IN LIEU OF
DIRECTORS’ MEETING
Monday, December 17, 2018

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III MEETINGS/INVITATIONS
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IV. ADJOURNMENT
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Library
DATE: 12/05/18

NEED
The Library is proposing the creation of a 40 hours/week Public Information Specialist I by deleting 33 budgeted vacant hours/week of Library Service Associate time and 7 budgeted vacant hours/week of Entry Level Worker time. The net change in FTEs is zero and there is no increase in salary and benefit costs.

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DIRECTOR
DATE 12-12-18
WHEN TO USE FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

HOW TO USE FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SOURCE OF REVENUES: This box should contain the name of the fund the action is required for.
Annexation by Ordinance
N 56th St & Fletcher Ave
Effective: December 18, 2018

Area of Annexation
City Limits Before Annexation

0 550 1,100 2,200 Feet

Note: This map is for illustrative purposes only and may not reflect the exact boundaries of the annexed area.
December 17, 2018

Bennie Shobe, Chair
Jon Camp
Roy Christensen
Carl Eskridge
Leirion Gaylor Baird
Cyndi Lamm
Jane Raybould

Lincoln City Council
555 South 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

RE: Downtown Master Plan

Dear City Council Members:

The Downtown Lincoln Association (DLA) would like to offer its enthusiastic support for the 2018 Downtown Master Plan.

DLA warmly welcomed the opportunity to partner with City to create a new plan for Downtown Lincoln’s future. We would like to thank the City and consulting team for the transparency of the planning process and your conscientious communication with the DLA Board.

DLA has held nine monthly board meetings since the planning process started in January, which all included focused discussion on the Downtown Master Plan. In addition, presentations and focused work sessions at five of those meetings were conducted by the consultants and City staff. DLA was also involved in the four Open House work sessions, five Working Groups and the online survey, which gathered input from over 1,700 members of our community.

As a financial partner in the commissioning of the plan, we believe the plan provides a workable and successful vision for the future of our Downtown. The themes and priorities obtained from outreach form the basis for the Downtown Master Plan and provide a clear vision for the area’s future. These common themes include:

• Vibrant, Livable, Kid Friendly
• Wider range of housing options
• More greenspace: shaded, seating, accessible
• Revitalize O Street
• Designate an area for music and art
• Activate Pershing site
• Diversity of businesses

These priorities clearly align with multiple aspects of DLA’s 2020 Strategic Plan, and provide thoughtful direction for DLA’s board and staff.

DLA is excited to build on 13 years of successful growth since the last Master Plan was conducted. Once completed, this plan will continue Downtown’s positive momentum, allowing Lincoln to carve out its niche as the “Center of Opportunity”.

The Board of Directors of the Downtown Lincoln Association voted in approval to endorse the 2018 Downtown Master Plan our November 27, 2018 meeting, and respectfully urges you to approve the plan.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and for your continued support of Downtown Lincoln.

Sincerely,

Terry Uland, President
Downtown Lincoln Association

John Kay, Chair
Downtown Lincoln Association

c: Chris Beutler, Mayor, City of Lincoln
Dave Landis, Director, Urban Development Department
David Cary, Director, Planning Department
November 29, 2018

Members of the City Council;

I am writing this letter in support of the proposed Downtown Master Plan for the City of Lincoln.

The year-long process, initiated by the City in cooperation and consultation with the Downtown Lincoln Association, has produced an excellent road map for the future development of our downtown. The overall goal of this progressive plan is to enhance our downtown, creating a livable and inviting environment for our citizens and visitors.

This open process included numerous opportunities for input not only from stakeholders and specific interest groups but from the public as well. Public involvement in the process is crucial to develop a broadly supported plan that addresses all areas of interest and concern.

The Master Plan outlines several catalyst projects and ideas that will spur even further development and interest in our downtown. I support the catalyst projects especially re-purposing the Pershing and Federal Garage blocks. That specific project will encourage redevelopment in the immediate vicinity and improve connectivity to the Telegraph District.

I strongly support preservation of all commuter corridors into and out of downtown. However, I believe that with additional work and study the Master Plan Connectivity goals can be met with selective conversion of some streets from one-way to two-way. With the technical expertise of the Public Works Department and the careful guidance of the Planning Department, I expect they will propose implementation of this idea for only those streets that truly benefit the city.

