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Hi,

I am a former tenant in the Public Market (founder and former owner of The Doughnut Hole) and just wanted to reach out to councilman Camp and see if I could provide any useful information in regards to this issue? He may have everything he needs but saw the hearing and thought if I could provide any further clarity on questions the council may have I would be happy to do so.

Thanks, Nate Gingery

Sent from Mail for Windows 10
Lin Quenzer, City of Lincoln Ombudsman
Chris Beutler, Mayor of Lincoln
Jon Camp, City Council
Leirion Gaylor Baird, City Council
Roy Christensen, City Council
Chad Blahak, City of Lincoln - Director Building and Safety
Michael Despain, Fire Chief
Pat Borer, Assistant Chief
Rick Valenta, Mar-Ma-Ra-Lo Heights Neighborhood President

Representatives of the City of Lincoln and Lincoln Fire & Rescue:

We are the owners of the property located at 4545 Mandarin Circle, Lincoln Nebraska, south of the future fire station near 84th and Pioneers. After attending many meetings over the last couple years with Pat Borer and other representatives from the City of Lincoln regarding the fire station and expressing our extensive concerns with light pollution, noise pollution and flooding issues, we were assured that these concerns would be unfounded. As you will see with the corresponding videos and pictures, the dirt work on the fire station has begun and so have the first of our problems with the flooding issues.

The fire station’s property is approximately 3 acres. The current grading on the property sends most if not all the excess water from 3 acres directly to the center and side yard of our backyard along the shared property line. There is little to no water being discharged from the property, except into our property. Each time it rains, our yard is filled with 3 acres of run-off from clay silt, dirt and thick, sludge water that is destroying our personal property. This would include, but is not limited to:

1. Retaining wall and drain tiles designed to properly drain and protect our house from any flooding. This cost was at least $15,000+ to have done and installed years ago and it has worked very well since it was installed. Now the clay silt is plugging our drain tiles and affecting the integrity of our retaining wall.
2. Back Patio – with the recent rains our patio has filled up with silt and clay and the water cannot drain like is has been able to in the past.
3. Basement / Crawl space flooding – the last rain stopped just an inch shy of where the water from the patio door could enter into our home. The water was up 3 inches on the door into our garage.
4. Grass – Thousands of dollars to fertilize, aerate, seed and spray our 1+ acres of grass to keep it healthy. The water from the fire station run off drained so much into our yards that it seemed to drown it for days. Eventually after the yard started to dry up each time, the ground was still thick and
sludgy with clay mud that is not usable, walkable and is suffocating our grass and making the space an area that no one can use.

5. Flower & Vegetable Gardens – Clay silt is now drowning the plants and burying our vegetable garden.

6. Dog Kennel and Chicken Coop – The flooding has washed out the fenced area we use for our dog and chickens. It has also deposited thick amounts of mud and clay as a layer on top of the soil. This makes the areas designated for our animals no longer usable or safe during a rain storm.

7. Debris – The run-off of clay silt and water from the 3 acres is pushing debris and mud into our property. The first rain after the grading was done on the fire station property, the silt screen fence broke and we spent hours cleaning up the clay, mud and debris in our yard and fixing the fence. We had to fix the fence ourselves because there had not been a response from Hausmann and there was rain predicted for the next day.

8. Our private water well – the run-off of clay water is getting very near our well and could easily rise to the level that will get into our well and contaminate our drinking water.

9. West Side yard – The clay depositing throughout our yard is causing flooding issues all the way into the drainage ditch along Mandarin Circle. With continued rains and clay runoff, the destruction of more yard, bushes and plant is a high potential as well.

Throughout the numerous neighborhood meetings, we were assured that during the process of building and operating the Fire Station that there would be no personal property damaged or affected as a result of the new station and we were assured they would not cause flooding for our property or neighborhood. We were told repeatedly that ALL drainage would be routed toward 84th Street. Even in the current grading drawings supplied to us by the representatives of the City and LFR, the grading is clearly aiming the water toward the southwest corner of the fire station property, which drains directly into the middle of our backyard property. This is an alarming concern to us, since the speed of the current run off and damage now is already so detrimental, how much worse will it be with 3 acres of water from pavement running into our property?

In the winters, when the parking lot and roads on the fire station property are being salted regularly, the run off from that salt will also come into our yard and has the potential to kill grass, plants, trees and most importantly, contaminate our private well that we use for drinking water.

The appearance of a band-aid to fix the problem with silt screen fence and large hay bags to try to move water flow is only a way to route the water east momentarily. But it all still ends up flowing around those barriers and ultimately directly into our yard. It is not a fix, only a few minute delay.

