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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Transportation & Utilities/Solid Waste Management   DATE: 04/29/2019

NEED: Environmental Health Educator I (1.0 FTE)(Classification #3630) C21 LCEA NON-EXEMPT

Approval of this request/fiscal impact statement will add 1.0 FTE to the budgeted positions in the Solid Waste Management Division in the current and future budgets. The Environmental Health Educator I position has been and is currently funded thru the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) Waste Reduction & Recycling Incentive (WR&RI) Grant. The request is to begin funding the position thru the approved budget starting with the pay period beginning May 9, 2019 (10 pay periods remaining in FY 18-19). The NDEQ announced changes to the WRRI grant program - reducing overall funding available annually and restricting grant funds available for salaries to support the approved grant projects.

The Environmental Health Educator I position is dedicated to the educational effort with the residents/businesses in Lincoln and Lancaster County related to the cardboard disposal ban, and overall waste reduction/waste diversion opportunities to achieve the goals objectively identified in the Solid Waste Management Plan.

FUTURE IMPACT:
X Ongoing
Limited
Projected Completion Date: N/A

REVENUES GENERATED

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SUPPLIES

business unit: object code description

OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES

business unit 79895
object code: 5655 description: Work Study ($23,627) ($30,000)
object code: 5976 description: Program Incentives ($33,592)

EQUIPMENT business unit:
object code description

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

$0 $0
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 fte 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.
ADDITIONAL NARRATIVE TO SUPPORT THE FISCAL IMPACT REQUEST

The Environmental Health Educator I position has been grant funded in the Solid Waste Management Division since June 2017 thru the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) Waste Reduction & Recycling Incentive (WRRI) grant program. The position classification was determined by the Human Resources Department after reviewing the work to be performed. The Environmental Health Educator I position also exists in the Watershed Management Division of the Transportation and Utilities Department, and also in the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. The position is not currently shown as a FTE in the approved City budget for the Solid Waste Management Division, but if approved, this will result an increase of 1.0 FTE in the Solid Waste Management Division in what remains of the current biennial budget and future budgets.

NDEQ announced changes to the WRRI grant program - reducing overall funding available annually and restricting grant funds available for salaries to support the approved grant projects. As a result, WRRI grant funds will no longer be assured to fully fund this important educator position. Brandon Kaufman/Finance Director was briefed by the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department and the Transportation and Utilities Department on the restrictions placed on awarded grant funds, and the programmatic consequences if current grant funded positions are not included as an FTE in the approved City budget.

The request, if approved, removes two interns from the Solid Waste Management Division budget. The positions performed routine work in support of the waste diversion activities lead by the Recycling Coordinator, such as responding to questions received thru the recycling “hotline” (phone and email), entering data into a spreadsheet/database, and evaluate responses to the annual recycling survey. The work performed by the intern(s) will be completed by the Environmental Health Educator I (responding to “hotline” calls/emails), by the Office Specialist (data entry), and thru the annual waste/recycling collector survey required by Lincoln Municipal Code 8.32. Additionally, an automated container tracking system is being tested to eliminate the need to enter data from the drop-off program into spreadsheet/database.

Reducing the budgeted amount in Program Incentives (5976) to cover this request is possible because it has been determined the “haulers rebate” proposed in the budget process cannot be equitably defined at this time, nor even administrated with current budgeted staff levels.

The corrugated cardboard disposal ban has been a success by nearly all measures. It is imperative the educational effort is robust so as to sustain the measured success. The contract with Carson + Co. Global for educational services will end in the next fiscal year. The educational effort must be sustainable with budgeted City staff given the ability to fund these efforts from grant dollars can no longer be expected. The Solid Waste Management Plan identifies education efforts as key to achieving the goals in the plan.
Dear Council Chair Raybould,

On March 13th, 2019 I was driving South on N. 14th between Adams and Butler when I hit 5-6 large potholes that were not able to be seen as it was raining and they were filled with water that camouflaged them. Even had they not been hidden with the water some were large enough that they spanned the entire width of the lane. I was going under the speed limit due to the road conditions however when I hit them it was so quick that my two right tires immediately blew and my left from bubbled at the sidewall ruining it also. I was a few block from an autobody shop so I limped my car there for repair of the tires. Three of my 4 tires were not repairable and I was left with one good tire. I had no option but to have them replaced. When I got home I phoned to complain about the road conditions as I was quite mad I had just spent $440 dollars on new tires that I did not need until they were destroyed by the poorly kept roads, which I pay a good amount of taxes to help keep in good driving condition.

