

**IN LIEU OF
DIRECTORS' MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 25, 2011**

I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR

1. NEWS RELEASE. Public invited to cool off at city facilities.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Changes in Alarm Ordinance now in effect.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Red Cross to help staff Belmont Recreation Center Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.
4. NEWS RELEASE. Arena subcontractors selected.
5. NEWS RELEASE. Public invited to open house on Antelope Creek Improvements.
6. NEWS RELEASE. Winners announced in City Employee Art Contest.

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

1. Commission on Human Rights meeting agenda for Thursday, July 28, 2011. (Minutes of June 30, 2011 meeting on file in City Council Office)

III. DIRECTORS

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CENTER

1. Memorandum from Fred Hoke, Development Services Center Manager, on the proposed Accela Land Management software upgrade.
 - a) Informational documents on Accela, the proposed wireless upgrade, a web-enabled system which will maximize staff effectiveness.
2. Letter from Realtors® Association of Lincoln, Nicole Jensen, in support for the Development Services Center to upgrade from current software to Accela Land Management, a wireless solution.
3. Letter from the DSC Advisory Team, DaNay Kalkowski and Dave Johnson, Co-Chairs. Providing the DSC with the Accela Land Management upgrade will increase benefits to the development community. Encourage support of Resolution 11R-162.

FINANCE/BUDGET

1. Budget Officer Steve Hubka's reply to Councilman Camp providing, "Ten year summary of budget vs. actual operating expenditures by department for the General Fund".
 - a) Councilman Camp's request of July 11, 2011.

INFORMATION SERVICES

1. Memorandum from Steven Henderson, Information Services Chief Officer. Additional information on the miscellaneous amount in the Services Summary portion of budget summary.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

1. The July 2011 issue of the LPlan 2040 newsletter and the Long Range Transportation Plan Technical Report has been posted to the web.
2. Administrative Approvals approved by the Planning Director from July 12, 2011 through July 18, 2011.

3. Information on adjusting district boundaries for future City Council and County Commission elections.
 - a) Map of City Council districts.
 - b) Map of County Commissioners districts.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES/ENGINEERING

1. **ADVISORY.** American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Projects. Proposed Arterial Rehabilitation Projects. Holdrege Street; 70th - 79th Street. State Project No. LCLC-5244 (8), CN 13082. City Project No. 540013.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES/WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

1. Memorandum from Ben Higgins, Watershed Manager, with information on the Lincoln Green Infrastructure Tour.
 - a) Invitation, with registration form, for The Lincoln Green Infrastructure Tour: Stormwater Management's Shifting Paradigm.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JONATHAN COOK

1. Letter from Marilyn Dorf stating she is not in favor of cutting hours and staff at libraries, or closing swimming pools. Children should be allowed to participate in these wholesome forms of recreation.

CARL ESKRIDGE

1. Letter from the Lincoln Housing authority with grave concerns on the budget proposal to close Fire Station #11. (Each Member received copy of letter)

V. MISCELLANEOUS - None

VI. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

1. Kent Thompson. Vote no to Parks allowing liquor.
2. Betty Proctor. Strongly opposed to allowing liquor vendors at Auld Pavilion, Pioneers Nature Center and Pinewood Bowl.
3. Scott Sandquist. Support serving alcohol in controlled environments, particularly at Pinewood Bowl concerts.
4. Marsha Radcliffe-Emmons. Support 6+1 amendment to help maintain our parks, pools, trails, tees, playgrounds, shelters, and other important public amenities.
5. Ardel Harger. In favor of proposed liquor sales in Lincoln parks.
6. Karen Bowling. Opposed to allowing alcohol to be served at Pinewood Bowl, Pioneers Park Nature Center, and Auld Pavilion.
7. Lyle Working. Voting no to the proposal to allow liquor at Lincoln parks, and disapprove of the city getting into the liquor dispensing business.
8. Bradley Kennedy. Questions on the city creating licensing agreements on proposal to allow liquor in city parks.
9. Dick and Dianne Jacobs. Strongly urge Council to not have the Parks Department enter into competition with local businesses selling liquor and to retain city parks and services as a family setting.

10. InterLinc correspondence from Eric Bahm. As a liquor store owner do support allowing alcohol at Pinewood Bowl and other park properties. May permit the city and private businesses to work together.
11. InterLinc correspondence from A. R. Chalupa. Why are we building an arena while taxing Lincolnites to death and/or cutting services and jobs.
12. Barb Tyler. Support Jonathan Camp's proposal for park maintenance and upkeep.
13. Wyn Richards. Please do not cut the Parks and Recreation budget. Do not put the public pools on the chopping block. In favor of selling alcohol at Auld and Pinewood Bowl.
14. Don Eveland. Keep alcohol from the city venues.
15. Bob Howell. Allowing alcohol at city facilities will be a conflict with taxpaying Lincoln businesses offering the same service.
16. Edgar Pearlstein. Do not reduce government services, willing to pay higher taxes.
17. Jessica Freeman. Make arts a priority in the city budget, continue support for Lincoln Arts Council.
18. Patti Wubbels. Support 6+1 amendment to maintain our parks.
19. Mariella Resdendiz Alarago. Support the 6+1 amendment to support our parks and other community needs.
20. Jim Miklavcic. Make arts a priority, continue support for the Lincoln Arts Council.
21. InterLinc correspondence from Nancy Russell. The three proposed tax increases are not means tested.
22. Michael Carlin. Do support Jonathan Cook's 6+1 amendment to maintain our parks.
23. William Carver. Support Councilman Cook's 6+1 amendment to maintain our parks.
24. Coralee Carver. Please support Jonathan Cook's 6+1 amendment to maintain our parks.
25. Jenni Brant. Continue support for the Lincoln Arts Council.
26. Letter from Lois Poppe With observations and thoughts on proposed budget cuts and increased tax and fee hikes.
27. David DiLillo. Support Cook's 6+1 amendment to maintain our parks.
28. David Nicholson. Reasons for no alcohol in city parks and question on wheel tax.
29. David Buntain. Continue City support for the Lincoln Arts Council.
30. Clark deVries. Support the amendment by Cook for the 6+1 amendment to maintain our parks.
31. Lori Raphael. Support devoting \$1 million of roads budget to support parks, playgrounds and pools.
32. Katee Talley Put serious thought into supporting the 6+1 amendment to support Lincoln's parks.
33. Jason and Amy Schmaderer. Support the 6+1 amendment to maintain Lincoln's park infrastructure.
34. Richard and Barbara Voeltz. Consider a tax increase to preserve and restore the good life.
35. Jennifer Ford. Support the 6+1 amendment to maintain our parks.
36. Jennifer Perry and David DiLillo. Support Cook's 6+1 amendment to maintain our parks.
37. Nancy Intermill. Support the 6+1 budget proposal.
38. Curt Donaldson. Reasons to support Councilman Cook's proposal of the 6+1 amendment.
 - a) Examples of priority repair and replacement needs of Parks and Recreation facilities.
39. Richard Rebarber. Support the 6+1 amendment to maintain our parks.
40. Paige Namuth. Do protest the sale of alcohol and wishes for Lincoln.
41. Larry Evermann. Fully support the 6+1 amendment and willing to pay more taxes.
42. Karen Carlson. Liquor in places such as Auld, Pioneer's Nature Center, and Pinewood Bowl a bad idea.
43. Realtors® Association of Lincoln, Nicole Jensen. Comments on the recommended budget.
44. June Griffin. Support the 6+1 amendment to maintain our parks.
45. Andy Beecham. Support Councilman Cook's 6+1 amendment to maintain our parks.
46. Susan Melcher. Support Cook's 6+1 plan, and a tax increase. Do not support anymore service cuts.

47. Rev. Peter Frazier-Koontz and wife, Mickie. Support the 6+1 amendment to maintain parks, etc.
48. Julia Larson. Support the 6+1 amendment.
49. Valery Wachter. Make arts a priority in the city budget, continue support for Lincoln Arts Council.
50. Dana Wright. Support the 6+1 amendment for maintenance of parks.
51. Joan Hruza. 6+1 program a great idea.
52. Nichole and Kory Palmer. Support the 6+1 amendment to maintain our parks.
53. Delores Lintel. In favor of Councilman Cook's proposed 6+1 plan.
54. Heidi Uhing. Support directing \$1 million of road funds to the maintenance of parks, pools., trails, trees, playgrounds and shelter.
55. Katie Skean. Strong support of the 6+1 amendment to maintain our parks.
56. Richard Moberly. Support Councilman Cook's proposal of the 6+1 option to maintain parks.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7511, fax 402-441-7120

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 18, 2011

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Lynn Johnson, Parks and Recreation, 402-441-7847

Pat Leach, Lincoln City Libraries, 402-441-8500

Valerie Crook or Deb Peck, Aging Services, 402-441-7070

PUBLIC INVITED TO COOL OFF AT CITY FACILITIES

Mayor Chris Beutler today encouraged City residents seeking relief from the heat to visit one of the air-conditioned City facilities open to the public free of charge. He also urged residents to personally offer assistance to anyone who may be struggling with the heat.

“When we experience extreme weather like this, Lincolnites have always looked out for their friends and neighbors to make sure they are safe,” Mayor Beutler said. “We know that the heat can be especially dangerous for children, older adults and those with chronic illnesses. Again, we are asking residents to offer their help to individuals and to support those agencies who are providing shelter from the heat.”

The “**F**” **Street Recreation Center**, 1225 “F” Street, is open daily at no cost from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday. The **Trago Park Sprayground** at 22nd and “U” streets provides water recreation at no cost from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. An activation button turns on the water spray and play features.

Lincoln City Libraries are open and available during the following days and times:

- **Bennett Martin**, 14th and “N” streets; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday; noon to 6 p.m. Sunday.
- **Anderson Branch**, Fremont Street and Touzalin Avenue; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday; noon to 8 p.m. Sunday.
- **Bethany Branch**, 1810 N. Cotner Blvd.; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday; closed on Sunday.
- **Eiseley Branch**, 1530 Superior St.; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday; noon to 8 p.m. Sunday.
- **Gere Branch**, 56th Street and Normal Boulevard; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday; noon to 8 p.m. Sunday.
- **South Branch**, 27th and South streets; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday; noon to 8 p.m. Sunday.
- **Walt Branch**, 6701 S. 14th St.; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday; noon to 8 p.m. Sunday.
- **Williams Branch Library**, 5000 Mike Scholl St.; 2 to 6 p.m. daily Monday through Sunday.

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Aging Partners' Senior Centers are open during the following dates and times:

- **Belmont Senior Center**, 1234 Judson; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.
- **Downtown Senior Center**, 10th and "O" streets; 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- **Lake Street Senior Center**, 2400 S. 11th St.; 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- **Maxey Senior Center**, 2032 "U" St.; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday and Friday.
- **Northeast Senior Center**, 6310 Platte; 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- **Aging Partners Health and Wellness Center**, 233 S. 10th St.; 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Lincoln-Lancaster County Health officials issued a hot weather alert on Friday cautioning citizens to take steps to prepare for and deal with the extreme temperatures. It's available on the City website at lincoln.ne.gov.

LINCOLN POLICE DEPARTMENT

575 S. 10th St., Lincoln, NE 68508, phone 402-441-7204, fax 402-441-7010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 19, 2011

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Captain Joy Citta, Lincoln Police Department (LPD)
402-441-7239

CHANGES IN ALARM ORDINANCE NOW IN EFFECT

City public safety officials encourage alarm businesses and those using alarm systems to be aware of recent changes to the City's alarm ordinance.

Effective June 1, revisions to the alarm ordinance (City Code Chapter 5.56) include:

- The permit term has been change from two years to one year to give the City a more accurate record of alarm locations. The annual term will mean the City will have a more accurate record of where alarms are located.
- Alarm businesses (those selling, installing, monitoring, altering, servicing or responding to an alarm system) are now required to call at least two contact numbers given by the alarm user instead of one. The extra call is intended to decrease the number of false alarms.

Changes to the alarm permit fee structure are:

- Alarm business permits now cost \$50 for an annual permit rather than \$100 for a two-year permit.
- Commercial alarm permits now cost \$40 for one year rather than \$100 for two years.
- Residential alarm permits now cost \$25 for one year rather than \$60 for two years.

The false alarm fee is now \$100 for each false alarm after the first three in a one-year period (previously \$100 after the first six false alarms in a two-year period). The fee increases to \$250 for each false alarm after eight false alarms in a one-year period (previously \$250 for each false alarm after 15 in a two-year period). Individual users and businesses have 30 days to appeal assessments of special fees rather than 10 days, and the appeal board now meets monthly instead of on an ad hoc basis.

The criminal penalty for having an alarm business or an alarm system without a permit has been removed and replaced with a civil fine of \$100 for every false alarm when the alarm system or alarm business is not registered.

For more information, contact LPD Captain Joy Citta at 402-441-7239 or LPD Records Manager Heather Baker at 402-441-7757.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
2740 "A" Street, Lincoln, NE 68502, 441-7847, fax 441-8706

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 19, 2011

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Sandy Myers, Parks and Recreation, 402-429-8261

Susan Epps, American Red Cross, 402-730-4165

RED CROSS TO HELP STAFF BELMONT RECREATION CENTER
TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

In an effort to help residents deal with the extreme heat temperatures, the Cornhusker Chapter of the American Red Cross will provide volunteers to help staff Belmont Recreation Center, 1234 Judson, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday. The center normally closes during the week at 6:30 p.m.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7511, fax 402-441-7120

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 20, 2011

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Dave Norris, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7547

Bob Caldwell, Hampton Construction, 402-489-8858

Derek Cunz, Mortenson Construction, 763-287-5850

ARENA SUBCONTRACTORS SELECTED

Mayor Chris Beutler announced today that the West Haymarket Arena construction team of Mortenson Construction and Hampton Construction has selected the subcontractors that will provide designer assistance services.

