DIRECTORS’ ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
Monday, March 4, 2019
555 S. 10TH STREET
BILL LUXFORD STUDIO

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IX. ADJOURNMENT
Memorandum

Date: February 12, 2019
To: City Clerk
From: Amy Huffman, Planning Dept.
Re: Administrative Approvals
cc: Geri Rorabaugh, Planning Dept.

This is a list of county administrative approvals by the Planning Director from February 19, 2019 through February 25, 2019:

Administrative Amendment 18071, to Final Plat 18078, Wilderness Heights 2nd Addition, approved by the Planning Director on February 19, 2019, for the Acceptance of Affidavit to correct typographical errors on the final plat, generally located at S. 40th Street and Yankee Hill Road.
February 25, 2019

Lincoln City Council
Lincoln, NE 68508

Members of the Lincoln City Council:

This is to express the support of the Forest Lake Estates Homeowners Association for the proposed inclusion of the 2019 Stormwater Bond issue on the April, 2019 primary ballot.

Funds raised pursuant to the proposed bond issue will directly benefit the 68 residences that comprise our association in addition to other residences along the tributary that drains portions of southeast Lincoln into Holmes Lake. Drainage problems have developed in this area over the past few years.

Our association has enjoyed the support of the Public Works Department in its effort to seek solutions to the drainage problem. We wish to thank the department, and especially Ben Higgins of Watershed Management for his dedication and cooperation in pursuing a solution to this drainage problem.

Thank you for your support.

Respectfully,

Roger W. Hirsch
President, FLEHA
Councilman Camp,
I feel left out when it comes to snow removal. I have lived at 5431 Otoe St for 40 years. Guess my taxes don’t count to have our street made safe. No snow has been removed that I can tell between S 56th St and S 53rd St. I am totally disappointed.

Richard D Johnson

Sent from my iPhone
Greetings Robert – thank you for reaching out to the City regarding your concerns. As you can probably imagine, the level of service for higher speed, higher volume arterial streets are our number one priority. We work hard to address them first for the safety of our traveling public, but also for critical emergency services. Once the arterial streets are addressed, we turn our attention to residential streets in the event we have received average snow accumulation over 4 inches. This weekend’s event was one of those that required full plow operations on both arterial and residential streets. The City budgets about $4 million/year for winter operations.

With respect the snow budget, citizens several years ago considered whether to raise the budget by an additional $3 million ($250,000 - $300,000 per event) to address residential streets for any amount of snow under 4 inches. At that time, a citizen’s survey and engagement process reflected that they did not want to increase spending in this area. With that said, the Department is always open to hearing from citizens on additional investment for a higher level of service. We will always deliver to the level of service budgeted by policy and decision makers as well as our citizens.

For more information about Winter Operations please go to the following website: https://snow.lincoln.ne.gov/category/latest-news/

Additionally, for specific information about the challenges associated with this particular event, please watch the snow briefing we provided this afternoon: http://lnktv.lincoln.ne.gov/CablecastPublicSite/show/294?channel=1

Sincerely,

Miki

Miki Esposito
Director of Transportation and Utilities | Administration
City of Lincoln Transportation and Utilities
O: 402-441-6173 | M: 402-525-0065
Thanks for your email. I am forwarding your email to Transportation and Utilities (formerly Public Works) Director Mike Esposito to respond as well as share the current City efforts to get to residential snow removal.

Best regards,

Jon

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

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Email:   joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com

From: Robert Clayton [mailto:roberthclayton94@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2019 8:04 AM
To: Jon Camp <jcamp@lincoln.ne.gov>
Subject: The joys of snow removal

Good Morning Mr. Camp

My name is Robert and I live in Precinct 10G-3. I'm writing to you to express my concern about snow removal and to get your thoughts.

As im sure you are aware we received 8+ inches of snow on Saturday. The main roads are fine this morning (Monday) and even on Sunday. Something that is not okay tho are the side streets.