The woman on the phone listened patiently, took my information then asked if I was going to file a claim. I did not know that was even an option at the time. She gave me the information that I needed to do so. She also told me the roads are in bad shape from the winter and they only repair them as people call them in. This irritated me somewhat as well as my thought was "Don't you people drive on the same roads I do?"

I looked it up on the web site and it asked for any information I could provide to prove my damages. I had already taken pictures of the blown tires at the body shop so after hanging up I drove back to the block where the damage occurred to take pictures of the extremely large potholes. As I was taking pictures a truck showed up and started filling the holes with what appeared to be a pea gravel/tar mixture. I submitted all the information and evidence of the damage and the potholes. I also submitted the bill for the 4 new tires at $440 and requested I be reimbursed $250 of this amount. I was trying to be fair and only was expecting the cost of the actual 3 tires and not the 4th or the cost of labor and disposal of the 4 tires.

Fast forward a few days and I read an article in the LJS almost "bragging" how Lincoln City Council denies almost 100% of claims. It said the city attorney was in the process of sending out all the denial of claim letters. I did not receive one so I was feeling confident that I was the one in a million that had a legitimate claim against the city. Then I received a letter dated May 9th from the City Attorney telling me they were recommending my claim be denied.

The letter also states that due to the weather they were not able to repair. The letter also stated that the potholes had been reported prior to my damage but due to the weather they were unable to repair.

So I was told two different stories. One when I called saying "We can only repair when someone calls in" and the letter saying "Oh the weather was so bad" While we did have some cold and snow in Feb and march if you look at the weather for Feb and March (especially March) the weather for the most part was very good, in fact unseasonably warm. In fact it was 63 degrees on that day.

I would like to see the reports of the potholes prior to my damage. I would also like to know why filing a claim is even an option if merely a formality to deny claims. Does someone need a job so badly with the city that they add the extra money in the budget to pay someone to deny claims they have no intention of actually even reviewing. Why not just say 'No claims will ever be paid'?

I am not able to attend your regularly scheduled meeting on June 3rd at 3pm to address this issue as I work from home caring for a women with physical and intellectual disabilities and I am her sole care provider. I expect you will actually address this and if you review the evidence I submitted any reasonable person would agree this is a reasonable claim.

Sincerely,

Carrie Bolkovac
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Lincoln Ne 68521
402-802-8308
Dear Chairwoman and Councilmen and Councilwoman,

I write you today to implore you to increase the transparency of the new council member appointment process. The initial call for applicants was wonderful. The call provided clear guidelines and ample opportunity for citizen involvement.

Since the release of the names of applicants, things have become less transparent. I was glad to read that selection has been timeframe had been postponed, as this is choice that deserves time for consideration.

The most recent press release states “After reviewing the applications, Council members will select qualified finalists, who may be interviewed individually.” But it does not explain how that process will be conducted. Any process would seem to indicate a discussion to achieve that process and that is not taking place in the public view.

If open meeting laws are to be valued and respected in spirit and by letter of the law, then there will likely not be a more important decision before you in the foreseeable future. This decision is choice is given to council because of expediency, but it is not power that council has under normal course of events.

The power to select council members is so important that normally every single citizen has an equal say, and if they do not have opportunity this time to speak through their votes they should have the opportunity to listen and understand the entire process.

Sincerely,

Robert Way
801 El Avado Ave
Lincoln, NE 68504
Dear Lincoln City Council Members:

Attached you will find our March 11, 2019 letter to the City of Lincoln requesting repair of our vehicle that was damaged during residential street plowing after the March 7th snowfall. Also attached are photographs taken early March 8th while LPD Officer Robert Norton was inspecting and reporting the damage (Case #B9-020316). Please note that three of the photos clearly show truck-sized tire tracks aiming directly toward the part of our vehicle that was damaged. Repair of the damage is estimated at $1,867.10 by Tracy's South, and $2,616.85 by Speidell North.