“We promised the citizens of Lincoln that we would do our level best to ensure that local labor was used in the construction of our new arena,” Beutler said. “We are pleased that the Mortenson-Hampton team shares our belief in the importance of using highly qualified local labor and local companies, and their selections today reflect that commitment to our City.”

The Mortenson-Hampton team issued eight designer assist bid packages for the first round of work. “The best value selection process has allowed us to focus on getting the best price and the most qualified team with a focus on local participation,” said Derek Cunz with Mortenson Construction. “We’re excited to have these highly qualified, locally-focused subcontractors join the arena team to help keep the project on budget.”

The concrete superstructure work will be self-performed by the Mortenson| Hampton team (Minnesota/Lincoln). The subcontractors selected are:

- structural precast concrete - Concrete Industries (Lincoln)
- exterior arena metal wall panels - MG McGrath Inc. (Minnesota), Glass Edge Inc. (Lincoln) and Install All (Lincoln)
- exterior glass curtain wall - Glass Edge Inc. (Lincoln)
- elevators and escalator work - O’Keefe Elevator Company Inc. (Lincoln)
- mechanical and plumbing - Waldinger Corporation (Omaha)
- electrical and low-voltage work - Gephart (Minnesota), ABC Electric (Lincoln), and Gregg Electric (Lincoln).

One additional bid package for structural steel has yet to be determined.

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“Our team’s goal was to have a competitive process that allowed us to ensure that local businesses and jobs were a major consideration for the arena, and we’re thrilled with this result,” said Bob Caldwell of Hampton Construction. “We know that this is an important project for Lincoln, and this selection ensures that Lincoln and Nebraska firms are part of the project”

The selection process started with a major project outreach and education event on April 27th in Lincoln that attracted more than 350 participants. The multiple pre-submission meetings held in May were followed by the submissions of firm qualifications, the short-listing of qualified proposers, detailed proposal submissions and interviews. The West Haymarket Joint Public Agency (JPA) was represented throughout the process, including the opening of proposals and the subcontractor interviews.

The subcontractor interview score sheet and list of the firms who responded to the bid packages can be found at the West Haymarket JPA’s website at www.haymarketnow.com.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Watershed Management, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7018, fax 402-441-8609

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 21, 2011

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Ed Kouma, Watershed Management, 402-441-7018

PUBLIC INVITED TO OPEN HOUSE
ON ANTELOPE CREEK IMPROVEMENTS

The public is invited to the second open house on the proposed design of water quality improvements for Antelope Creek near 70th Street and Pioneers Boulevard. The open house is from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 27 at the Hyde Memorial Observatory in Holmes Park.

The project area runs along Antelope Creek from about 75th Street and Pioneers Boulevard on the south to Holmes Lake and the dog run on the north.

Design work has been completed for the project, which includes stabilizing the banks to prevent ongoing erosion, constructing additional water quality wetland areas and protecting areas of high foot traffic. Construction is expected to begin this summer.

At the open house, representatives of the City of Lincoln and its project consultants will be available to discuss the proposed design and answer questions. No formal presentation is scheduled.

Individuals with questions prior to the open house should contact Don Day, Olsson Associates, at 402-458-5644, or Ed Kouma, City of Lincoln, at 402-441-7018.

To reach Hyde Memorial Observatory, go west on the South Shore Road entrance to Holmes Golf Course off of 70th Street. Continue past the golf course turnoff. The observatory is on your left.

For more information on the project and open house, visit lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: watershed).

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7511, fax 402-441-7120

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 21, 2011

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Deb Weber, Lincoln Arts Council, 434-2787

WINNERS ANNOUNCED IN CITY EMPLOYEE ART CONTEST

Work on display at Lincoln libraries

City Councilman Carl Eskridge will present cash and scholarship awards Friday, July 22 to the winners of the National Arts Program contest for employees of the City of Lincoln and their families. Just over 100 entries were received, and 21 artists will be recognized in a ceremony at 6 p.m. at the Candy Factory Building, 201 N. 8th Street (downstairs). No City funds were used for the contest or exhibit, and the program had no entry fee.

This is the fifth year the AmeriCorps staff of the Lincoln Arts Council has organized and participated in the National Arts Program, which sponsors art contests and exhibits for City employees and their families in about 450 communities across the country.

All artwork entered is on exhibit through July 22 at these four libraries:

- Bennett Martin, 136 S. 14th St.
- Gere, 2400 South 56th St.
- Eiseley, 1530 Superior St.
- Walt, 6701 South 14th St.

The winner of the “Best in Show” award is Annie Shepherd, the daughter of Doug Shepherd who works as a mechanic in the City Police Garage. She will receive \$300 for that award and another \$300 for receiving first place in the intermediate. A complete list of award recipients follows this release. One youth artist and one teen artists also won scholarships for classes at the LUX Center for the Arts.

Judges for the contest were three local visual artists, Nolan Tredway, Carrie Strobe and Tim Frisch.

More information on the national program is available at www.nationalartsprogram.org.

2011 NATIONAL ARTS PROGRAM AWARD WINNERS

BEST IN SHOW (\$300) - *(Home) house doesn't mean home*, Annie Shepherd, daughter of Doug Shepherd, Police Garage

YOUTH (Age 12 and under)

First place (\$75) - *Temple of Heaven*, Serina Kendrick, daughter of James Kendrick, Public Works and Utilities

Second place (\$50) - *Expressions Strongest*, Haley Martin, daughter of Ralph Martin, Health

Third place (\$25) - *Butterfly*, Margo Darnall, daughter of Mary Brock, Parks and Recreation

LUX Scholarship - *Sheep*, Serina Kendrick

Honorable Mention - *Lotus Flowers*, Clara Kendrick, daughter of James Kendrick

TEEN (Ages 13 through 18)

First place (\$75) - *The Wild*, Sam Pinnell, son of Julie Pinnell, Library

Second place (\$50) - *Sweet Deposition*, Natalie Jordan, daughter of Rex Jordan, Public Works and Utilities

Third place (\$25) - *Expressions Strongest*, Sadie Lewallen, daughter of Thomas Cajka, Planning

LUX Scholarship - *Tribute to Michael Jackson*, Jade Mendoza, niece of Julie Fitzgerald, Health

Honorable Mention - *Turtle Tower*, Hunter Martin, daughter of Ralph Martin, Health

ADULT AMATEUR

First place (\$300) - *Apollo and Aesop at Play 2*, Davi Ann Norsworthy, wife of Matt Norsworthy, Library

Second place (\$200) - *Untitled*, Marcy Graybill, Library

Third place (\$100) - *Beautiful Sunflowers*, Rouda Mahjoob, Parks and Recreation AmeriCorps

Honorable Mention - *The Delicate Balance of Life*, Jeffrey Eggers, Parks and Recreation AmeriCorps

ADULT INTERMEDIATE

First place (\$300) - *(Home) house doesn't mean home*, Annie Shepherd

Second place (\$200) - *Autumn*, Doris Quinn, mother in law of Edwin Kouma, Public Works and Utilities

Third place (\$100) - *Silence Matters*, Melissa Magnuson, sister of Mollie Magnuson, Parks and Recreation AmeriCorps

Honorable Mention - *Tatted Egg Tree*, By Sandra Wallick, Lincoln City Libraries

ADULT PROFESSIONAL

First place (\$300) - *Growing Season*, Mollie Magnuson, Parks and Recreation AmeriCorps

Second place (\$200) - *London I*, By Matt Norsworthy, Libraries

Third place (\$100) - *and then they expected miracles*, Lori Armiger, sister of Tracy Graham, Police

Honorable Mention - *Photo I*, Glory Benacka, Libraries

CITY OF LINCOLN
COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Thursday, July 28, 2011, 4 p.m.

City Council Chambers, 555 South 10th Street

AGENDA

- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of Minutes of June 30, 2011 Commission Meeting
- III. Approval of Agenda for July 28, 2011 Commission Meeting
- IV. Case Dispositions
 - A. Reasonable Cause/No Reasonable Cause
 - 1. LCHR No.: 11-0426-018-E-R
 - B. Successful Conciliation
 - 2. LCHR No.: 10-0709-029-E-R
- V. Administrative Closures
 - A. Failure to Cooperate
 - 3. LCHR No.: 10-1108-053-E-R
 - 4. LCHR No.: 11-0223-010-E-R
- VI. Old Business
 - A. Update on Hiring Director
- VII. New Business
- VIII. Public Comment**
- IX. Adjournment

**Public comments are limited to 5 minutes per person. Members of the public may address any item of interest to the LCHR during this open session with the exception of LCHR cases. Also, no member of the public who wishes to address the commission will be allowed to examine any individual commissioner or staff member on any item/question before the commission unless invited to do so by the chairperson.

July 21, 2011

Dear Council Members:

I've provided a packet of documents with information that several of you requested. It's a lot of material to absorb; but I wanted you to have adequate information about the proposed Accela Land Management software upgrade prior to the public hearing next Monday.

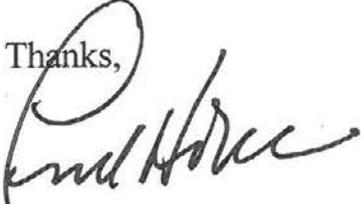
The current software, PermitsPlus, supports the permitting and inspection activities of Building and Safety, the City-County Health and Planning departments, and Public Works and Utilities. Over 100 staff from the four departments rely on this software to fulfill their responsibilities.

The proposed upgrade is a wireless, web-enabled system that provides expanded features to maximize our staffs' effectiveness. We're encouraged that in 2013, we'll see an increase in demand for residential construction. We're expecting a similar upturn in redevelopment and new commercial construction as Lincoln continues to grow in residents and in land mass.

PermitsPlus has worked well for over 12 years. It performed as designed. Now, we're prepared to replace this older software with a technically-superior product that will help us keep pace with expected growth. Our sensitivity is to our various staff members who have done an outstanding job of supporting development, permitting activities, and inspection results. They want to be in a position where they can provide superior service to our customers.

We know that every improvement we make hinges on our staff. To that end, Accela will provide adequate training for "Power Users" in each of the departments and practical support to bring all of our staff to a skill level necessary for the City to continue to improve our services.

Thanks,



Fred Hoke

Accela Automation Committee

Bruce Dart, Health
Chuck Zimmerman, Building and Safety
Craig Gifford, Information Services
Dallas McGee, Urban Development
David Landis, UD
Fred Hoke, DSC
Greg MacLean, Public Works and Utilities
Jeff McReynolds, Planning
Jerris Nider, B&S
Jim Anderson, IS
Kathy Cook, Health
Mark Kenne, Health
Marvin Krout, Planning
Mike Lang, Economic Development
Missy Minner, Planning
Opal Doerr, UD
Rita Cox, B&S
Steve Henrichsen, Planning
Tan Pham, PW
Tim Pratt, PW

DSC Technology Team

1. Rita Cox
2. Jim Anderson
3. Mark Kenne
4. Michelle Zuhlke
5. Missy Minner
6. Jeff McReynolds
7. Tan Pham

Accela Software Conversion Review Team

1. Jim Anderson
2. Rita Cox
3. Missy Minner
4. Mark Kenne
5. Tan Pham

Accela Automation® is a Web-based enterprise application that creates a more citizen-centric, performance-based government. By utilizing innovative products, proven strategies, and professional services, Accela Automation empowers every government employee and the people they serve.

- Delivers a complete solution to automate workflow, forms management, activity tracking, cashiering, and more
- Reduces workload, improves efficiency, and increases productivity
- Standardizes and streamlines business processes with a centralized suite of software products operating off a common database
- Connects disparate systems and users across departments
- Provides a personalized and easy-to-use interface for accessing information
- Adapts and scales easily to support an agency's expanding needs
- Enhances citizen access and self-service

Accela Automation offers complete automation:

Customized Applications – Agencies can configure Accela Automation to mimic existing application, case, permit, and asset types. Each application type can be further customized with user-defined fields and formats. Examples of customized applications include residential permits, electrical permits, land-use permits, business licenses, and water utility assets.

Powerful Workflow – Accela's implementation team works with your agency to create workflows based on your agency's existing practices. Workflows can be very complex, involving several departments and multiple steps; or can be simpler, involving a single department and just a few steps.

Ad-Hoc Reports – Accela Automation provides your agency with the option to create customized reports to supplement the pre-configured reports that come with the system. The system's Report Manager offers the flexibility to create reports for managers, departments, individuals, or the entire agency, utilizing outside reporting solutions as needed.

Project Management – Utilizing Accela Automation, your agency can project and manage the growth of your community, services, and resources. Once a project is begun, the system ensures that the project follows the plan guidelines—the system can track and manage grant variances, set conditions, historical and environmental issues, departmental reviews, and appeals.