Speedway Properties looks forward to being an active partner in the realization of the opportunities made available by this proposed Master Plan. We are ready to get to work!

I whole heartedly support the Master Plan and ask that you also support it with your vote.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Clay F. Smith,
General Partner
Speedway Properties
The purpose of this memo is to update the City Council on proposed text changes to the 2018 Downtown Lincoln Master Plan. This item will be on the City Council agenda for a public hearing on Monday, December 17th.

City staff have been meeting with Lied Center staff to discuss the concept of a Cultural District. Text describing the Cultural District is already included in the plan, but more recent conversations have modified the text. The proposed changes are below.

Arts & Culture Opportunity, P. 97
Lincoln already has an impressive collection of arts and cultural institutions that add to its authenticity and distinctiveness as a destination. The University of Nebraska has multiple arts and cultural institutions on campus including the Sheldon Museum of Art, Lied Center, Great Plains Art Museum, and other facilities. Downtown also has a wide variety of art galleries and smaller performance venues. Designating a geographic area as a Cultural District would further recognize and promote the concentration of cultural facilities, activities, and assets. The Cultural District in Pittsburgh, PA may serve as a good example for a similar district in Downtown Lincoln. Since many cultural institutions in Downtown are on the University of Nebraska campus, further development of a Cultural District should be coordinated with the future UNL Master Plan. Important connections should be made between the Cultural District and Downtown Lincoln, such as integrating the proposed L.I.N.C. multiuse path.

Strategies and Action Items, P. 98
Move this item from Mid-Term to Short-Term and include text changes:
4. 5. Work with existing University and Downtown arts and cultural institutions to identify a champion to coordinate development of a Cultural District. with University and
Downtown arts and cultural institutions. Development of a Cultural District. This should be included developed as an element of the future UNL Master Plan.

Please contact Paul Barnes with any questions at pbarnes@lincoln.ne.gov or 402-441-6372.
Memorandum

Date: December 11, 2018
To: City Clerk
From: Amy Huffman, Planning Dept.
Re: Administrative Approvals
cc: Planning Commission
    Geri Rorabaugh, Planning Dept.

This is a list of the administrative approvals by the Planning Director from December 4, 2018 through December 10, 2018:

Administrative Amendment 18047, to Change of Zone 05068E, The Woodlands at Yankee Hill PUD, approved by the Planning Director on December 4, 2018, to update the legal description, show a single-family dwelling lot layout, to revise grading and drainage plan, to increase the number of dwelling units to 1,280, to realign Nicole Lane, to increase commercial floor area by 27,500 square feet, to show a 48-unit apartment building and 5-unit townhouse structure, and to revise lot layouts, generally located at S. 70th Street and Yankee Hill Road.
**ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION**

NOTICE: The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 12, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 112 on the first floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th 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, DECEMBER 12, 2018

[Commissioner Joy absent]

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held November 28, 2018. **APPROVED:** 8-0; (Joy absent)**

1. CONSENT AGENDA: None.

2. REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL:

   SPECIAL PERMIT:

   2.1 Special Permit 18045, to allow for a County AG (Agricultural District) CUP (Community Unit Plan), consisting of 148.49 acres, more or less, for 9 single family acreage lots on property generally located at North 14th Street and Rock Creek Road.
   Staff recommendation:
   Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 402-441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov
   Planning Commission granted the request on behalf of the applicant to place this application on pending; had public hearing.

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: None.

4. PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:
5. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:

SPECIAL PERMIT:

5.1 Special Permit 16004A, for the renewal of a special permit for a soil mining operation, on property generally located at South 68th Street and Saltillo Road.

*** FINAL ACTION ***

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 402-441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission ‘final action’: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL: 8-0 (Joy absent), as set forth in the conditions of the staff report dated November 9, 2018. Resolution No. PC-01624.