We appreciate your consideration of our claim of damage, and welcome any questions you have.

Respectfully yours,

Katie and Gary Hejl
To:

Mayor and Lincoln City Council,

We are writing to appeal your support in Aurong Zeb nomination for the Lincoln City Council Seat.

He is an active member of our immigrant community. We describe him as a friend, a family member and an advocate for our community since he is a great organizer and effective communicator.

As we all know, Lincoln is a hub for immigrant; there are a variety of people from different cultural backgrounds. In this sense, he can be a bridge between the administrator and them: Arab community, Bosnian community, Afghan community, Yazidi community, Turkish community, etc. Therefore, he would be the best nominee who is active in the immigrant community in Lincoln.

We strongly believe that his organizational and management skills plus his great communication skills will bring your team leadership, efficiency, dedication to grassroots as well as immigration community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Lincoln Muslim Community

[Signatures]
Dear Lincoln City Council Members,

My name is Charlie Bills and I am writing in support of Tom Beckius for the open seat on the Lincoln City Council.

In addition to graduating from Lincoln Southeast High School and attending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln together, Tom and I have had the opportunity to work together professionally on a number of occasions. In my experience working with Tom on multiple boards and committees, he has consistently shown a willingness to listen to all opinions and ideas, and has shown a strong ability to build concensus before making any decisions.

I believe that these qualities, in addition to Tom’s lengthy history of serving our community, make him a tremendous candidate to fill the open seat on the Lincoln City Council.

Regards,
Charlie Bills
June 3, 2019

Dear City Council Appointment Committee:

It is with great pleasure that I nominate Mr. Tom Beckius for consideration for the vacated seat of the City Council. In addition to performing his job at an exemplary level, Tom demonstrates an extraordinary commitment to his community as well as to the general public.

Tom takes it upon himself to provide exceptional support and service to everything that he does. I served with Tom on the Community Health Endowment for over four years and during this time, he discerned quickly individual needs and moved efficiently to provide key information, recommendations, or direction. Beyond this and during times of transition, his community involvement is exemplary. Tom is a wonderful ambassador for our community, in assisting and working with civic leaders as well as developing future leaders. Someone like Tom is who we would want to try to invent and emulate.

Tom is the kind of person who gives to give. As I grew to be a leader, he always shared with me how to juggle the ups and downs and inspired me to never stop giving. Tom epitomizes servant leadership and inspires others to give back and pay it forward.

Over the past years, I have known Tom to be a team player. Always cheerful and exceptional in everything he does. His quick wit, attention to detail, and loyalty to each endeavor he takes on, he has endeared his colleagues. He is a true champion with tireless commitment to serving.

Outside his current position, Tom’s public service efforts are unique and far-reaching. Tom has served a number of state and non-profit agencies and always with a smile never saying no.

Through many challenges in leadership, Tom has made a difference in everything that he participates in, exemplified whatever mission he serves.

His skills, knowledge, willingness to help others, and dedication to this community make him my nomination for appointment for City Council.

Thank you for the privilege to speak and nominate Mr. Tom Beckius.

Respectfully,

Georgia Blobaum

Chief Officer of Operations
Advanced Medical Imaging
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Lincoln City Council,

Thank you, for your service to Lincoln. We are all fortunate to live in such a vibrant community. I recommend that you appoint Tom Beckius to serve in the open seat for Lincoln City Council. Tom has been involved in the community for over 10 years serving on the Planning Commission, Lincoln City Libraries Board, Community Health Endowment Board and Lincoln Commission on Human Rights as well as a number of local non-profit groups. Tom and I served together on the Planning Commission and I found Tom be an intelligent, thoughtful team builder. He worked with all sides to form consensus while still holding to his beliefs and values. I think Tom would serve the City of Lincoln very well on the City Council.

All the Best,

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To whom it may concern:

I would like to recommend Tom Beckius to fill the open city council seat. I have know Tom for several years and served on boards with him in the past. He is a conscientious person with a very good business head. I believe he will do a very good job as a Lincoln City Council member.

Randy Gerke
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Lincoln, NE 68502