Fee and Cashier Management – Accela Automation provides administrators with the ability to quickly define fees and fee schedules. Users can assess, invoice, and receive full or partial payments for each permit and license, and all transactions are stored as an audit trail.

Scripting Tool – Accela IntelliScript™ is a powerful scripting tool that provides a logical, step-by-step method for collecting information and performing key business tasks. Administrators can build and refine scripts without any programming knowledge. IntelliScript technology enables service professionals to ask the right questions at the right time, thereby ensuring the quality of each contact.

Inspection Guidesheets – The system provides configurable guidesheets that facilitate completion of inspections in [Accela Wireless](#). Guidesheets include standard comments, drop-down menus, and checklists so inspectors can quickly process inspections and submit results.

Mass Processing – Accela Automation provides the ability to perform mass processing of permit applications, cases, and payments. Mass processing can save time for growing agencies that are managing large construction projects with multiple applications.

Advanced Conditions—The system provides the ability to effectively manage parcels and their associated conditions. Locks, holds, notices, and other special conditions can trigger alerts to users as they are processing applications, ensuring that important criteria are not overlooked and applications are completed properly.

The Accela Automation enterprise application includes the following modules:

- Accela Asset Management[™]
- Accela Land Management[™]
- Accela Licensing and Case Management[™]
- Accela Public Health and Safety[™]
- Accela Service Request[™]

Expand the capabilities of Accela Automation with add-ons that facilitate citizen access, geographical information services integration, integrated voice response, and remote office capabilities:

- Accela Citizen Access[™]
- Accela GIS[™]
- Accela IVR[™]
- Accela Wireless[™]

Accela Land Management vs. PermitsPlus

PermitsPlus:

- PermitsPlus initiated in 1999, now over 12 years old
- Good system with tired technology
- Does not anticipate future growth in permits, transition to wireless and web technology
- Lacks coordination among departments for single data entry shared among departments

Accela Land Management:

- More efficient than PermitsPlus**
 - Browser based eliminates loading software on individual computers
 - Eliminates large packets of data being pushed over the agencies networks
 - Use of industry standard reporting tools (Crystal Reports, SQL Reports, or Oracle Reports)
 - More triggers available to launch decision trees
 - Frequently-used query criteria may be saved as “My Quick Queries”
 - Embedded charts and graphs are available using Smart Charts
 - IT and Power User support is more flexible. Changes can be configured from the field or home without being in the office
- Better service than PermitsPlus**
 - User’s console configured to show the information in the format that the user requires
 - Accela Automation may be accessed from any location
 - Any Accela Automation upgrades are performed on the server, not on client machines. Easier for IT staff to support
 - Workflows in Accela Automation provide a cleaner, more efficient integration on inter-office task management. Workflow management may be deployed to LES and other outside agencies
 - Accela Citizen Access provides highly configurable customer experience. Customers can apply for any type of permit, provide data entry, collect fees, and issue documents or permits. Customers also can perform fee estimates online and convert later to a permit type
 - Citizen Access will serve all four departments, not just Building and Safety

Citizens can monitor the status of their project/permit reviews 24/7 without having to contact agency staff

Accela Mobile Office supports routing inspections from the back office or in the field.

AccelaGIS provides a fully-integrated connection between Accela Automation and the agency's production GIS. A permit or case can be started from a map.

Saves time over PermitsPlus

All transaction processing is performed on the server, reducing large packets of data across a network

Deploying new releases occurs only on the server, eliminating the need to install upgraded software on each client machine

Smart Charts are integrated into the user's console

Using Set Processing, AccelaGIS supports creating notification letters, and eliminates the need for GIS staff involvement

Workflow task management ensures that the task will not be lost and that it will be monitored for on-time completion

Delivering eGovernment with Accela Land Management

From a study prepared expressly for the City of Lincoln

By Accela Government Software, September 23, 2008

Compiled by Fred Hoke
Development Services Center

Can eGovernment improve citizen services? In September, 2008, Accela prepared a report for the City of Lincoln to document the Return-on-Investment (ROI) for moving to Accela Automation for our building, permitting and inspection processes along with our planning, code, public works, and service request processes. Accela Automation will be implemented in Building and Safety for use with the Business, Building Services, and Inspection and Enforcement Divisions (including inspections for Plumbing, Electrical, HVAC, Housing Preservation and Apartment Licensing, and Fire Prevention) along with the City-County Health and Planning departments, and Public Works and Utilities. Using our 2008 permitting and inspection numbers from all sources, they projected a seven-year ROI of nearly \$5M (\$4,950,998.00).

Today, government leaders realize the imperative to increase and to improve services to constituents with the continual demand to “do more with less.” This requires a willingness to examine the relationship between government, our citizens, and our customers. We also must improve our inner and intra-department relationships.

The World Bank defines eGovernment as “the use of information and communications technologies to improve the efficiency, effectiveness, transparency, and accountability of government.” It can be seen as simply moving citizen services online. However, in a broader sense, it refers to the technology-enabled transformation of government – to reduce costs, to promote economic development, to increase transparency, to improve service delivery and public administration, and to advance an information society.

eGovernment describes relationships across three modalities:

- Government to Citizens. This allows citizens to access government information and services instantly from anywhere using multiple channels;
- Government to Business. This is e-interactions between government and the private sector. It can reduce red tape and can simplify regulatory processes;
- Government to Government. This promotes citizen-centric services; a single access point to government is the ultimate goal. Sharing databases, resources, and capabilities, enhances the efficiency and effectiveness of processes.

Four key areas where the City of Lincoln can find significant ROI with an enterprise implementation of Accela Automation:

1. Moving Citizen and Business Services to the Internet

Today's customers don't want to spend time "on hold", "call back during business hours", wait for hours for a reply, or stand in repeated lines. They want to click their way to the solution they need any time of the day or night. There are cost reductions by reducing and streamlining the number of face-to-face *intra-agency* interactions required to manage a paper-based permitting process. Web self-service should be a top priority for every agency looking for improvements.

Every time you automate a service, such as work order requests or pulling permits, and then put that service online, you save the cost of phone calls, e-mails, or interaction at the counter for each transaction. An effective Web self-service can reduce contact center and counter workloads and generate substantial ROI.

2. Digitizing and Mobilizing Field Work

Although we do not send our inspectors into the field with paper forms for inspections, code enforcement, and work order assignments, our current system still leaves much room for increased efficiencies. We can serve our customers best when we leverage technologies to help compress the communication cycle.

Accela Wireless gives field staff access to information they need to perform and manage their inspections, investigations, and work orders in the field. With data input and sign-off, the creation of unscheduled inspections, investigations, or work orders in the field, they can conform to our inspection processes and increase productivity.

Using information from our Building and Safety Department, Accela combined the average monthly inspections, times 31 inspectors, estimated morning travel time and gathering inspection assignments, estimated afternoon wrap up, travel and inspection result logging, and average miles traveled to and from the office per day per inspector (including per mile costs). They calculated a monthly savings of \$29,438.50 by moving inspections to Accela Wireless and \$1,148.40 in fuel savings, for a monthly savings of \$30,604.40. The seven-year ROI is calculated at 2,570.769.60,

assuming a 2% year-over-year increase in inspections. This does not include the other three departments – Health, Planning, and Public Works.

3. Leveraging Enterprise-Class Applications

How can we calculate “soft ROI dollars?” An enterprise-class application is one that supports the business processes and relationships between various operational departments in the DSC. These relationships include managing land and agency assets, citizens, contractors, developers, and department employees. Aggregating all the data associated with these processes and sharing it among departments, improves data integrity and improves efficiencies.

Enterprise applications and IT can mean lower support costs. Reducing the number of third-party interfaces, reducing work stoppages, eliminating redundant applications from different back-office systems, reducing annual system upgrades, and leveraging new software features will enhance the core business processes conducted on a day-to-day basis.

4. Aligning Project Costs to ROI via Effective Financing

Challenges often occur when the costs are frontloaded while the benefits are back loaded - typical where large technology projects are involved that span multiple departments and nearly a hundred users.

How do we acquire this technology without jeopardizing our department’s long and short-term financial health? Traditional funding methodologies include funding from operating budgets, from capital budgets and from bond financing. The City of Lincoln will use the financing mechanism called Certificate of Participation. This provides a pro rata share of a specific pledged revenue stream by the issuer that provides an appropriation we can use to pay for the software over a five-year period. We anticipate that significant cost savings will offset much of the yearly payment after the software is installed and operational.

Notes for the City Council Relative to Accela Land Management

We can discuss the technology, the enhancements, and the specifics of the Statement of Work for the Accela Land Management software upgrade. However, I believe there are equally as important features about Lincoln that bear repeating.

As with the Arena, numerous redevelopment projects, Antelope Valley, Assurity, the Haymarket development, and Innovation Park, we're continuing to look forward. We know that the population of Lancaster County is projected to grow to 412,000 by 2040 with 90% of the population growth in Lincoln rising to nearly 371,000. Our City limits will expand from the current 91 square miles to 125 square miles.

Efforts by the Chamber and the Mayor's office to stimulate new commercial growth will continue to net results. Established companies will continue to expand in this healthy city. The University will continue to develop programs that provide educated, trained, and talented young people to move into a dynamic job market in Lincoln.

Both local developers and non-Nebraska companies will continue to invest in the City and County as housing demand and commercial development and expansion grows.

Accela Land Management Software Upgrade

The purchase of this software hinges on several salient points:

- PermitsPlus is legacy software. One contractor provides technical support for all the remaining PermitsPlus programs in the US and Canada
- Permits remain at a four-year low
- The installation, conversion of permit records, and training of staff will take from 10-months to one year
- Indications point to an increase in residential and commercial permits during 2013
- With low permits now, this is an ideal time to install the new software upgrade, train staff, and improve workflows and processes among departments

- The new upgrade will provide functions to develop reports and measures, and streamline features that will reduce the inclination to hire more staff when permits pick up
- With the current economy, Accela has reduced the cost of the upgrade by about half from their 2009 pricing of \$2M+
- The financing can take advantage of \$225K in federal energy funds. These are available since the software can reduce inefficiencies in inspection drive times and distances, reduce the need for contractors and home owners to come to City Hall to complete applications, paperwork, and payments, and provide the electronic sharing of plans and reviews simultaneously among departments
- With development providing a sizable economic impact for Lincoln and Lancaster County, the Return on Investment is calculated at a conservative five years or less based on the City's permitting history
- When the current legacy software is not supported in two years, the economy is moving forward, permits are picking up and the staff is fully engaged, we could purchase the software then. However, the cost will approach \$2M, it still will take 10-months to a year to install and train staff, and the current staff will be so engaged in their work that training becomes a physical strain.
- We can take the optimistic approach that mirrors the position a majority of voters took in approving the Arena, the University took in developing Innovation Park, and developers are taking in developing opportunities in the downtown area; or we can take the pessimistic approach that throttles our permitting process with old technology, tired processes, and a staff held back by methods that continue to delay efficiencies.

Highlights about Accela Automation

- Web-based with high reliability for user and data security
- Performance monitoring
 1. Can be personalized for every employee using Accela Vantage360™
 2. All departments providing permitting, land management, licensing, zoning, inspections, public works, engineering, environmental health, etc. can consolidate their database into a single, equally-accessible enterprise database

3. Unlimited number of graphical **Smart Charts** and **Quick Queries** providing management with a real time view of the performance of the City's development process at any point in that process
- GIS integration
 1. Staff has direct access to geographic representations of all land-use, zoning, and infrastructure information associated with a parcel, permit, inspection, or plan
 2. Speeds the review process by presenting maps that provide review personnel with current parcel information
 3. Automates complex, repetitive tasks such as generating mail lists for variance notifications
 4. Provides spatial lookups on any parcel or permit and any associated documents
 5. Non-technical staff can generate complex map displays and run reports
 - Deployment of wireless technology: Mobile Office
 1. Accela Wireless is a mobile government application that extends processing capabilities to the field for inspections, investigations, code enforcement, work orders, and service requests
 2. Even when inspectors are in the field, they are never out of touch with the office. Inspections can be assigned, rescheduled, or cancelled at the last-minute
 3. Key features of Accela Wireless
 - a. Sign off inspections
 - b. Utilize checklists
 - c. Review case, application, or permit summary
 - d. Access multiple investigation or inspection lists
 - e. Utilize off-line capabilities when in a remote area
 - f. Track inspection time and mileage
 - g. Draw and attach sketches to cases and inspections
 - h. Create and print reports in the field
 - i. Utilize standard comments to save time
 - Future E-Commerce provides a citizen access portal
 1. Moving counter services to the Web is a cost-effective way to provide better services from the staff to the customer
 2. E-Government solutions are available 24/7/365 providing more self-service options

3. Business rules and set up fees to allow on-line payment
 4. Reduce call volume by accepting comments, or service requests via the Web
 5. Access information on permits, parcels, and history
- Highlights of Accela Land Management:
 1. Enterprise rather than departmental software
 2. Web-based with no need for client installations
 3. Builders/developers can submit applications/requests electronically from home or office
 4. Enhances communications among departments
 5. One-stop shop for all information regarding location, permit, or inspection
 6. Uses standard Java scripting and not a proprietary scripting language
 7. Administration-defined rules and calculations for data entry forms
 8. Auto fills registered contractor permit applications
 9. Eliminates data “stovepipes” or silos among departments
 10. Moves the data outside the agency to the entire City

