to divert our plumbing, hire a contractor to trench and install sewer lines to the mains, pay City connection fees and sewer usage fees.
4. All 29 residents in AN17016 have no need of redundant water & sewer services.
5. Mr. Wellman and I purchased and installed two wells to operate geothermal HVAC systems that cost significantly more to install and maintain than less ecological systems which require more electricity to operate.
6. City ordinances prohibit the discharge of clean, non-contact cooling water to City sewer.
7. The ecological and economic value of the larger infrastructure investment we made is lost if we connect to City water and annually pay two $130 well inspection fees.
8. Once annexed, we lose the benefit of school bussing and safety for our children.
9. Once annexed, we lose the benefit of excellent County snow removal services.
10. Once annexed, we lose the ability to manage our rural-in-character property, which is unique from the City, in that we have sufficient open space to safely burn dead trees and broken limbs without smoke adversely affecting our neighbors and without adding unnecessary volume to the City landfill.

INEQUITY IN TAXES
1. We pay property taxes to the Waverly school district. These are lower than City tax, but not significantly.
2. The tax we pay has a more significant affect on the Waverly school budget than on the LPS budget.
3. Many homeowners own business within City limits. They already pay commercial property tax to the City on businesses which serve the city citizen’s businesses and property needs.
4. We will be required to pay significantly higher taxes without benefits.

CITY PLANNING AND TRANSITION
1. City Planning has calculated the revenue gain from annexation, but has only calculated some of the cost.
2. City Planning did not include accurate cost for street lights, electricity, or infrastructure installation estimates.
3. City Planning did not plan how they could provide infrastructure, or plan when they could schedule infrastructure.
4. City Planning did not plan a method to equitably assess infrastructure costs to each annexed home owners. (They told us at in informational meetings that this would be accessed via street frontage. After the meeting when they were asked about the inequity of 300’X500’ frontage for corner lots, they responded that one method the City has used in the past is to assess all homeowners equally for the total cost of the project.)
5. City Planning did not include a compensation estimate for the rural fire district for the loss of annexed area.
6. Despite financial concern to annexed candidates, they made no effort to resolve and clarify assessment methods.
7. When legitimate issues were raised at the informational meetings regarding timely response to fires, they asked but did not obtain or require this information to be made available to bring closure to the legitimate issues raised.
8. The Planning Commission did not provide sufficient time for us to manage logistics of managing our property under annexation-imposed City limitations.
9. City Planning did plan to expedite meeting time schedules to meet tax revenue timelines.

FAIRNESS
1. City Planning characterized our area as “urban in character” to meet annexation requirements.
2. Sunrise Estates is very different from typical city properties in that our acreages have sufficient distance between properties to safely manage activities that are rural in nature. However, rules that appropriately apply to city properties will be applied to a community of 3-5 acre properties.
3. City Planning ‘Methodology’ requires “infrastructure that is in place or planned for the near future.” City sewer and water is not in place, and there is no plan to install infrastructure now or in the near term.
4. The requirement of urban in character can be applied to areas that are rural in character, if there are houses.
5. In the AN17016 study, the City is the only one with plans to develop our property.
6. Many in AN10716 own (or did own) businesses within the City limits – but we cannot vote on the City ordinances affecting those businesses, or for the elected officials proposing those rules, regulations and ordinances.

CITY ANNEXATION POLICY
The AN17016 study, meetings and hearings have been expedited to have it on the tax roll before the end of the year. It has become evident that the only planning that the City Planning Department conducted was to calculate the revenue that could be gained, and a quick estimate of street length multiplied by a street maintenance factor.

During the informational meetings, legitimate safety concerns were raised by the annexation candidates. During the City Planning Hearing, LF&R was asked for the time frame to connect 3 or 4 fire engines. They replied that they did not know the exact time. The same question was asked at the City Planning Hearing. No one was motivated to require LF&R to estimate the information or conduct a simple exercise to measure the requested information.

The distance to the closest fire stations was provided at both hearings. LF&R has conducted multiple travel time studies. LF&R told us that all the studies determined that the fire engines averaged 35 mph on city streets. It would seem straightforward to estimate the total travel time from each of the 3 closest fire stations.

LF&R has both the knowledge and experience to base an estimate of how long it takes for one fire engine to pull off its load of 5” hose. From experience, they should be capable of estimating how long it takes to fill that hose. If they truly do not have this information, it would be an appropriate training exercise for one fire engine to measure the time period to unload the entire 750’ of 5” hose and charge the hose to simulate one fire engine in a water relay. Multiplying that time period by 3 or 4 would result in an estimate for 3 or 4 engine water relays.