TEXT AMENDMENT:

5.2 Text Amendment No. 18014, amending Lincoln Municipal Code Sections 27.60.060, 27.63.030, 27.64.010, Figure 27.67.020 – Parking Matrix, 27.67.030, 27.67.040, add a new Section 27.67.045, and 27.67.065, to revise parking requirements; and repealing Sections 27.60.060, 27.63.030, 27.64.010, 27.67.030, 27.67.040, 27.67.065, and Figure 27.67.020 – Parking Matrix of the Lincoln Municipal Code as hitherto existing; also amending Title 3 Design Standards for Zoning Regulations by amending Chapter 3.45, Section 3 and Section 3.7, Chapter 3.50, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6, 7.7, 7.8, 7.9, 7.10, 7.11, Chapter 3.76 Section 4.1, and Chapter 3.77 Section 4.3 to revise the Design Standards for Screening and Landscaping and related changes to other Design Standards chapters; and repealing Chapter 3.45, Section 3 and Section 3.7, Chapter 3.50, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6, 7.7, 7.8, 7.9, 7.10, 7.11, Chapter 3.76 Section 4.1, and Chapter 3.77 Section 4.3 as hitherto existing.

Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Rachel Jones, 402-441-7603, rjones@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL: 7-1, (Beckius dissenting, Joy absent), as set forth in the amended proposed revisions to the Design Standards for Screening and Landscaping, as referenced in the staff report dated November 6, 2018, as offered by staff and further amended by the Planning Commission. Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for Monday, January 14, 2019, 3:00 p.m.

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

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Adjournment: 3:13 p.m.

PENDING LIST: Annexation No. 18003, to annex approximately 24.1 acres, more or less, on property generally located at 7420 Yankee Hill Road.
Change of Zone No. 18015, from AGR (Agricultural Residential District) to R-3 (Residential District), on property generally located at 7420 Yankee Hill Road.

Special Permit No. 18022, for a 55 lot CUP (Community Unit Plan), with waivers to allow sanitary sewer to flow opposite street grades, block length, pedestrian easements, lot lines radial to streets, 2 to 1 side slope for detention embankments, and sidewalks along one side of a street, on property generally located at 7420 Yankee Hill Road. **FINAL ACTION**
TO: Mayor Chris Beutler  
Lincoln City Council  

FROM: Geri Rorabaugh, Planning  

DATE: December 13, 2018  

RE: Notice of final action by Planning Commission: December 12, 2018  

Please be advised that on December 12, 2018, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission adopted the following resolutions:

Resolution No. PC-01624, approving SPECIAL PERMIT 16004A, allow for the renewal of a special permit for a soil mining operation, on property legally described as Lots 23 and 25, and the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4, located in the NE 1/4 of Section 4-8-7, Lancaster County, Nebraska, generally located at South 68th Street and Saltillo Road.

The Planning Commission action on these applications is final, unless appealed to the City Council by filing a notice of appeal with the Planning Department within 14 days of the action by the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission Resolution may be accessed on the internet at www.lincoln.ne.gov (Keyword = PATS). Use the “Search Selection” screen and search by application number (i.e. SP16004A). The Resolution and Planning Department staff report are in the “Related Documents” under the application number.
Beer-drinking axe throwers? Great idea! Let's also find a way to ensure that Lincoln neuro-surgeons, window washers, and fire fighters have easy access to beer. Please can this request.
Hello City Council Members,

I am writing today to once again encourage you to take action on a safe gun storage ordinance. Again today there was an article in the paper about a careless gun owner keeping their firearm in their unlocked vehicle. Again someone entered that vehicle and stole the firearm. Again, the irresponsible gun owner will not be held accountable for their actions. I would implore you all to take life saving steps toward a common sense gun control ordinance. I have included the article below.

https://www.1011now.com/content/news/Gun-stolen-out-of-unlocked-vehicle--502467081.html?fbclid=IwAR0YnYkutfLayrckgJQuAXr9_TUszcn1L1SOoT4sFEVqykMd2oab9IcJqXs

Best,

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Sydney Butler
Pronouns: she/her/hers
P: 402.450.1085
Dear Members of the City Council and Planning Commission,

I am very opposed to the Downtown Master Plan. The Plan is bicycle-focused and is extremely expensive to implement. As a taxpayer and citizen of Lincoln, I simply need vehicle-accessible and well-maintained streets downtown and throughout the city, and plenty of parking. We already have a wonderful system of trails and bike-friendly sidewalks throughout the city, I don't think we need to put bike lanes in all the streets, too. Not that many people ride bikes, except for recreation. I believe the majority of local tax-paying citizens would agree with me.