Accela Automation Advantages

Technical

1. Assess Fees without running a Script
2. Security down to field level
3. Single Point Addressing – meaning AA can leverage an external central address data storage location (e.g., GIS)
4. Audit Ability – Visibility at user interface and database
5. Multi-Tier Security
 - a. Module
 - b. Role
 - c. User
 - d. Field
6. Existing integrations built for ProjectDox (e.g., Salt Lake City, UT, Maricopa County, AZ)
7. Web-based software
8. More involved GIS integration
9. More integration for Citizen Access

Visibility

Workflow Integration

Business Rules Engine

Email

Tasks

Alerts

Permit/Case Creation

Relationships

Can relate any activity to any activity – no project needed

Reporting

1. Report integration with SRS, Oracle, Crystal Report
2. Smartcharts (Dashboard)
3. Quick Queries (Saved Searches)

- a. Last 5 – Quick Queries for “Opened By Me Today” Will show all activities, not just five
- b. User definable
- c. Administrator definable
- 4. Automated Reporting
 - a. Printing
 - b. Attachment
 - c. Activation
- 5. Graphical Display of list information

User Interface

- 1. Add Portlets of data internal and external to our agencies
- 2. Sort by column headers
- 3. Export list Portlet to Excel
- 4. Searchable user-defined fields
- 5. Unlimited user-defined fields
- 6. Configurable search screen
 - a. Module
 - b. Role
 - c. User
- 7. Edit screen layout
 - a. Role-Based – different layout/names
- 8. Display Outlook calendar
- 9. Multiple means of navigation
 - a. My Navigation
 - b. My Tasks
 - c. Alerts
 - d. Tabs
 - e. Go To
- 10. Multi-lingual support for Citizen Access portion of the product
- 11. Separate Licensing Module for renewal applications

USER_ID	USER_NAME	DEPARTMENT
911	911 center	(Planning Workflows)
FIREDEPT	FIRE DEPARTMENT	(Planning Workflows)
LAW	Law Department	(Planning Workflows)
PARKS	PARKS	(Planning Workflows)
URBDEV	Urban Development	(Planning Workflows)
ADMIN	'PERMIT' Plus Administrator	B&S
BERGSTRA	Ed Bergstraesser (Inspector)	B&S
BILKA	Darrell Bilka (Inspector)	B&S
BOIES	John Boies (Inspector)	B&S
BUCHHOLZ	Dale Buchholz (Inspector)	B&S
BUILDING	Building Section	B&S
CAMPOS	Rick Campos (Inspector)	B&S
COX	Darrell Cox (Inspector)	B&S
CRAWFORD	Rex Crawford (Inspector)	B&S
DRBAL	Dennis Drbal (Inspector)	B&S
EARHART	Ken Earhart (Inspector)	B&S
ELECTRICAL	Electrical Section	B&S
FIEDLER	Bob Fiedler (Inspector)	B&S
FIRE	Fire Prevention	B&S
FLEISCHM	Bill Fleischman (Inspector)	B&S
FUELLING	Bill Fuelling (Inspector)	B&S
GEDWARDS	Greg Edwards (Inspector)	B&S
GIEBELHA	Wayne Giebelhaus (Inspector)	B&S
GILBERT	Allen Gilbert (Inspector)	B&S
GODDARD	Mel Goddard (Inspector)	B&S
GROSS	Don Gross (Inspector)	B&S
HARRE	Al Harre (Inspector)	B&S
HARTSOCK	Steve Hartsock (Inspector)	B&S
HENKEL	Jerry Henkel (Inspector)	B&S
HESTER	Bob Hester (Inspector)	B&S
HILGER	Ken Hilger (Inspector)	B&S
HOUSING	Housing Section	B&S
HOWARD	Mark Howard (Inspector)	B&S
KIRCHHOF	Doug Kirchhoff (Inspector)	B&S
KIRKLAND	Jack Kirkland (Inspector)	B&S
KREALG	Angela Green	B&S
KRECJJ	Carol Jackson	B&S
KRECSC	Chanelle Coleman	B&S
KRECZZ	Chuck Zimmerman	B&S
KREDLS	Dale Stertz	B&S
KREGRM	Gordon McGill	B&S
KREGWS	Gary Spier	B&S
KREJAJ	Julie Jakoubek	B&S
KREJBE	Joy Eakin	B&S
KREJDN	Jerris Nider	B&S
KREJLL	Jerilyn Luft	B&S
KREJMF	Julie Fitzgerald	B&S
KREKMC	Kathleen Chadwick	B&S

KRELT	Lana Tolbert	B&S
KREMJP	Mike Petersen	B&S
KREMLM	Mike Merwick	B&S
KREMLW	Michele Williamson	B&S
KRENLB	Nancy Blum	B&S
KRERER	Ron Rehtus	B&S
KRERFC	Rita Cox	B&S
KRESMJ	Shawn Johnson	B&S
KRESSM	Samantha McBride	B&S
KRETAK	Terry Kathe	B&S
KRETAS	Todd Stutzman	B&S
MAILAHN	Clint Mailahn (Inspector)	B&S
MECHANICAL	Mechanical Section	B&S
MOODY	Bill Moody (Inspector)	B&S
PAULSON	Ray Paulson (Inspector)	B&S
PLUMBING	Plumbing Section	B&S
RIBEIRO	Dennies Ribeiro (Inspector)	B&S
RIRRD	Ron Peery	B&S
ROBBINS	Damon Robbins (Inspector)	B&S
SCHARF	Dave Scharf (Inspector)	B&S
SCHWEITZ	Chuck Schweitzer (Inspector)	B&S
SCOTT	Merl Scott (Inspector)	B&S
SIEMSEN	Bob Siemsen (Inspector)	B&S
SKINNER	Jim Skinner (Inspector)	B&S
STEWART	Sean Stewart (Inspector)	B&S
STUTZMAN	Todd Stutzman (Inspector)	B&S
WEISS	Steve Weiss (Inspector)	B&S
WENZL	Bob Wenzl (Inspector)	B&S
WESTLUND	Pat Westlund (Inspector)	B&S
WILSON	Jim Wilson (Inspector)	B&S
HDPCKW	Carlene Waldron	HEALTH
HDPJEJ	Justin Jedlicka	HEALTH
HDPDF	Richard Faubel	HEALTH
HDPMS	Ruth Spicer	HEALTH
HDPTLF	Trudy Franssen	HEALTH
HESAJM	Allen Martin	HEALTH
HESBAM	Beth Mann	HEALTH
HESBBH	Bryan Hurst	HEALTH
HESBTB	Brittney Bui	HEALTH
HESCMS	Chris Schroeder	HEALTH
HESDAV	Dave Voboril	HEALTH
HESDCK	Danielle Krause	HEALTH
HESDGL	Diana Lane	HEALTH
HESDRS	Doug Smith	HEALTH
HESGAE	Gina Egenberger	HEALTH
HESGRB	Gary Bergstrom	HEALTH
HESHAH	Harry Heafer	HEALTH
HESJAN	James Newman	HEALTH
HESJDV	Jocelyn VanCleave	HEALTH

HESJEB	Jim Bare	HEALTH
HESJJC	John Chess	HEALTH
HESJKE	Janet English	HEALTH
HESJLD	Justin Daniel	HEALTH
HESJLJ	Joyce Jensen	HEALTH
HESJSF	James Fobben	HEALTH
HESKLK	Kathy King	HEALTH
HESKMC	Kristen Cayler	HEALTH
HESLAC	Lori Cook	HEALTH
HESLNM	Lauren Marschman	HEALTH
HESLRM	Leon Marquart	HEALTH
HESMAK	Mark Kenne	HEALTH
HESMBL	Maritza Leon	HEALTH
HESMDH	Mike Holmquist	HEALTH
HESMLH	Marcia Huenink	HEALTH
HESNCH	Nate Hartman	HEALTH
HESPAW	Pam Wismer	HEALTH
HESPDD	Paul Drotzmann	HEALTH
HESRAS	Richard Slama	HEALTH
HESRDE	Ron Eriksen	HEALTH
HESREM	Ralph Martin	HEALTH
HESRMR	Renae Rief	HEALTH
HESSEH	Scott Holmes	HEALTH
HESSJT	Sandra Tryon	HEALTH
HESTMH	Tanya Hinrichsen	HEALTH
HEALTH	Health Dept	HLTH (B&S Workflows)
DPDJKA	Jim Anderson	IS
JWISMER	Julie Wismer	LES
KHOLMAN	Kendra Holman	LES
KSHERFFIUS	Kalene Sherffius	LES
MBATENHORST	Michelle Batenhorst	LES
MPERSSON	Mike Persson	LES
NHEGENER	Nancy Hegener	LES
RHOHNSTEIN	Rebecca Hohnstein	LES
SBROWN	Sandie Brown	LES
SSCHELL	Sharon Schell	LES
TDIER	Terri Dier	LES
NCSBJW	Brian Will	PLANNING
NCSBMG	Brandon Garrett	PLANNING
NCSCFD	Cindy Dittman	PLANNING
NCSCJE	Christy Eichorn	PLANNING
NCSDLG	Diana Gottshcal	PLANNING
NCSDRC	David Cary	PLANNING
NCSEFZ	Ed Zimmer	PLANNING
NCSJLW	Jean Walker	PLANNING
NCSKRM	Kent Morgan	PLANNING
NCSLBC	Logan Christy	PLANNING
NCSMAM	Missy Minner	PLANNING
NCSMMA	Michele Abendroth	PLANNING

NCSMSK	Marvin Krout	PLANNING
NCSMVD	Mike Dekalb	PLANNING
NCSRFB	Ray Hill	PLANNING
NCSSER	Scott Richert	PLANNING
NCSSSH	Steve Henrichsen	PLANNING
NCSSXH	Sara Hartzell	PLANNING
NCSTAM	Teresa McKinstry	PLANNING
NCSTJC	Tom Cajka	PLANNING
PLANNING	PLANNING	PLANNING
PLCOUNTER	PLCOUNTER	PLANNING
PLSIGNS	Dev Review Intern	PLANNING
HIST/CAP	Hist/Cap	Planning (B&S Workflows)
SCREEN	Screen	Planning (B&S Workflows)
SID	Sidewalk	Planning (B&S Workflows)
NRDJBD	JB DIXON	PWU
PWPCW	PW USER	PWU
PWUWTR	PWUWTR	PWU
SIAAMH	Amber Hass	PWU
SIAASF	Angela Frederick	PWU
SIAPAF	Pam Fleming	PWU
SICBWS	Bruce Sweeney	PWU
SICCDW	Charlie Wilcox	PWU
SICGRT	Greg Topil	PWU
SICLGD	Gary Duensing	PWU
SIDFAM	Fran Mejer	PWU
SIDJMB	Janice Brockmann	PWU
SIDMAH	Michaela Hansen	PWU
SIDSNV	Scott Vrbka	PWU
SIEALC	Amy Cornelious-Jones	PWU
SIEBAB	Bruce Briney	PWU
SIEGLL	Gary Lacy	PWU
SIEGSG	Glenna Graupmann	PWU
SIEMPF	Mark Fischer	PWU
SIEMZK	Maggie Kellner	PWU
SIESKF	Suzie Filipi	PWU
SIETDQ	Tina Queen	PWU
SIFCLK	Chris Koll	PWU
SIFKKS	Karen Sieckmeyer	PWU
WBSCMG	Colleen Goebel	PWU
WBSSMM	Shirley Morris	PWU
WDSCAT	Connie Taylor	PWU
WSDHHD	Diane Hilliard	PWU
WDSLDR	Lonnie Rech	PWU
WDSNWM	Nick McElvain	PWU
WDSREC	Rod Cummings	PWU
WDSSIQ	Sue Quakenbush	PWU
WDSWHF	Bill Fish	PWU
WDSWHH	Bill Holton	PWU
WICLDL	Lance Loschen	PWU

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Iris Weger
Patti J Buechel
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*Ask Devin about
permits process*

Accela Land Management Migration Deliverables

STAGE 1 - INITIATION

DELIVERABLE 1: PROJECT INITIATION

DELIVERABLE 2: ACCELA AUTOMATION SETUP

STAGE 2 – ANALYSIS

DELIVERABLE 3: CONFIGURATION ANALYSIS

STAGE 3 – CONFIGURATION

DELIVERABLE 4: ACCELA AUTOMATION SYSTEM CONFIGURATION

STAGE 4 – BUILD

**DELIVERABLE 5: STANDARD LICENSED PROFESSIONAL DATA
CONVERSION**

DELIVERABLE 6: HISTORICAL DATA CONVERSION

DELIVERABLE 7: INTERFACE TO ASSESSORS APO DATABASE

DELIVERABLE 8: INTERFACE TO FINANCAL SYSTEM

DELIVERABLE 9: INTERFACE TO IVR

DELIVERABLE 10: EVENT MANAGEMENT SCRIPTING ASSISTANCE

DELIVERABLE 11: REPORT SPECIFICATIONS/ REPORT DEVELOPMENT

**DELIVERABLE 12: ACCELA CITIZEN ACCESS INSTALLATION AND
CONFIGURATION**

DELIVERABLE 13: ACCELA GIS INSTALLATION AND CONFIGURATION

DELIVERABLE 14: ACCELA MOBILE OFFICE

STAGE 5 – READINESS

DELIVERABLE 15: ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL TRAINING

DELIVERABLE 16: DAILY USER TRAINING – TRAIN THE TRAINER APPROACH

DELIVERABLE 17: USER ACCEPTANCE TESTING (UAT)