Annexation of areas without addressing legitimate safety concerns raised at hearings indicates the City policy is to raise revenue without concern to assess or improve safety for annexed home owners. Annexation of AN17016 results in higher taxes without benefits to home owners. All homeowners in AN17016 realize annexation will occur. We only ask City Council to delay annexation until Lincoln Fire & Rescue builds a new fire station near us and appropriately mans that station with emergency personnel.

[Signature]
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Mr. Camp,

RE: AN17016

I was impressed with City Council proceedings Monday night! It was my first exposure to City government, and it left a very positive impression. Thank you for your community service.

I also was impressed with the questions you asked Andrew regarding annexation candidacy. As you pointed out, if Lincoln continues to expand approximately one square mile per year, most areas will eventually become "contiguous".

The Supreme Court ruling that Andrew referenced regarding annexation policy classification of "urban in character" essentially applies to anyone living in a house. Was that your impression? Or did I not understand what Mr. Thierolf said?

-- Dan.
knowinghowe@gmail.com
From: dennis schuette <dlschuette@windstream.net>
Sent: Wednesday, November 01, 2017 11:20 AM
To: Angela M. Birkett; Cyndi Lamm; Jon Camp; Jane Raybould; Carl B. Eskridge; Leirion Gaylor Baird; Roy A. Christensen; Bennie R. Shobe
Cc: dennis schuette
Subject: Annexation #17016  area C

Lincoln City Council Members:

Thank you for listening to concerns of myself and others in the Sunrise Estates Community Association. As an acreage development we have different needs and concerns that others do not.

I believe we have proven that LFR (a very good fire dept) cannot service us and/or other developments like ours. I believe it would be in the best interest of everyone to wait until the North Firestaion is built and hopefully equipped with an engine that will carry enough water to at least control fires until water can be brought onsite either by tanker or relay. LFR and the city has been proactive in installing sensors on traffic signals, GPS systems and others for speeding up response times. These additions have helped greatly but the need for more stations and personnel is apparent. With Waterford, Leighton ST, Adams ST and other developments adding many houses before the new north fire station is built, it does seem irresponsible to add more by forced annexation. Planning has reported that they plan to propose other acreage developments for annexation but have not proven they can supply services.
Planning has said that acreage developments like ours need more time to prepare. Aug 1 to Oct 30 does not leave us adequate time as my previous letters have stated. We do have over 100 Pine trees needing removal in Sunrise Estates and with no burn permits this will be very expensive. The Assoc. needs time to plan for our outlot maintenance and care. We have not had the time to check how annexation would affect this and other requirements. I believe the timing of mid-school year is a great hardship for all the students (I have 3 students at home ages 17, 15 and 13) and families affected on such short notice.
Looking at the pro's and con's for us and the city it seems to be less service for not only us but others in the city. Ease of 911 operators, False. They will still need to pinpoint addresses to see if they need to call Southeast Rural and or LFR. This will waste even more tax dollars if both are called at the same time.
Street lights, now we pay repair and maintenance, annexed LES pays. Water and sewer, if we request and all hookup to sewer and most hook up to water the cost for the city to maintain hydrants and trunk lines will not be covered by 28 water bills.
I believe voting against annexation until the new firestaion is built will be a win win situation, will not spread the current LFR area any thinner (especially with all the new homes that will be added in this area in the next 2 years) and the homeowners and students in Sunrise Estates will have had ample time to prepare without the feeling of anxiety that many are feeling now.

Thank You
Dennis Schuette
9401 Avon Lane
Lincoln NE 68505
Thank you for patiently listening to the concerns of the residents of Sunrise Estate regarding Annexation Proposal No. 17016.

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Dan Hinnah
Thank you again for serving on the City Council and listening carefully to the many and varied concerns of your constituents. As I said in my testimony last Monday night, I don’t envy your jobs!

I have learned a lot about City government as we addressed the proposal to annex Sunrise Estates. It was a pretty big shock to learn financial impact on the City is not a factor in annexation proposals from the Planning Department.

I understand why Planning does not want to waste a lot of time and effort on engineering studies and detailed cost analysis for annexations. However, it seems unfair to ask the City Council to vote on any annexation without some indication of the financial impact on the City, of course meaning the current residents.

The premise that annexing acreages on the edge of the City will benefit the City financially by adding revenue without increasing expenses is unrealistic. Of course, if you ask each department head if adding another small group of houses on the edge of the city will increase their budget requirements next year, they will say no. But if you ask what about over 10 years, or if you add 10 similar parcels you will get different answers.