They are a mess, most of them have not been touched at all and they have had a full day to get to these streets. I don't understand why it takes so long to get to the side streets. Is this a money issue? Is there just not enough money to have enough plows go out. Also is there a reason we don't put salt down on side streets as Omaha does? Again are all of these issues money issues? If so I bet the wonderful people of LNK would pay for a tax if they knew that their side streets would be taken care of.

Let me know your thoughts, thanks

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City Council - Contact

Date: 2/25/2019 6:54:41 PM

name: Troy Bird
address: 2724 Kipling Cir
city: Lincoln
state: NE
zip: 68516
email: troybird@gmail.com

comments: Why is the city SO bad at clearing snow? I-80 and Hwy 77 were DRY on Sunday the 24th. Lincoln city on Monday the 25th has so much snow left on the streets cars couldn’t get up Old Cheney Road and were backed up from 27th all the way past 40th with more than a handful of cars stuck, causing additional safety hazards. Completely unnecessary safety hazards. The county seems to have figured out how to clear snow, I think the city needs to take notes or get help on how to do it. Last I heard the city had a large surplus, why isn’t it being used to clear the snow?

If I get hit driving on these roads that are unnecessarily bad you can’t bet I’ll be bringing the city into it.

Kind regards,

Troy
City Council - Contact

Date : 2/26/2019 10:17:02 AM

name Dale McIntosh
address 1610 Manatt St
  city Lincoln
  state NE
  zip 68521
  email dmcintosh@neb.rr.com
comments Council,

This idea for scooters rented by the city is going to be a liability. No helmets, no age requirement and allowed on the streets in traffic. You couldn't dream up a better lawsuit. The best plan for these is to give it a flush.

Neither bicycles or scooters should be in the streets. It's just plain to dangerous. The idea to have a bike path from 14th to 20th on Fairfield is an example of how crazy we have become. You can barely get a car through there let alone two cars and a bike path. Some one is going to get killed with these ideas.

Sincerely,
Dale McIntosh
I hope you all have had to drive in Lincoln these last few days and have experienced the poor driving conditions. Please consider looking at the budget and improving the city’s snow and ice preparedness and removal to make Lincoln a safer city to drive in. I have lived in Lincoln for 23 years and my # 1 complaint of living here is the city’s snow removal program or what I would say lack thereof. Within the city's budget, everyone has their pet programs or projects for the city but every driver of legal age benefits from a properly functioning infrastructure, namely, safe roads. Every person of every (insert your choice) ages 16 and beyond drives a vehicle to school, work, hospital, grocery store, doctor’s office, etc. I don’t understand why something as simple as safe roads that benefits everyone is not a priority for the city of Lincoln (all roads, main and neighborhood streets). It is a priority for all my neighbors and everyone I meet--try asking anyone and listen to what they say. I hope you make it a priority.
February 26, 2019

Members of the City Council of Lincoln,

As President of the Forest Lake 9th Homeowners Association I am writing first to thank the City for the progress that has been made to get the water concerns our Association has had for many years to a potential conclusion and resolution. Secondly, we thank you for including the Forest Lake Boulevard Area Flood Reduction Project in the proposed Bond. We strongly encourage this to be included on the March 4th, 2019 Agenda before the council. We look forward to seeing it on the ballot in the May 7th, 2019 primary election.

Sincerely,
Keith A. May
President
Forest Lake 9th Homeowners Association

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Dear Councilman Camp,

We own two office buildings on O Street, 8055 and 8101. This year the city has not cleared the access road unless we have called and reminded them to clear it. The lack of snow removal has negatively impacted our Tenants and their clients, as many people have gotten stuck in the deep snow. One year we asked our snow removal company to clear the road and they received a letter from the city telling them not to remove snow on the access road again. We would like to ask you to intercede and see if you can help us going forward. We realize Lincoln has had a lot of snow this year, however these access roads are important, also. Thank you for your time and help!