STAGE 6 - DEPLOY

DELIVERABLE 18: PRODUCTION SUPPORT

DELIVERABLE 19: POST DEPLOYMENT SUPPORT AND TRANSITION TO CRC

DELIVERABLE 20: PROJECT MANAGEMENT

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Agency

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flagstaff

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Password

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coudays

Password:

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HOME NAVIGATION CREATE NEW MAPS

Permits GIS EPlanning Fee Enterprise Tools Trusts Reports People POC Mobile

User info

Cindy DuPay (Guest)

Guest
City of Bridgeview, AZ

Alerts

Message Remove Help

- Application (CAP ID - 10BRN-0000-00057) has been accepted and is in review.
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Weather

Portland, OR
44°F
Overcast
at 3:37 PM
Click for Forecast

Building Permits

Number	Type	Issued Date	Description	Status	First	Last	Balance	Number
10BRN-0000-00057	Comm Bldg Permit	04/27		Applied On-Line	Austin	Polton	\$0.00	907
10BRN-0000-00056	Residential Addition	04/27	Front Porch & 2 car gar...	Permit Issued	Carl	Greer	\$500.00	901
10BRN-0000-00055	Comm Bldg Permit	04/27	Linden Hills - Mixed U...	Final Inspection Passed	KEVIN	CLARK	\$0.00	902
10BRN-0000-00054	Comm Bldg Permit	04/27	Linden Hills - Mixed U...	Permit Issued	Divayne	Patterson	\$75.00	907
10BRN-0000-00053	Comm Bldg Permit	04/27	New Kent Hilton	Pending			\$500.00	3303

Number: 10BRN-00000-00057

Application Status: **Applied On-Line**
File Date: **04/27/2010**

Description of Work:

Condition Status	Condition Name	Status	Apply Date	Severity	Action By
	Parcel No: 5737000250				
	Application Details: Link				
	Application Type: Business Building Permit/Commercial				
	Address: 907 Linden Rd, Chicago, Ill., 60614				
	Owner Name: SEAYER, CLARK, HEIDI JEAN				

The console toolbar allows you to navigate throughout Accela Automation and provides quick access to common functions like search

Console is made of many Pages All pages are customizable except global search

Application Bar has personal preferences & settings & Sign Out link

Home button takes you to the Home console page

City of Bridgewater | Cindy DuPay (Guest) | Alerts (47) | Sign Out

HOME | NAVIGATION | CREATE NEW | MAPS

User Info

Cindy DuPay (Guest)

Guest
City of Bridgewater, AZ



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- Application (CAP ID - [10BRN-0000-00057](#)) has been accepted and is in review.

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Number	Type	Issued Date	Description	Status	First	Last	Balance	Number
<input type="checkbox"/> 10BRN-0000-00057	Comm Bldg Permit	04/27		Applied On-line	Austin	Patton	\$0.00	907
<input type="checkbox"/> 10BRN-0000-00058	Residential Addition	04/27	Front Porch & 2 car ga...	Permit Issued	Carl	Greer	\$500.00	901
<input type="checkbox"/> 10BRN-0000-00055	Comm Bldg Permit	04/27	Linden Mills - Mixed U...	Final Inspection Passed	KEVIN	CLARK	\$0.00	907
<input type="checkbox"/> 10BRN-0000-00056	Comm Bldg Permit	04/27	Linden Mills - Mixed U...	Permit Issued	Dwayne	Patterson	\$75.00	907
<input type="checkbox"/> 10BRN-0000-00057	Comm Bldg Permit	04/27	New Kent Hilton	Pending			\$500.00	3303

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Application Info

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Application Status: Applied On-line									
File Date: 04/27/2016									
Description of Work:									
Condition Status: Condition Name									
Parcel ID: 975106015									
Application Detail: Date									
Application Type: Building, Building Deck, Covered Deck, New									
Address: 907 10BRN ST, CHAPPEL HILL, NC 27514									
Owner Name: SAVIER, CLAY, HEIDI JEAN									

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- 05SUB-00000-00002
- 122-201-300

User Info: Mark, Dixon, P.E. Mike, Johnson

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Manager	Type	Opened Date	Description	Status	First	Last	Balance	Number
10BRN-00000-00053	Comm Bldg Permit	04/27		Applied On-line	Austin	Patton	\$0.00	907
10BRN-00000-00054	Residential Addition	04/27	Front Porch & 2 car ga...	Permit Issued	Carl	Greer	\$500.00	961
10BRN-00000-00055	Comm Bldg Permit	04/27	Linden Mills - Mixed U...	Final Inspection Passed	KEVIN	CLARK	\$0.00	907
10BRN-00000-00056	Comm Bldg Permit	04/27	Linden Mills - Mixed U...	Permit Issued	Orwayne	Patterson	\$75.00	997
10BRN-00000-00057	Comm Bldg Permit	04/27	New Kent Hilton	Pending			\$500.00	0303

Number: 10BRN-00000-00057

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Application Status: [Selected Permit](#)
 File Date: [04/27/2011](#)

Description of Work:

Condition Status	Condition Name	Status	Apply Date	Severity	Action By
	Parcel No: 071746000				
	Application Detail: Detail				
	Application Type: Building Building Dept/Community Dev				
	Address: 507 WILSON RD, CHAPEL HILL, NC 27514				
	Owner Name: WALTER CLARK HETCO JEAN				

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 Application (CAP ID - 10BRN-00000-00054) has been accepted and is in review.
 Application (CAP ID - 10BRN-00000-00052) has been accepted and is in review.

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<input type="checkbox"/>	10BRN-00000-00057	Comm Bldg Permit	04/27		Applied On-line	Alison Patton		\$0.00	907
<input type="checkbox"/>	10BRN-00000-00058	Residential Addition	04/27	Front Porch & 2 car ga...	Permit Issued	Carl Greer		\$500.00	901
<input type="checkbox"/>	10BRN-00000-00059	Comm Bldg Permit	04/27	Linden Mills - Mixed U...	Final Inspection Passed	KEVIN CLARK		\$0.00	907
<input type="checkbox"/>	10BRN-00000-00055	Comm Bldg Permit	04/27	Linden Mills - Mixed U...	Permit Issued	Dwayne Patterson		\$75.00	907
<input type="checkbox"/>	10BRN-00000-00053	Comm Bldg Permit	04/27	New Kent Hilton	Pending			\$500.00	3303

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Application Status: [Applied Online](#)
File Date: [04/27/2016](#)
Description of Work:

Condition Status:	Condition Name	Status	Apply Date	Severity	Action By
	Parcel No: 170209328				
	Application Detail: Details				
	Application Type: Building, Building Dept, Comm Bldg, New				
	Address: 907 LINCOLN RD CHAPEL HILL NC 27514				
	Owner Name: SAWYER CLARK HEIDI JEAN				

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Application Status: [Applied Online](#)

File Date: [04/07/2013](#)

Description of Work:

Condition Status	Condition Name	Status	Apply Date	Severity	Action By
	Parcel No: E24C00005				
	Application Detail: Detail				
	Application Type: Building Erection Dept/Construction New				
	Address: 107 LINCOLN AVE CHAPEL HILL NC 27614				
	Owner Name: SANTER, CLARA HEIDI JEAN				

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The Portlets are basic building blocks of Accela Automation

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The content of a portlet reflects the content of your agency's database

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Number	Type	Issued Date	Owner	Fee	Number
10BRN-00000-00058	Comm Bldg Permit	04/27		\$0.00	907
10BRN-00000-00059	Residential Addition	04/27	Pro...	\$500.00	501
10BRN-00000-00055	Comm Bldg Permit	04/27	Linden Mills	\$0.00	507
10BRN-00000-00055	Comm Bldg Permit	04/27	Linden Mills - Mixed U...		Passed
10BRN-00000-00056	Comm Bldg Permit	04/27	New Kent Hilton		Permit Issued
10BRN-00000-00057	Comm Bldg Permit	04/27			Pending

Detail Portlet

Number: 10BRN-00000-00057

Application Status: **Accepted**

File Date: 04/27/2010

Description of Work:

Condition Status	Condition Name	Status	Apply Date	Severity	Action By
	Parcel No.: 2147500015				

Application Details: [View](#)

Application Type: [Building/Building Code/Permit/Structure](#)

Address: [30 LINDEN MILLS PLACE, LINDEN MILLS, AZ 85126](#)

Owner Name: [SANTER CLARA HEIDI JEAN](#)

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<input type="checkbox"/>	10BRN-00000-00057	Comm Bldg Permit	04/27		Applied On-line	Austin	Fallon	\$0.00	907
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<input type="checkbox"/>	10BRN-00000-00055	Comm Bldg Permit	04/27	Linden Hills - Mixed U...	Final Inspection Passed	KEVIN	CLARK	\$0.00	507
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Application Status: [Applied On-line](#)

File Date: [04/27/2018](#)

Description of Work:

Condition Status	Condition Name	Status	Apply Date	Severity	Action By
	Parcel No.: 211C769026				
	Application Detail: View				
	Application Type: Building/Building Dept/General/Service				
	Address: 307 LUNCEN RD CHAPEL HILL NC 27514				
	Owner Name: SAYLER-CLARK HEIDI JEAN				

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Building Permit ID: 20030893

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File Date: 07/01/2003
Tracking #: 2

Application Detail: [Detail](#)

Application Type: [Building \(Mechanical\) Residential/NA](#)

Address: [1000 E SUNNYSLOPE RD, PETALUMA, CA 94952](#)

Owner Name: [DURIAN DAVID R & JEANNE J](#)

Owner Address: [1000 E SUNNYSLOPE RD, PETALUMA, CA 949528804](#)

Description of Work: [REPLACE \(1\) FURNACE - 125,000 BTU DOWN FLOW, INSTALL NEW 5 TON CONDENSING UNIT](#)

Contact Info:

Name	Organization Name	Contact Type	Relationship	Address
J.H. SEIGER	ADVANCED AERO VAC TECH	Applicant		4465 PARKER HILL RD, SANTA ROSA, CA 95404

Parcel No.: [019-490-029](#)

Licensed Professionals Info:

Primary	License Number	License Type	Name	Business Name	Business License #
Yes	535690	CONTRACTOR		ADVANCED AERO VAC TECH	

Workflow Status:

Task	Status	Status Date	Action By
Application Submitted	2. Accepted/No Plan Check Req	07/01/2003	Deanna Jensen
Planning Review			
Engineering Review			
FM (Fire) Review			
Environmental Review			
Building Review			
Health Review			
EDD Review			
Consultant Review			
Water Review			
Other Review			
Ready To Issue	1. Ready	07/01/2003	Deanna Jensen

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REALTORS® ASSOCIATION OF LINCOLN

Date: July 12, 2011
To: Lincoln City Council
From: REALTORS® Association of Lincoln
Re: DSC – Accela Land Management Wireless Solution

The REALTORS® Association of Lincoln recently learned of an opportunity for the Development Services Center to upgrade from the current legacy software-PermitsPlus to Accela Land Management, a wireless solution. With all due respect for the city's current financial situation, we would like to voice our support for conversion to the new platform.

Due to the use of a federal grant and existing DSC funds, it is our understanding, the proposed software upgrade will have minimal affect on the next two city budget cycles. Additionally, Accela estimates a nearly \$5 million dollar cost savings over the first seven years by automating just a portion of the services provided by the DSC. Over the long term the new interface has the ability to more than pay for itself.

An online environment will not only increase DSC staff efficiencies, but will allow the customers of the DSC to submit permit applications online. Accela has suggested, based on national averages for cities with similar permit numbers, online transactions cost approximately \$1.00 per transaction, compared to about \$400.00 per face-to-face transaction. Again, substantial savings for all involved.

Ultimately, the current legacy software has exceeded its intended lifespan. It is antiquated and will soon no longer be supported. A limited window for discounted pricing, along with reduced permit activity, makes this the ideal time for conversion. Upgrading now will provide minimal disruption for DSC staff duties and adequate time for customer education.

We believe now is the right time to upgrade this archaic technology. New software is long overdue and will provide efficiencies, substantial savings and a 21st Century solution to accommodate the development of Lincoln for years to come.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicole D. Jensen'.

Nicole D. Jensen
Executive Vice President
REALTORS® Association of Lincoln

Cc: Fred Hoke, Director of Development Services Center
Mayor Chris Beutler

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July 18, 2011

TO: Lincoln City Council
FROM: DSC Advisory Team
RE: DSC Software Upgrade

Since 2009, the members of the DSC Advisory Team have been working in conjunction with the DSC and have seen significant improvements in efficiency and attention to customer service over that time. We feel that providing the DSC with the Accela Land Management Upgrade will lead to increased benefits to the development community with a web-based, wireless, more user-friendly upgrade.

Due to the economic downturn, Accela has substantially cut the fees for the upgrade, which is advantageous to the center. Also, with the slower permitting activity in the City, this is an ideal time to provide the upgrade. Implementing this upgrade now would not only be cost effective, but would enable the staff in the four departments using the software to be fully trained before the permitting activity returns to previous levels.

We understand that with the efficiencies, decrease in customer trips to the City-County Building, improved communications among departments, enhanced communications with contractors for inspections and results, and improved workflow processes, this software will create a substantial return on investment that could help support the financing over the last several years of the agreement with Accela.