From my experience, a good way to evaluate any kind of expansion is to figure out what drives each department’s cost and apply that factor to the expansion. For example, if it costs X dollars per year to maintain a mile of residential streets, apply that same constant to the miles to be added. Some city services are driven by the number of residents, some by the number of homes, some by the area (number of blocks), some by the miles of streets. This method is not as accurate as a detailed cost estimate, but is certainly better than nothing! This approach could be used to evaluate the impact on city operating expenses, and could be useful in deciding whether a given annexation should be done as soon as possible or delayed as long as possible.

I am confident such an evaluation applied to Sunrise Estates will show the City, and current residents, are financially better off if this annexation is delayed as long as possible. Cities prefer high density development to low density acreages because you can’t collect enough tax from acreages to pay for the services.

But the best way to determine that is to do some simple math based on current departmental expenses projected to the additional 50 square blocks and 29 homes.

Dan Hinnah
402-440-3403 cell

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Dan Hinnah

<Annexation hearing notes.pages>
I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR’S CORRESPONDENCE

III. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1. Annexation Map - South 40th Street & Yankee Hill Road
2. Annexation Map - South 1st Street & West Denton Road
3. Annexation Map - South 84th & Pioneers Blvd.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT
1. Street & Alley Vacation No. 17009

IV. CONSTITUENT CORRESPONDENCE
1. Proposed Annexation No. 17016 Sunrise Estates, opposition - Janet Chung
2. Proposed Annexation, opposition - Gary Schneider
3. Proposed Annexation No. 17016 Sunrise Estates, opposition - Joyce Halvorsen
Annexation by Ordinance
S 40th St & Yankee Hill Rd
Effective: November 14, 2017
160.97 Acres
Annexation by Ordinance
S 1st St & W Denton Rd
Effective: November 14, 2017
31.73 Acres
Annexation by Ordinance
S 84th St & Pioneers Blvd
Effective: November 14, 2017
3.51 Acres
A request has been made to vacate two 10 foot strips adjacent to both West Grand and West Harvest Drives east of North 1st Street. The writer recently viewed both streets and notes both are internal streets to the Sandhills Publishing campus and that some construction is already occurring in the western portion of the interior lots in the areas to be vacated. According to Planning staff reports, both streets are wider than a typical street, and the street would be close to standard width with this reduction. This might not be an appropriate request if there wasn't one owner, and the fact that they are being used as internal streets for their campus. The applicant plans to use the vacated areas for construction of covered walkways over the sidewalk for use by their employees.

There are multiple utilities in the areas to be vacated that will need to be retained along with public access easements to ensure continued public access to the sidewalk. The property owner will be responsible for any disturbance to any of the utilities below or above ground during any of its construction activities.

The adjacent lots are currently zoned office and industrial but it appears the applicant is proposing an I-3 zoning for all lots. The writer estimates an appropriate land value for the parcels is $5 per square foot. These two long narrow strips aren't buildable on their own and have no other use or value to anyone other than an adjacent property owner. With the retention of the easements, unbuildable, and assemblage with adjacent property as it's only potential use or purpose, the estimated value for the vacated areas is 10% of fee value. The area to be vacated is then calculated as follows:

\[ 29,753.92 \text{ sf} \times 5.00 \times 10\% = 14,876.96, \text{ called } 14,880.00 \]

Therefore, if the area is to be vacated, it is recommended that the area be sold to the applicant for $14,880.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle R. Backemeyer
Real Estate & Relocation Assistance Agent
I realized that I may not have answered an important question with sufficient clarity so I am emailing you.

I apologize that I don’t remember the exact wording, but Cindy asked when our Association would be agreeable to annexation. I think I answered, when a fire station is built and adequately staffed to serve our neighborhood with the city of Lincoln. To clarify, our concern is not only for the location of the fire station, but also for the appropriate number of firefighters and the equipment needed to respond to fire and medical emergency calls. As I mentioned, we were surprised by the statistics in reports and articles showing the need for additional firefighters.

While an automatic mutual aid response sounds good in theory, how does that work if tax dollars currently being paid to Lancaster County for SE Fire operations, is paid to the City for LFR after annexation? Where does SE Fire get money to maintain and operate their facility and equipment? What happens when SE Fire is no longer able to provide LFR with mutual aid?

We respectfully ask that you delay annexation until the city has added emergency responders to address the city’s increased population, before adding more geography and people to serve through annexation.

Thank you for listening to our concerns.

