

**Addendum**  
**DIRECTORS'/ORGANIZATIONAL AGENDA**  
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**Monday, February 3, 2020**

- I. CONSTITUENT CORRESPONDENCE**
1. Pershing Center and other questions - Ed Knotts
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**From:** Ed Knotts <edknotts82@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2020 6:14 PM  
**To:** James M. Bowers; Richard W. Meginnis; Jane Raybould; Council Packet  
**Subject:** Pershing Center & other question

Dear City Council Members.

I have several questions / concerns that I would like to address the council.

I have been a resident of Lincoln NE since 2010 after retiring from the military. Being a resident and working downtown I have seen and heard the past council & city officials talk about and spend tax dollars on plans, surveys than nothing is done. Some of these items are listed below.

What is going on with the Pershing Center? The current downtown library really needs to be relocated and dated. The HVAC system does not work very well and the only elevator in the building needs to be updated.

The city has been talking about needing to draw more people and moving the Startrans transfer station from the Gold's building. By combining both the library, transfer station and other businesses could all be located here.

Why does Lincoln Fire department Station 1 not have a Medic unit. I work in downtown and listen to the police/fire traffic and not heard or seen a Medic 1 respond to calls. When engine 1 is called out for a medical call. These calls are either given to Medic 3 or Medic 2, but than when they are needed for a medical call in those areas other units have to travel longer distance to respond.

Who is responsible for the maintenance and up care of Highway 6, Cornhusker highway from N 48th street to Havelock Street? The east bound side southern most lane is in very poor condition. I travel this road everyday. With the amount of traffic that travels this road it will only get worse. I realize with the time of season working on the road would not be the best. Yet if the road is not repaired soon it will become worse and could lead to an accident.

Thank you for your time to the city and the community. Hope to get a reply.

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**From:** Rita Webb <rlw@nebrwesleyan.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 31, 2020 5:05 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** 300 South 42

Thank you for moving the snow in the street.  
I will keep updated with more photos. Please consider removing the crown in the street.

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** David Schoenmaker <d.a.schoenmaker@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 01, 2020 10:04 AM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** City of Lincoln, Needs a Fairness Ordinance

Dear City Council Members,

It is time for the city to have a fairness ordinance passed to protect our LGBTQ friends, family members and co-workers. No one should be fired or denied housing because of who they are or who they love.

Don't let the fear of a possible challenge to the ordinance stop the city from passing it. If it is challenged and goes to a public vote, I suspect the vote would be 80/20 in favor, as opposed what happened in Lincoln back in 1982 when the vote was 80/20 opposed. In nearly 40 years, we've become significantly more open to diversity.

Please support a fairness ordinance, the time is now.

Sincerely,

David Schoenmaker

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**From:** Jim Frohman <jimfrohman@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 03, 2020 10:08 AM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Cc:** Mayor; Jane Raybould; meginnis@lincoln.ne.gov; James M. Bowers; Tammy J. Ward; Roy A. Christensen; Bennie R. Shobe; Sandra J. Washington  
**Subject:** Time to Move on Downtown Library and Pershing

Pershing is costing hundreds of thousands of dollars by just letting it sit, undeveloped. It is time to move on.

Two decisions need to be made to get things rolling. First, the new downtown library needs to be built at the current location or south of the County-City Building, not at Pershing! The Pershing site only works if it is a shared public-private development. The library board opposes anything but a Taj Mahal that takes the entire block. There are multiple solutions for the new downtown library that don't use Pershing. Time to pick one and get moving.

The second decision was on the Council agenda but faded away, demo Pershing. It is hard to sell a development site that requires extensive site preparations before construction can start. So the City needs to bite the proverbial stick and do it now. It will cost around two million dollars, a significant sum. The investment can be recouped through TIF funding when the block is developed. A construction-ready block in the heart of downtown Lincoln will sell.

Mayor and Council Members it is time to move these projects forward. Make the decisions needed to move these projects from the dusty depths of the comprehensive plan to the ribbon cutting future that Lincoln needs.

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