Kathy
Cherry Hill Company
402-489-3387
Family Compassion Integrity Community Quality
Dear Mr. Camp,

If the new sales tax is approved by voters will this eliminate the wheel tax? I have been told the wheel tax fund has been used for non-road things. Is this true? Do you approve the new sales tax for roads?

John Huseman
6431 Tanglewood Lane
(402) 423-5652
February 27, 2019

Lincoln City Council
Attn: All Council Members

Re: Support for the Proposed 2019 City Stormwater Bond

Council Members,

The Engineers Club of Lincoln has a mission to provide the local engineering profession with opportunities for technical and educational advancement, with a focus on new and innovative engineering and industrial projects which improve our technical expertise, while recognizing outstanding engineering and technical achievements within the profession and the community. Many of our club members, from both the public and the private sector, work closely with partners in the City of Lincoln on municipal infrastructure projects, such as those which will be made possible by the passing of a new stormwater bond.

The 2019 Stormwater Bond supports our commitment to make meaningful contributions to our members, to Lincoln’s quality of life, through the promotion of improved public infrastructure, and to public health and safety, through proposed stormwater management and flood reduction.

The Engineer’s Club of Lincoln offers our full support for the proposed 2019 stormwater bond and we look forward to the potential roles which our club members may serve as a part of this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Rachel Fuchs, EI
President – Engineers Club of Lincoln
Dear Major and Lincoln City Council,

Listening to Drive Time Lincoln on KLIN yesterday an official from the snow removal department said something to the effect of looking at spreading salt in residential areas. I’m not sure if this is a result of complaints but this is a very bad idea. Everyone knows how salt can ravage cars over time, probably not as many are aware how brutal it is on streets and pavement. Do we really want our residential streets torn up and full of pot holes all year just to be able to drive a bit faster for a few days in residential neighborhoods, not to mention the cost? Not only that It turns our neighborhoods into a sloppy dirty and ugly mess, hardly a nice place for children to play. I live on O’Malley Circle and navigate residential streets over to Pine Lake Road by way of 29th street and several others numerous times every day, so I do more than my share of plying residential streets. I also drive a 2-wheel drive sedan (Mazda-6) with older tires and have no problem navigating these streets. I was even out early Sunday morning after the storm, no problem. Spreading salt on atrial streets is necessary, but even here it should be done as sparingly as necessary for the reasons mentioned. Doing this on residential streets is a short-sighted knee-jerk reaction without any thought for the consequences or cost. The speed limit is only 20-25 MPH, SLOW DOWN!! Even if the streets were dry the time you save is mere seconds.

Regards
Mark
Dear City Council Members,

I am writing on behalf of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Nebraska Section to express our support for the proposed City of Lincoln 2019 Stormwater Bond. This will provide much needed funding to improve storm water management in the Lincoln area.

ASCE supports the management of stormwater runoff to reduce water pollution, prevent flooding, and use as a water source rather than a waste product.

ASCE represents more than 150,000 members of the civil engineering profession including nearly 800 members in Nebraska. Founded in 1852, ASCE is the nation’s oldest engineering society, and we stand at the forefront of a profession that plans, designs, constructs, and operates society’s economic and social engine – the built environment – while protecting and restoring the natural environment.

The combined effects of infrastructure aging and increases in urbanization and precipitation extremes heightens the importance of stormwater management in civil infrastructure planning, not only from the perspective of managing negative impacts of runoff, but also from the perspective of stormwater as a water supply source. It is important for communities to address these issues with both financial and policy initiatives to protect life, safety, and the environment that sustains us.

ASCE supports the City of Lincoln pursuing these improvements and encourages the issuance of bonds necessary to fund the identified projects.

Sincerely,

Gregory T. Seib, PE, PTOE, M.ASCE
Registered Civil Engineer
President, ASCE Nebraska Section

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