Attached are pictures and videos from rain storms in June and July 2018, as well as the now damaged and dying area of our backyard after the rain has dried up but the clay is left behind. Please click on this link to view through a google shared album: https://photos.app.goo.gl/tecuVwt89C1GFxaZ8

In conclusion, we should not bear the undue hardship, expense, burden and frustration of the problems that are directly a result of the grading design issues of the new fire station. We feel that this is an urgent matter and needs to be addressed and resolved quickly, before the next rain storms will cause further damage to our property and the good possibility that is will flood our home. We respectfully request a response and solution offered, as well as rectification plans, within 5 business days.
Respectfully,

Clint and Brooke Rossman
City Council - Contact

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comments: ALL: Sell Pershing Center, get it back on the tax rolls. We do not need a new library downtown. How can we afford a $43 million expense on the tax payers, when we have roads that are pathetic in our city. Those wanting a new library are totally mis-guided. If they want a new library, let them pay for it through donations.
Thank you Jon Camp for making the move to get rid of Pershing. Absolute waste of tax dollars sitting there doing nothing.
City Council - Contact

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My comments are in relation to Mr. Beutlers request for 3M from savings through the employees health insurance to pay for street maintenance.

#1. The two do not go hand in hand.
#2. No one can predict what next year’s health expenses will be. History will show that health costs go up every year, never down.
#3. Save the money to fund the years the costs go up.
#5. Use it to offer retirees the option for health insurance after retirement, until they can carry Medicare.

My suggestions to pay for the street maintenance:
#1. The city needs to start enforcing their own rules:
    When you live in Lincoln, send your kids to our schools, your vehicles should be licensed in Lincoln. No where else. These people need to be paying the same wheel tax I pay. And a fine for every month over the 30 days you drove here for free.
    Parking on front lawns, one warning and ticket them $100, if the officer has to come back. Not only will we earn money for the roads, but we will make Lincoln beautiful again! Most of you have to drive 9th and 10th street to get from home to work. Junked cars and cars on the lawns!
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Again, we are helping to make Lincoln beautiful again. NEVER should a parking enforcement officer drive past a junked vehicle or a vehicle parked on the front yard. Ever. (Hence their job title)
Car lots that have nothing but too many junked vehicles on their lot, service stations that have junked cars sitting around. (27th and A)., make them pay a price for the junk that they carry. $25 a car for every month a vehicle sits there after the 30th day it comes on the lot (Driving Cornhusker Hwy, you will see nothing but $$ signs!)
Take back the raises the mayor gave without your knowledge, or lower his. Do not give another 3% to his comrades How did he get away with that?
And what exactly does Mr Cassidy do to earn $172,000 a year? Honestly? What? That payroll can put a few more officers on our streets. Lord knows we need them!
We need to start enforcing our own rules, by doing so, we can find money. This mayor needs a hard line budget and follow it. Like everyone I talk to, we. are tired of all the spending and high taxes!

Thank you for your time.
Dear Councilman Camp,

Recently I read the Journal Star articles written by Nancy Hicks and saw that you expressed concerns about future improvements and a cost reduction in LED lights. I'm not sure the cost of the LEDs will decrease a great deal but I can assure you there's other technologies that should be explored before the city begins down the road of LED installations.

Three weeks ago during the American Public Power Association, APPA, conference held this year in New Orleans I had the opportunity to visit with an executive from LES. APPA is the organization that represents all the Municipally Owned Utilities, MOUs, in the US and US territories. The executive told me only 18,000 streetlights will be installed in year one, not 27,000. What that means is this conversion will quickly turn into a 2 and maybe a 3 year project. Very seldom do things happen the way people think.

There's so much to share with regards to how I believe the city should proceed. The reality is the city would be wise to put the brakes on this program until more information is provided. For example, why is the city not considering installing controls/nodes on every new LED. It's hard to imagine the city would spend this much money and not have total visibility and management of these assets.

Currently our company has installed 300,000 controls/nodes on the Georgia Power streetlights, covering 50,000 square miles, and we're less than 50% complete with their transition. Why is Georgia Power doing this? Because they want to do everything possible to reduce maintenance costs and have total visibility of every streetlight. It would seem LES and city of Lincoln would want to posses those same capabilities while looking to the future of Smart City technologies as well.

Thank you for taking time to read my email and I hope we can discuss this further in the very near future.

Regards,

Mark Witt
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Mark:

Thank you for your comments. One of my concerns regarding total conversion at one time is the technological changes appearing every day. I just returned from China and amazed at its infrastructure and areas starting to utilize solar power for street lights.

Control devices are another concept that can lead to the effective conversion to LEDs. Adds expense, yes, but in the long run may offer other savings in maintenance.

Best regards,
Jon

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Dear Council members

I know you will hear comments on proposed water/sewer rate increases. Remember, those rates sustain our water availability and maintenance for something that is out of sight and out of mind but has to be taken care of for good water when you turn on the tap. If I remember right, we need to replace at least five miles of main a year, just to stay even. I believe the new budget is proposing seven miles a year. YES, keep it up and stay on top of taking care of what we have.