Our Mayor seems to have a great desire to construct "a vital and vibrant downtown" at great cost to the rest of us. I am also concerned that the Planning Commission, appointed by the Mayor not elected, appears to be his rubber stamp, giving unanimous approval to the Master Plan. I believe the Planning Commission ought to be a more independent body, if we must have one. I also believe the elected City Council should be making these decisions, not the Mayor's appointees. In fact, this is such a massive and expensive plan that we should let the people of Lincoln vote on whether or not to adopt it, since we are the ones who will bear the expense of it for the next two decades.

We are supposed to have government of, by and for the People, so I think the People need to have a voice in this decision. They already let it be known the Mayor is not to be re-elected for a fourth term, and I don't think
we should let him saddle us with a twenty year pet project (a monument to himself?) before his term concludes.
Respectfully,
Nancy Carr

Cell: 402-304-2769
6900 Ash Hollow Lane
Lincoln, NE 68516
I completely support you all on the "ax-throwing". Frankly I think that the "bar" should be a juice bar and no liquor. We could question the impact on the community of an ax throwing event by those under the influence, but as Mr. Sasse has said on Twitter - hopefully sarcastically - it's a free country. I support you on the 2 drink minimum.
For the record we are bicyclists but we are opposed to the Downtown Master Plan. Lincoln already has good trails and bike routes so we don't need more lanes in our streets. The mayor's twenty year project is far too expensive and we believe the people of Lincoln should vote on a project like this, or at least the City Council should and not a rubber stamp approval by the City Planning Council. Yes, we can have a vibrant downtown without the expensive and little used bike lanes. Repairing or replacing city streets and filling pot holes would be a much greater help to both bicyclists and vehicle drivers.

Gary Gutgesell
Faye Gutgesell
7154 Culwells Ct.
Lincoln, NE 68516
Dear Council members,
I believe a vibrant and thriving downtown is important to Lincoln. I believe the Downtown Master Plan will not accomplish that and ultimately hurt Lincoln.

The Master Plan focuses too much on bicycles. While some enjoy using them, the numbers are low. Even if they double it will not warrant what this Master Plan does. Many bicyclists I know now avoid the current bike lanes downtown because they are not safe. In the end cars are still the major way to a vibrant downtown. Good flow for motor vehicles should be the priority. This plan does not do that and harms the traffic flow of cars in favor of bikes.

Wheel taxes are not paid by bikes, but by cars, yet the bikes get the benefit. Bikes do not get tickets (even though most of them violate laws regularly). More bike lanes will steal money from cars and allow more laws to be broken by bikes without any fear of recourse.

Please do not try to force Downtown into a bike wonderland. The vast majority use cars and making downtown friendly to car traffic is the best way to keep downtown growing and vibrant.

Thank you,
Lee
City Council - Contact

Date: 12/12/2018 9:25:00 PM

- **name**: S. Wayne Smith
- **address**: 6345 S 35th Ct
- **city**: Lincoln
- **state**: NE
- **zip**: 68516
- **email**: swaynes1@windstream.net

**comments**: I oppose the Downtown Master Plan. There is too much emphasis on bicycle paths at the expense of good streets.
City Council and Planning Commission:

Please accept my input regarding the Downtown Master Plan.

I am opposed to this Plan and its bicycle focused agenda.

The cost is exorbitant and difficult to embrace as roadways, designed to be used by vehicles, are left in disrepair as well as being made less accessible as space is taken to facilitate bicycle traffic.

I have no quarrel with the bicyclists in general . . I don't appreciate the very few that flip me off for sharing THEIR roadways with my vehicle.

If this issue is of as great importance as we have been led to believe, it ought to be placed on the ballot so the citizens of this community have a chance to voice their support or lack thereof.

Thanks for your service to OUR city!

Respectfully,

Tom Nebelsick
Before the Council votes to squander tax payer dollars on more bike lanes downtown (under this proposed Master Plan), I would like to see some simple math (not some expensive study mind you) which compares:

a.) the cost of these bike lanes divided by the number of bicyclists per day using them

VERSUS

b.) The cost of the adjoining street traffic used by automobiles divided by the number of motorists per day using them

I already know there will be a staggering difference in cost benefits of b.) much much less than a.)