As representatives from the development community, we encourage you to support Resolution 11R-162 on the July 25th City Council Agenda.

Sincerely,



DaNay Kalkowski, Co-Chair



Dave Johnson, Co-Chair

Cc: Fred Hoke, Manager, DSC
Mayor Chris Beutler

TEN YEAR SUMMARY OF BUDGET VS. ACTUAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT FOR THE GENERAL FUND

	ADOPTED BUDGET 2009-10	ACTUAL EXPENDED 2009-10	ADOPTED BUDGET 2008-09	ACTUAL EXPENDED 2008-09	ADOPTED BUDGET 2007-08	ACTUAL EXPENDED 2007-08	ADOPTED BUDGET 2006-07	ACTUAL EXPENDED 2006-07	ADOPTED BUDGET 2005-06	ACTUAL EXPENDED 2005-06
GENERAL FUND:										
CITY COUNCIL	\$263,537	\$265,653	\$260,447	\$260,156	\$268,094	\$260,375	\$261,391	\$268,866	\$306,682	\$276,274
FINANCE	2,271,223	2,290,528	2,181,663	2,224,480	2,154,610	2,145,539	2,173,980	2,066,172	2,201,469	2,152,780
FIRE & RESCUE	21,328,282	21,170,045	20,267,049	20,879,289	19,427,199	19,491,472	19,069,536	18,945,570	19,035,698	18,948,755
LAW	2,304,466	2,378,809	2,094,810	2,121,993	1,953,142	2,037,101	2,026,892	2,030,372	2,112,653	2,077,805
MAYOR'S DEPARTMENT										
Mayor's Office	795,864	712,692	699,610	708,883	607,943	638,886	625,309	669,006	640,236	625,954
Affirmative Action						10,403	65,069	64,002	71,737	70,065
Citizens' Info. Center	240,068	236,297	242,549	240,247	244,595	236,409	254,082	246,717	261,913	272,097
Human Rights	115,920	122,043	124,641	129,403	124,597	113,820	140,222	144,311	171,285	174,666
Women's Commission						22,108	142,101	131,498	147,897	151,241
MISCELLANEOUS BUDGETS										
Contingency	300,000		300,729		201,353		470,000	398,000	650,000	
Interfund Transfers	15,545,805	15,545,247	16,568,249	16,606,249	16,163,612	16,586,169	16,084,288	16,415,715	16,476,884	16,745,699
General Expense	16,259,885	16,307,258	18,485,180	16,422,123	17,951,143	17,275,492	17,255,978	17,438,503	17,213,257	16,294,482
Special Events	136,126	123,727	146,225	159,426	146,225	127,021	153,725	112,969	149,225	109,302
Street Lights	5,776,638	5,883,810	5,398,608	5,559,469	4,929,433	4,925,755	4,189,390	4,331,136	3,651,386	3,615,889
PARKS AND RECREATION	10,973,657	10,972,659	10,910,153	10,928,067	11,282,920	11,388,956	11,356,061	11,176,061	11,604,399	11,511,642
PERSONNEL	846,999	847,650	924,671	917,437	927,529	887,977	901,015	887,945	915,099	909,536
PLANNING	1,678,172	1,672,995	1,703,208	1,811,525	1,653,300	1,563,940	1,620,346	1,528,544	1,607,136	1,601,641
POLICE	31,271,623	31,452,854	30,609,615	29,865,656	29,905,226	29,318,144	28,992,736	28,263,313	28,654,988	28,820,066
PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITIES	3,667,009	3,536,604	3,720,209	3,740,485	3,667,367	3,695,446	3,774,423	3,825,512	4,011,634	4,130,636
URBAN DEVELOPMENT	776,056	750,338	751,070	722,964	754,588	769,448	796,566	821,929	813,674	812,824
TOTAL - GENERAL FUND	\$114,551,330	\$114,269,209	\$115,388,686	\$113,297,852	\$112,362,876	\$111,494,461	\$110,353,110	\$109,766,141	\$110,697,252	\$109,301,354

	ADOPTED BUDGET 2004-05	ACTUAL EXPENDED 2004-05	ADOPTED BUDGET 2003-04	ACTUAL EXPENDED 2003-04	ADOPTED BUDGET 2002-03	ACTUAL EXPENDED 2002-03	ADOPTED BUDGET 2001-02	ACTUAL EXPENDED 2001-02	ADOPTED BUDGET 2000-01	ACTUAL EXPENDED 2000-01
GENERAL FUND:										
CITY COUNCIL	\$240,147	\$237,320	\$217,418	\$220,478	\$250,191	\$226,057	\$244,946	\$220,599	\$207,723	\$207,482
FINANCE	2,091,035	2,129,827	2,014,932	1,994,840	1,966,468	1,958,504	2,006,038	1,861,532	1,833,266	1,856,964
FIRE & RESCUE	18,138,378	18,448,828	17,520,780	16,916,694	16,556,644	16,399,232	15,810,690	15,600,284	15,275,970	15,198,610
LAW	1,972,254	1,954,769	1,875,483	1,861,404	1,768,306	1,716,965	1,636,857	1,640,383	1,564,395	1,528,180
MAYOR'S DEPARTMENT										
Mayor's Office	609,092	594,402	594,204	579,110	558,614	568,943	460,863	468,563	414,835	460,863
Affirmative Action	69,120	70,880	67,732	67,260	64,022	72,336	62,294	76,760		21,610
Citizens' Info. Center	328,335	290,028	269,937	254,068	213,976	205,954	219,875	209,854	242,335	209,393
Human Rights	176,336	165,123	173,434	171,721	161,498	159,091	173,615	170,198	243,392	142,865
Women's Commission	152,423	135,808	145,205	145,666	137,610	137,733	133,175	121,419	125,976	121,341
MISCELLANEOUS BUDGETS										
Contingency	350,000		450,000		450,000		450,000		450,000	
Interfund Transfers	16,044,572	16,193,472	15,505,995	15,720,560	14,792,039	15,005,068	14,334,541	14,680,392	13,737,524	13,704,614
General Expense	17,408,908	16,322,999	15,866,523	14,603,238	14,895,467	14,239,921	14,584,987	13,097,127	13,587,983	12,547,171
Special Events	132,225	115,972	109,725	145,911	101,975	130,779	94,975	102,302	93,100	82,357
Street Lights	3,035,700	3,255,854	3,482,600	3,495,360	3,315,300	3,307,904	3,225,800	3,219,375	3,127,100	3,124,235
PARKS AND RECREATION	10,722,874	10,753,990	10,316,701	10,217,316	9,831,801	9,842,096	9,605,725	10,051,517	8,848,378	8,681,043
PERSONNEL	841,689	843,238	780,132	790,808	747,662	745,451	730,456	715,686	711,989	699,081
PLANNING	1,601,117	1,780,815	1,517,861	1,456,309	1,516,670	1,364,921	1,383,131	1,445,544	1,453,946	1,459,473
POLICE	27,077,325	26,970,340	26,118,347	25,985,249	24,635,606	24,231,991	23,756,097	24,366,224	22,577,014	22,751,255
PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITIES	3,778,862	3,737,564	3,700,619	3,829,621	3,582,463	3,813,797	3,430,049	3,706,809	3,040,826	3,083,965
URBAN DEVELOPMENT	774,104	834,078	685,217	684,734	667,993	622,254	579,844	695,773	534,752	510,216
TOTAL - GENERAL FUND	\$105,544,496	\$104,835,307	\$101,412,845	\$99,140,347	\$96,214,305	\$94,748,997	\$92,923,958	\$92,450,341	\$88,070,504	\$86,390,718

Mary M. Meyer

Subject: Budget Questions

To: Steve D. Hubka
Cc: Mary M. Meyer; Mayor
Subject: Budget Questions

Steve:

Can you provide the following (feel free to suggest easiest way for you to compile):

1. Total general fund budget for last 10 years (budget and actual)
 - a. Also a breakdown by Departments
2. Total fees collected by City for last 10 years
 - a. If possible, break down by major category—Building & Safety, etc
3. Where Departments receive both General Fund monies and Fees, it is possible to show the Departments total budget and actual expenditures and also the source of those funds each year, as split between fees and General Fund?
4. Enterprise Fund data
 - a. Total revenues??
 - b. Parking, Ambulance, etc.

You will recall my question repeated during many of our budget seasons about getting more historical data beyond the 3 columns normally presented (last full year actual, current year’s budget, project next FY budget).

Thanks,

Jon

JON A. CAMP

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“The American Republic will endure until the day Congress discovers that it can bribe the public with the public's money”

~ Alexis de Tocqueville ([French Historian](#) and [Political scientist. 1805-1859](#))

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Lincoln City Council
Lancaster County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Steven L. Henderson, Information Services 

SUBJECT: 2011-2012 Budget Discussion: Information Services Follow-up

DATE: July 20, 2011

At the conclusion of Information Services' Common Budget Hearing last week, I was asked to provide some additional information about the \$445,039 "Miscellaneous" amount in the Services Summary portion of our budget summary.

The Services Summary is part of the standardized presentation of budget information, and represents the summation of several account codes. In preparing the budget, Information Services made adjustments in account code assignments to a variety of expenses in an effort to more accurately reflect the cost of services provided by the division. Several dollar amounts in the Services Summary changed, including the miscellaneous figure, but you will note that the Services Summary reflects an overall decrease of slightly more than \$100,000 from \$1,909,359 to \$1,786,278.

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact me at steve.henderson@lincoln.ne.gov or 441-7823.

Jean Preister

From: Michele M. Abendroth
Sent: Tuesday, July 19, 2011 9:44 AM
Subject: Announcement: LPlan 2040 Update: Newsletter Issue 6 & LRTP Technical Report

The July 2011 issue of the **LPlan 2040 Newsletter** has been posted to our website at lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/lplan2040/Background.htm. The **Long Range Transportation Plan Technical Report** has also been posted to the website and can be accessed at lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/lplan2040/lrtp.htm.

Michele Abendroth

Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department
555 South 10th Street, Suite 213
Lincoln, NE 68508
402-441-6164



Memorandum

Date: ♦ July 19, 2011
To: ♦ City Clerk
From: ♦ Teresa McKinstry, Planning Dept.
Re: ♦ Administrative Approvals
cc: ♦ Jean Preister

This is a list of the Administrative Approvals that were approved by the Planning Director from July 12, 2011 thru July 18, 2011:

Administrative Amendment No. 11032 to Use Permit No. 80, University of Nebraska Technology Park, approved by the Planning Director on July 13, 2011, requested by University of Nebraska Foundation, to add section 4.8, Aesthetic Improvements to Article IV - Landscaping, and amend Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions as required by Article III of Resolution A-77118 for the University of Nebraska Technology Park, on property generally at NW. 1st St. and Highland Blvd.

Administrative Amendment No. 11035 to Special Permit No. 419A, Southwood Community Unit Plan, approved by the Planning Director on July 15, 2011, requested by Hutchinson Architects, to add the note "Building locations are conceptual and may be constructed anywhere within the required setbacks", on property generally located at S. 27th St. and Highway 2.

**City/County Planning Department
555 S. 10th Street, Rm. 213
Lincoln NE 68508
(402) 441-7491**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Lincoln City Council
Lancaster County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Marvin Krout, Director of Planning *M. Krout*

SUBJECT: Information for Redistricting

DATE: July 21, 2011

cc: Mayor Chris Beutler
Rick Hoppe, Mayor's Office
Dave Shively, Election Commissioner
Kerry Eagan, County Board