Sincerely
Mike DeKalb
A couple items of interest for us are: the salary increases seem excessive to us - 3 to 8 % or more - senior citizens have never received such a medicare increase. 
An increase of sales tax for road/street projects: We have paid wheel tax since its beginning and it is hard to find times when any streets in our area have been rehaged. Now there is work being done on North 56th street and wonder when South 56th will have work - SO 56 just south of 56th has been bad for a long time - 56th and Van Dorn has also been bad for a long time. We understand money has just been found and will be used for streets and would like to see this and others used for existing streets. We feel if a sales tax is increased, it will be used for existing streets and not new construction. Clarice Bailey
Hello,

I am writing because of an incident that occurred today near the Children's Zoo. A gun was found by a child in a backpack that was left near the zoo. Currently, there is little that can be done to hold the gun owner responsible despite the fact that they put many children and families in danger by recklessly bringing a gun with them to the work site in the first place and further by not storing it and keeping it on them responsibly.

This is also very close to my apartment. Along with the zoo, there are neighborhoods with young children, a group home for disabled people, a grocery store, and a couple of parks. Children at all of these places are endangered because of the irresponsible actions of this person.

Lincoln needs a safe storage ordinance. Far too often in Lincoln incidents similar to this one happen. It is incredibly common for guns to be stolen out of vehicles and left in places where children can get them. We need a way to make sure that these irresponsible gun owners are being held accountable for the potential danger they are putting our community in.

Best,

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Dear Lincoln City Council Members:

Today the Lincoln Journal Star reported that a construction worker left a handgun unattended near the children's zoo, where it was discovered by children. This is not just an unfortunate accident, this is sheer negligence. And it is just one of the many reasons our city needs an ordinance requiring gun owners to safely store their firearms. Safe storage reduces accidents, suicides, homicides, and theft.

This is no longer something we should just talk about, it is time to act. There have been enough "accidents"!!

-Brande' Payne
Hello,
I am sure you have seen today's news that firearm was found by children in a backpack negligently left at the city's asphalt resurfacing project near 27th and A streets. As you know, this is very near a bike path, the Lincoln Children's Zoo, and many other locations frequented by unsuspecting members of the general public.

Thankfully, this incident ended without tragedy. The results could have been much different.

Incidents like these are just one of many reasons Lincoln needs a safe storage ordinance for firearms. Ordinances like these cut down on accidents, theft, and suicide and give law enforcement one more tool to help keep people safe from irresponsible gun owners. Safe storage ordinances do nothing to infringe upon the rights of responsible gun owners, who already keep their firearms locked and unloaded.

This is just one recent incident. It seems not a day goes by where it isn't reported that a firearm has been stolen from a vehicle or was accidentally fired by a child.

It's time to hold all gun owners to a basic standard of responsibility in our city.

Thank you,
Emily Killham
Dear City Council Members,

I was horrified to read about the gun found in a backpack outside of the Children's Zoo on Tuesday. My 7 year old child attends summer zoo camp and considers the zoo and surrounding city property to be like her "second home."

Fortunately nobody was hurt in this incident. I hope that the gun owner will be fined and have his gun taken away from him. Guns owned by irresponsible owners are involved in many acts of violence against innocent citizens every day in the USA. I love the city of Lincoln and I support the right of citizens to own firearms, but I feel like some gun owners are simply too irresponsible. A city wide safe storage ordinance would be a step in the right direction to encourage gun owners to not leave their guns where they are accessible to children. Additionally, proper storage of guns would prevent theft of guns from personal property.

Please consider establishing a city wide safe storage ordinance.

Thank you,

A concerned mother and voter in Lincoln,

Tina Koeppe
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Earlier this year, a gun was reportedly brought to Moore Middle School where my son is a student. The student who brought the weapon left school before the authorities could find him. Safe Storage Ordinances would help prevent these acts as well and make parents responsible for their guns and their children’s ability to access their guns.

Safe storage reduces accidents, suicide, homicide, and theft. Safe storage ordinances ensure this activity is illegal and criminal and does not affect reasonable and responsible gun ownership. It is a common sense step to protect Lincoln.

Thank you,

Megan Ockander

When you satisfy the needs of the oppressed, your night will become like the noonday. Isaiah 58:10
Dear Councilmembers,

This week, a construction worker left a handgun unattended on a bike path next to the children’s zoo where it was discovered by children.

This construction worker will likely face no consequences for this egregious negligence.

We need a safe gun storage ordinance in Lincoln. When this comes up in the near future, please support it.

Kind regards,

Kim Tedrow
Woods Park Neighborhood
Dear City Council Members,

It's long past time to have a safe storage ordinance in our city. We need to start prosecuting irresponsible gun owners who put children at risk. Enough is enough. Please support a safe gun storage law.

Thank you,
Gina Frank
Lincoln Resident