I would then propose the City Council NOT vote for any more bike paths, bike lanes, bike routes etc. until they find a way to reduce the cost of a.) street cost per bicyclists to a level of b.) the efficiency of motorists street cost per motorist. (Which I predict they will NOT be able to do).

If the City Council members would look at this issue objectively and pragmatically, the wasteful spending of the Mayor’s bike plan will be terminated as it should be.

The second point I want to make is that I nor the secretary of the mayor’s staff (whom I called today) are not aware of the mayor ever riding his bicycle to work. While the mayor’s riding his bicycle to work, would not overcome my first objections of cost efficiency, it would seem the mayor NOT or NEVER riding his bike to work is at best hypocritical. If our own mayor, touting the benefits of the bike lanes (and I might add any of the members of the City Council), are not willing to ride their bikes, why should anyone take this so called “Master Plan” seriously except that it risks saddling the already over taxed citizens with more taxes?

Lee Todd (resident of LNK)
Cell: 402-499-9000
Fax: 402-477-8887
Email: gousa@windstream.net
These are my comments in opposition to the mayor's Downtown Master Plan. There will be a public hearing on December 17th at 5:30 p.m. If you are opposed, as I am, you can send your email to: councilpacket@lincoln.ne.gov and it will be forwarded to the council and be officially recorded as an opposition just as thought you were at the hearing. Important: your emails need to be sent by tomorrow (Thursday 13th) afternoon in order for the council to receive them. Your comments can be short. They just need to know that we, the people, the taxpayers oppose this plan.

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Respectfully,
Nancy Carr

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Dear Council

My name is Caleb Marcoux and I am currently a student at UNL. Although I do not own a vehicle and transport myself everywhere by long-board, I am opposed to adding more bike lanes downtown. The area's automobile traffic is already too congested to support the extra congestion of bikes on the roads. Many people who come downtown are coming from distances too far to practically support biking, and must instead drive to a parking garage. They then walk to their destination, as strapping a bike to their car is too impractical. The sidewalks are already far sufficient to support the pedestrian traffic. Furthermore, this plan would require copious amounts of time, effort, and money. In my opinion, it is not worth the expense.

Thank you for your consideration,

Caleb Marcoux
Please find attached letter of support for the 2018 Downtown Lincoln Master Plan.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jeff Cunningham,
Executive Director

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@HaymarketLNK | lincolnhaymarket.org
Lincoln City Council  
555 S 10th St, Rm 111  
Lincoln, NE 68508

RE: 2018 Downtown Lincoln Master Plan

Dear Lincoln City Council Chair, Bennie Shobe:

The Lincoln Haymarket Development Corporation wishes to express its support for the adoption of the 2018 Downtown Lincoln Master Plan, as a subarea plan to the Lincoln Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan.

We greatly appreciated the extensive effort by the City Planning Department to include members of the Haymarket Board as part of the committees used to develop this plan. The strategies and recommendations for supporting Downtown as the City’s heart of the community, a growing neighborhood center, and core entertainment and commercial district will strengthen Haymarket over the coming years.

The Plan will improve Haymarket’s connectivity to the core of Downtown by creating more walkable connections across 9th and 10th Streets. By reducing crossing distances and adding two-way streets that blend with Haymarket’s two-way street system, we will see more compatibility and fewer barriers to pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular traffic.

Creating a new West Haymarket Urban Park will encourage additional residential redevelopment in Haymarket, including South Haymarket. Those that live in Haymarket will be able to enjoy the same green amenities that those in the Antelope Valley area enjoy. And, completing the trail connection will help our residents get around without relying so heavily on cars.

As the owner of two of the original affordable housing redevelopment projects in Haymarket, the Haymarket Development Corporation also appreciates the efforts to identify a range of housing options desired in the Downtown area. LHDC would like to continue to partner with the City in providing new affordable housing options.

Thank you for your consideration of Haymarket in the adoption of this Plan.

Sincerely,

Adam Petersen  
President  
Lincoln Haymarket Development Corporation  
335 N 8th Street, Suite B  
Lincoln, NE 68508