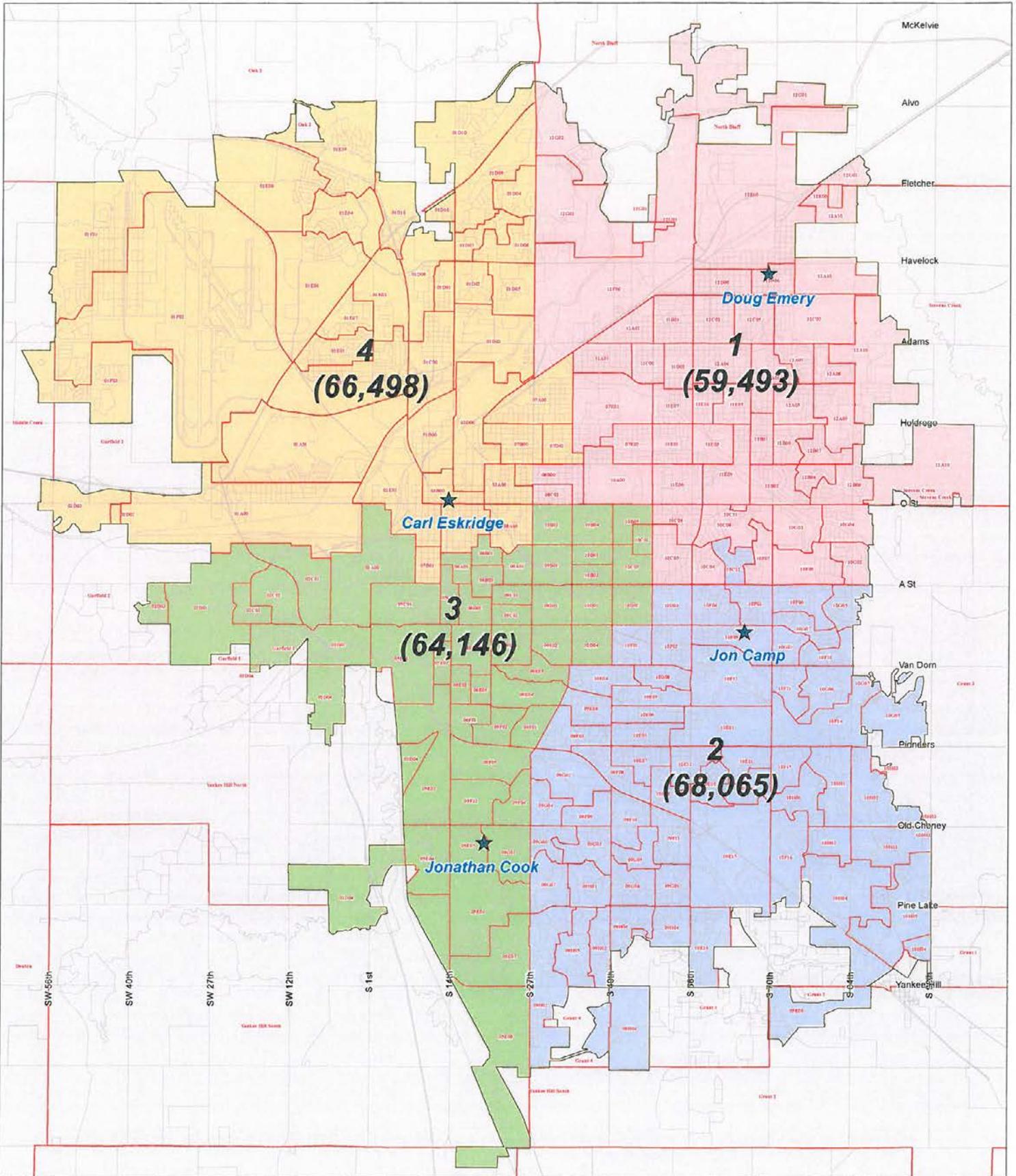
Attached as requested is some initial information that is pertinent to your upcoming task of adjusting district boundaries for future City Council and County Commission elections:

- Maps of current City Council and County Commission district boundaries, showing the official 2010 Census population counts within each of those districts, overlaying a layer with the current voting precinct boundaries and the numbers for each precinct, and locating the residences of current elected district representatives.
- Table with the 2010 Census population counts for each of the current voting precincts.

Remember, the Election Commissioner is currently working on revisions to the voting precinct boundaries, so the attached information cannot be used to draw new district boundaries. But it does give you an idea of how growth over the past 10 years has been uneven and results in some "imbalances" which deserves your review and adjustment, so that the total population is more equally divided among the districts per the principle of "one person, one vote." Please let us know if you would like a larger scale paper copy of the city or county map.

State law requires that boundary adjustments be completed within 6 months of the enactment of the new state legislative districts, which occurred at the end of May. The Planning Department will provide assistance to the boards in considering options and developing preferred new district maps. We are expecting to discuss this item with you further, along with the Election Commissioner, at the August Common meeting.

q:\msk\Redistricting Memo to CC and CB

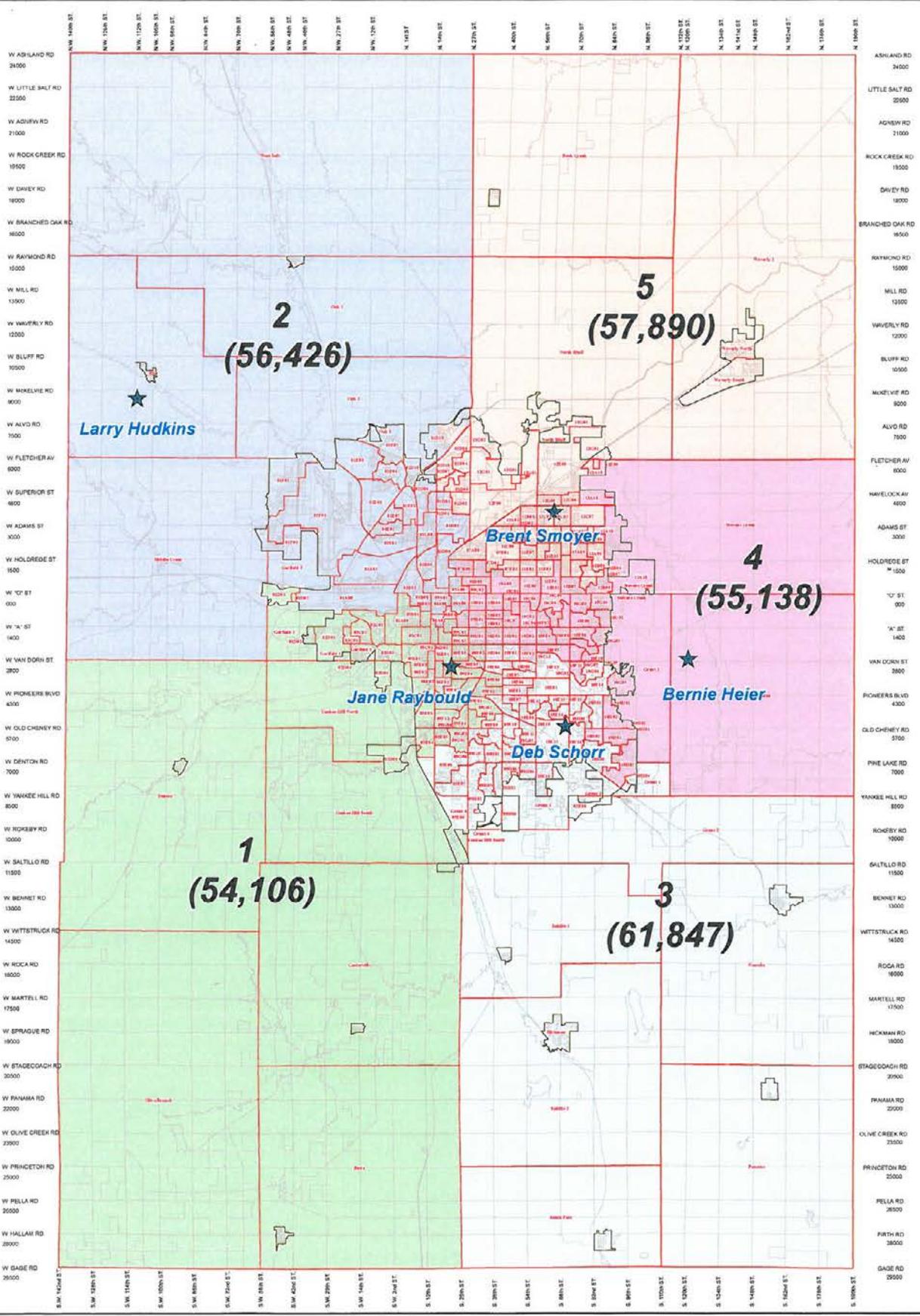


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- 2010 Census Blocks
- Current City Limits
- Voting Precincts

District Number
(2010 Population)





2010 TOTAL POPULATION BY COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT

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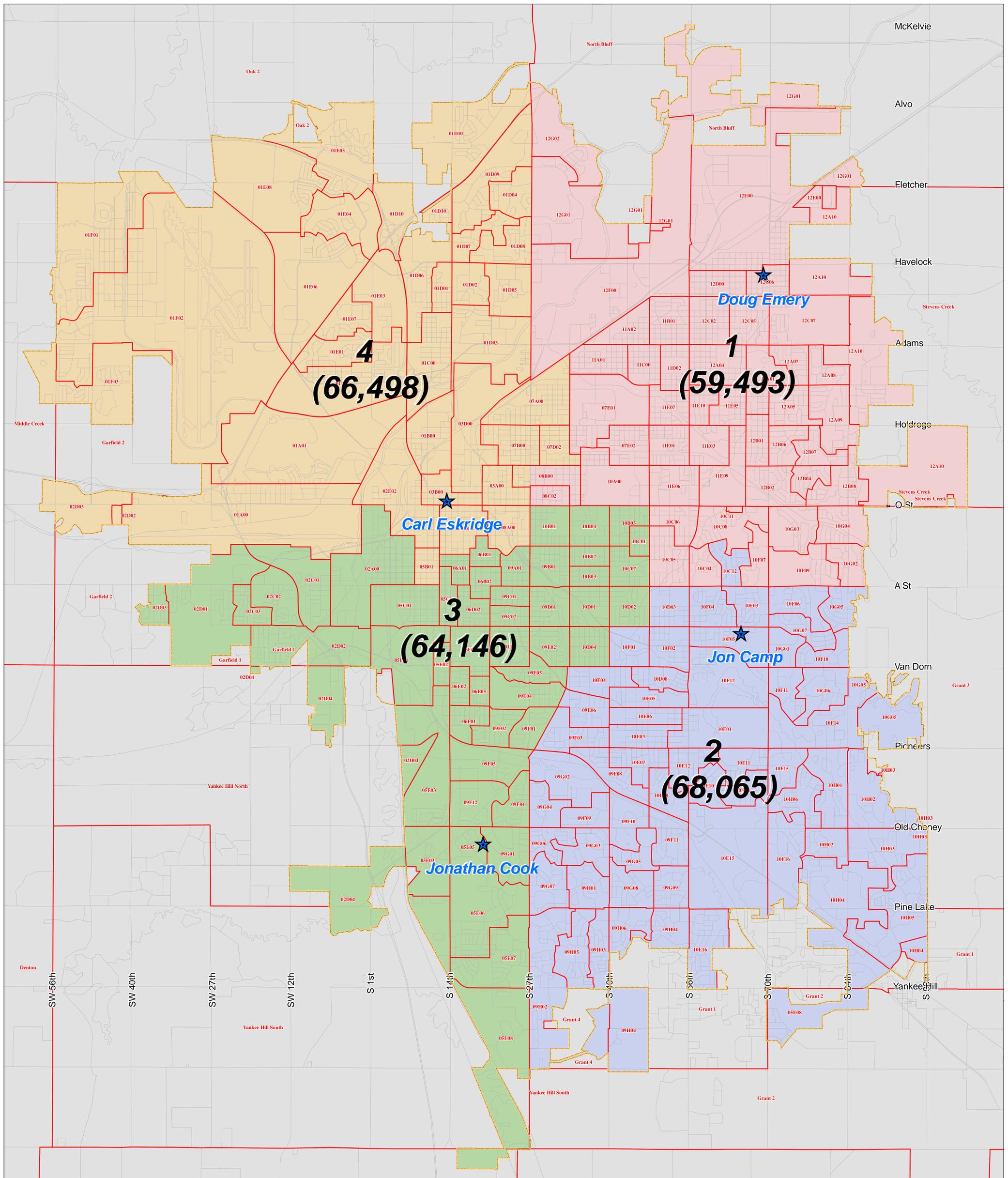
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01D04	1473
01D05	1402
01D06	1364
01D07	1807
01D08	1542
01D09	1362
01D10	3186
01E01	1856
01E02	2253
01E03	1912
01E04	1700
01E05	1852
01E06	1350
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01E08	1494
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01F03	2372
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02D01	3700
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02D04	448
02E02	1166
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05B01	1948
05C01	1716
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05E01	1170
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05E07	1902
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Buda	607
Centerville	1051
Denton	1455
Elk	1068
Garfield 1	23
Garfield 2	502
Grant 1	899
Grant 2	1012
Grant 3	526
Grant 4	0
Hickman	1657
Middle Creek	1085
Nemaha	1303
North Bluff	715
Oak 1	768
Oak 2	320
Olive Branch	752
Panama	717
Rock Creek	582
Saltillo 1	791
Saltillo 2	1253
South Pass	1188
Stevens Creek	950
Stockton	1018
Waverly 2	588
Waverly North	1742
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West Salt	1286
Yankee Hill North	678
Yankee Hill South	1134
TOTAL	285407