Janet Chung
Sunrise Estates Community Association President
I see the mayor and you all are once again taking in housing areas because you need the money. How fair is that to those people because they do not have fire hydrants and as we all know you aren't going to put them in just like you did to the people of Sky Ranch Acres, and they still do not have fire hydrants. That winter their was a house fire out there, Lincoln fire could not handle it as usual, so they Southeast Rural Fire Dept. to put out the fire, and guess who they thanked. SERFD! And donated $1,000. Does Lincoln Fire have grass rigs, a 5,000 gallon tanker? Can Lincoln Fire fight grass fires? NO! You are taking away money from SERFD which is an old subject and vengeanceful. Why don' you add second flours to your 84th and Cotner & A?

Every one knows it is cheaper to remodel and build a second floor for living and cooking. Then you can add your engines, trucks, ambulances. Why are you all and the mayor being so greedy. The mayor needs to rein in his spending. Why are you not looking into that. How much debt has the city endured between him and Casaday? When you take in land and cannot cover it by LPD and Lincoln Fire and then turn around and say we can always call Southeast for help. I think a new contract needs to be signed with Southeast that replenishes their tax loss from your greed. Marlene King

Sent from my iPad
Mr. Camp, the article in Sunday's paper did not include the many times Lincoln Fire leaves Lincoln to go to Bennet, Waverly, Hickman, Hallem to transport patients. Sometimes EMS 1 even goes. I do not know what kind of a deal they made with these Volunteer Depts. Is that fair to the citizens of Lincoln. They go out of the county several times a day sometimes. I do not even see LPD, maybe once in 24 hrs. Marlene King

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Council Office - Feedback

Date: 11/6/2017 10:10:32 AM

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Comments: Dear City Council Member:

As a resident and owner of a home in Sunrise Estates, a proposed area under consideration for annexation, I would like you to be aware of the following concerns:

- There are many questions that the various city departments could not answer, gave vague responses to or were not addressed. These include:
  - The benefit to the city and/or the residents if annexation occurs.
  - What is School District 145’s response to the proposed annexation?
  - Since Southeast Fire District (SEFD) is all volunteer, what guarantee is there that they will not dissolve once this area is annexed or ask to be paid for their response?
  - Who will pay for the installation of fire hydrants?
  - How many fire hydrants are needed if annexed?
  - Is there a signed, automatic mutual aid agreement between SEFD and LFR?
  - Does LFR have plans to acquire one or more fire trucks that can carry more than 750 gallons of water?

- Sunrise Estates residents have been told repeatedly that annexation would not occur before 2020 and more likely before 2025. As recent as July 2017, this fact was stated by the Planning Department when inquiries were made. As a result, there is a lack of trust in what the City says or promises.

- The amount of tax dollars collected ($42,600) as a result of annexation will not cover the additional costs associated with annexation. These costs include street maintenance, snow removal, street lights and more. As stated at the Oct. 31, 2017 City Council meeting, you cannot add 50 square blocks and not expect to add additional costs to the budget.

- We feel it is unrealistic to say a fire station in this area could be built and staffed in the next two years, especially when land has yet to be purchased or even identified.

- Sunrise Estates residents will be subjected to double taxation as a result of annexation. We are currently paying on the School District 145 bond and will be taxed for any new LPS school construction. Four new elementary schools, two middle schools and one high school are all in the 10-year LPS plan. Estimated costs for the one high school is $80 million according to the Lincoln Journal Star (LJS).
· Fire hydrants and fire protection were misrepresented by Assistant Fire Chief Pat Borer. In 2013, a home at Sky Ranch Acres was a complete loss primarily due to lack of fire hydrants. City officials and Sky Ranch residents Ok’d annexation to Lincoln based on knowing residents would have to provide their own water until the two sides could figure out a way to extend the city’s water main about a half-mile. (Direct quote from LJS). Now four years later, there are still no hydrants in Sky Ranch Aces. If a fire were to happen today, the same problem would occur. In talking with Sky Ranch residents there has been minimal interaction with City officials as to solving this problem.

· The number of LFR and LPD responders has not increased in proportion to the growth of the City. It is a fact, LFR is stretched thin now and adding to the coverage area, let alone staffing a new fire station will add to the problem. Again, a workable plan needs to be identified before, not after annexation.

We can live with the original timeline of 2020-2025. However, we ask you please do not approve annexation until the cart can catch up to the horse! A cost analysis is needed as well as getting the basics in place.

Thank you,

Dave & Joyce Halvorsen
1440 Linwood Lane