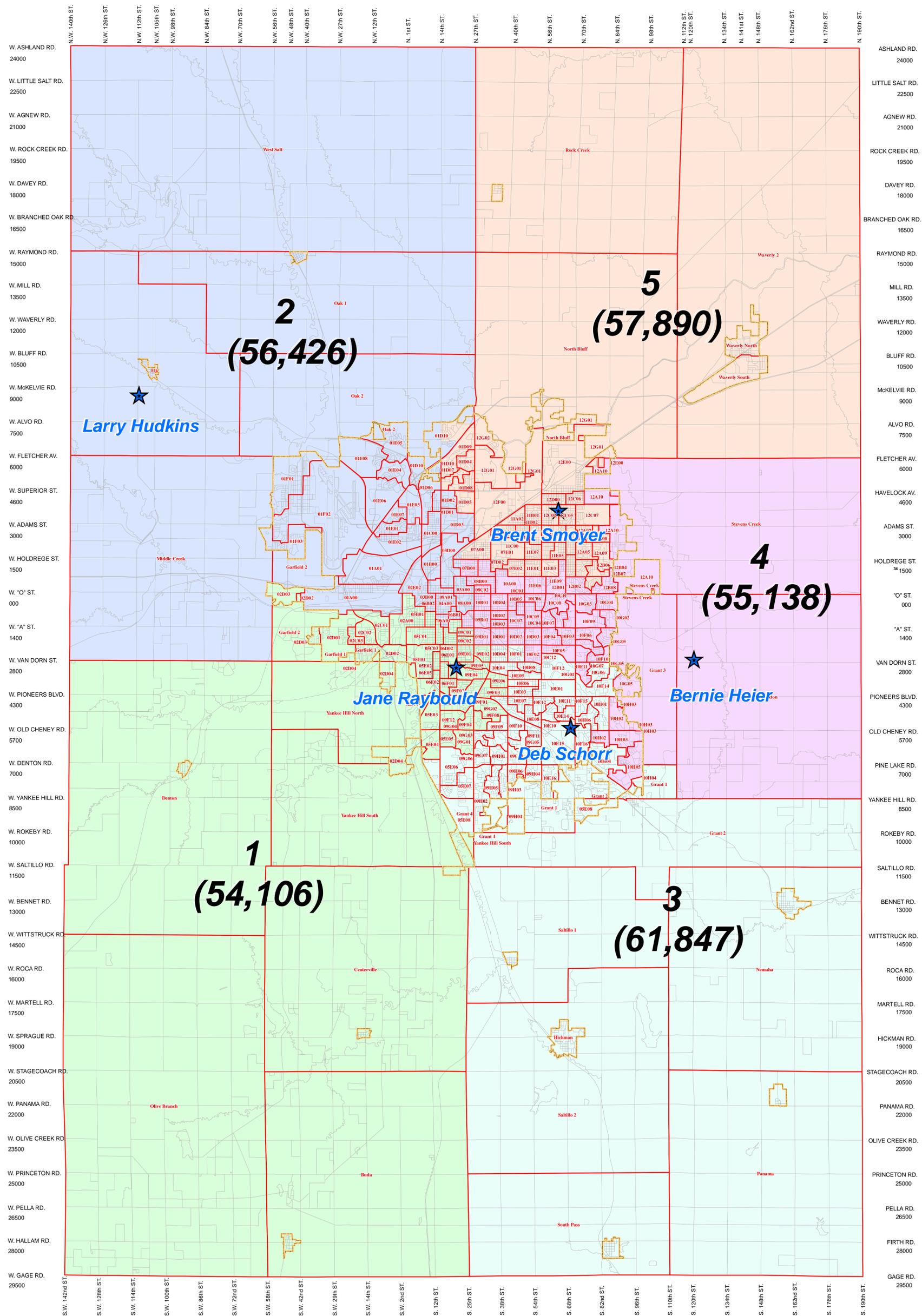


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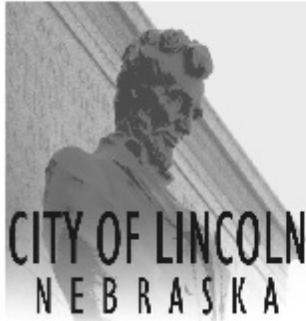


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PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES ADVISORY

MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER

lincoln.ne.gov

July 18, 2011

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Projects Proposed Arterial Rehabilitation Projects

Holdrege Street; 70th - 79th Street

**State Project No. LCLC-5244(8) CN 13082
City Project No. 540013**

Dear Resident:

The Contractor on the project adjacent to your property restored the vegetation in the areas disturbed during construction. All vegetation was completed according to specifications and maintained by the contractor for the specified time period. The areas were inspected and have been accepted from the Contractor.

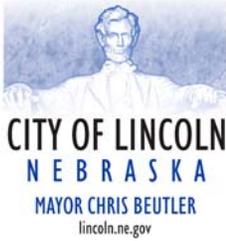
You are hereby notified that you are again responsible for maintaining these areas as per Lincoln Municipal Code **12.20.035 Maintenance of Landscape Plantings Within the Sidewalk Space:**

The owner of the property abutting the sidewalk space shall be responsible for the routine care of such landscape plantings within the sidewalk space, including watering, mowing, raking and disposing of leaves, twigs, and other debris, weed control in accordance with Chapter 8.46, and the trimming and pruning of shrubs and other ornamental landscape plantings. (Ord. 18168 §4; April 28, 2003).

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact one of the following people:

Warren Wondercheck, Project Manager
Engineering Services
(402) 540-2750
wwondercheck@lincoln.ne.gov

Erika Nunes
Engineering Services
(402) 326-1037
enunes@lincoln.ne.gov



**PUBLIC WORKS AND
UTILITIES DEPARTMENT**

MEMORANDUM

Date: July 19, 2011

To: City Council Members

From: Ben Higgins, Watershed Manager
Public Works - Watershed Management Division

Subject: Lincoln Green Infrastructure Tour

Attached is information on the Lincoln Green Infrastructure Tour on August 5, 2011 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This all day tour is specifically for elected governmental and municipal officials to raise awareness about measures that reduce pollutants in local streams and lakes.

As you may know, many water bodies in Nebraska are listed as 'impaired' due to pollutants. Municipalities are required under the federal Clean Water Act to employ various methods to reduce pollutant loads to these 'impaired' waters. This tour will provide demonstrations of local public and private stormwater management projects that seek to accomplish the goal of keeping local streams and lakes clean.

If you are interested in attending, please complete the attached form and mail (with payment) to UNL Extension Office by August 1, 2011. If you have an interest in a shorter half day tour, please contact Katie Pekarek with UNL Extension at 402-643-2981 to make arrangements.

As always, should you have any questions or concerns on a City of Lincoln stormwater project (e.g. submerged gravel wetland), please contact me at 402-441-7589.

Attachment

The Lincoln Green Infrastructure Tour:

UNIVERSITY OF
Nebraska
Lincoln

EXTENSION

Know how. Know **now**.

Stormwater Management's Shifting Paradigm

A variety of tour stops are planned that will provide specific information on stormwater management projects in Lincoln. Stops will include:

- Nebraska Statewide Arboretum: Trial Gardens and Bioswale
- Fireworks Restaurant: Bioretention Garden
- Child Advocacy Center: Bioretention Garden
- Arbor Day Foundation: Green Roof
- Fallbrook Development: Stormwater Infrastructure
- City of Lincoln: Submerged Gravel Wetland
- UNL: Parking Garage Porous Concrete
- Antelope Valley Project

Tour Guides:

- Justin Evertson; Green Infrastructure Coordinator, Nebraska Forest Service
- Jereme Montgomery; Executive Director, Nebraska Concrete and Aggregates Association
- Tim Gergen, PE; Land Development, Olsson Associates
- JB Dixon; Stormwater Specialist, Lower Platte South NRD
- Ed Kouma, PE; Project Manager, Lincoln Public Works/Utilities Department
- Rock Krzycki; City of Lincoln Watershed Management, Senior Engineering Specialist,

Friday, August 5, 2011

9:00 am—3:30 pm

Registration begins at 8:30 am

Start Location:

Lower Platte South NRD
3125 Portia Street
Lincoln, NE 68521

Registration Fee:

\$15/person

This includes chartered bus, box lunch, drinks, & handouts.

Registration Deadline: August 1

For more information on this event, please contact:
Katie Pekarek
kpekarek2@unl.edu
402-643-2981



This tour is sponsored by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension Stormwater Management Team and the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture, under Agreement No. 2009-51130-06040.

Please make check payable to University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension, and send this form with payment to: UNL Extension in Seward County, Attn: Katie Pekarek, 216 S. 9th, Seward, NE 68434 or call 402-643-2981 to register.

2011 Lincoln Stormwater Management Green Infrastructure Tour Registration

Name(s): _____
Company: _____
Address: _____
Email: _____ #Attending _____ Fee Enclosed _____



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Marilyn Dorf

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cricketink@windstream.net

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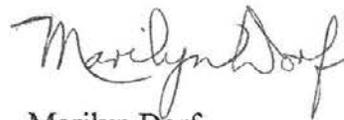
July 16, 2011

Mr. Jonathan Cook
Lincoln City Council Office
555 South 10th Street
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

Dear Sir:

I am not in favor of cutting hours and staff at the city libraries, or of closing down swimming pools. Our children should be offered, and allowed to participate in, these wholesome forms of recreation rather than letting them become bored and drawn into the world of drugs and gangs which, in the long run would result in an increased need for police protection and the expense that goes with that.

Sincerely,



Marilyn Dorf

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Executive Director
Larry G. Potratz

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CITY COUNCIL
OFFICE

June 23, 2011

Chris Beutler
Mayor of Lincoln
City of Lincoln-Lancaster County Building
555 South 10th Street, Suite 301
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

Dear Mayor Beutler:

The Lincoln Housing Authority wishes to convey to you and the members of the City Council, the Housing Authority's grave concerns about the budget proposal to close Fire Station #11, located at 3401 N.W. Luke. This station currently serves the Arnold Heights neighborhood. We understand that with the closure of Fire Station #11, response time for requests for emergency service would be increased by an average of 4-5 minutes to a total response time of 9-10 minutes per call.

Most of the housing the Lincoln Housing Authority owns in Arnold Heights is occupied by families with young children. A difference of five minutes in response time to a call about a fire in a house occupied by young children, who may not be able to flee without assistance, could negatively impact the safety of those residents. It could be the difference between life and death.

We noticed that an examination of the 2008 Lincoln Fire & Rescue service call maps posted on the City of Lincoln's web site appear to indicate that the greater Arnold Heights area has the same percentage of requests for service per population as most of the remainder of the city with the exception of the central core. Although we appreciate the City's financial constraints we do not believe the City's budget should be balanced by endangering the safety of Lincoln's youngest citizens.

Sincerely,


Larry G. Potratz
Executive Director

c: Carl Eskridge

Telephone: (402) 434-5500

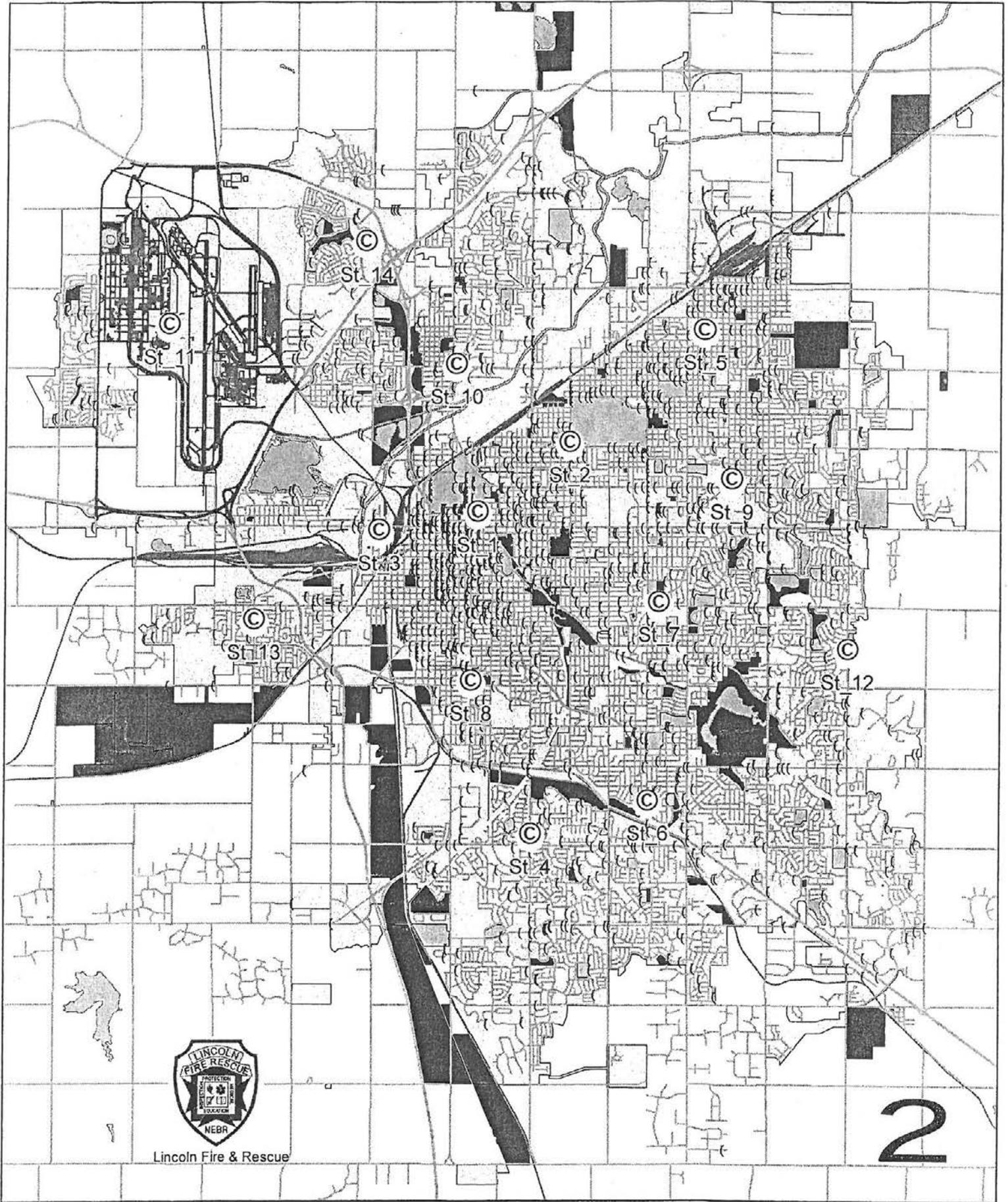
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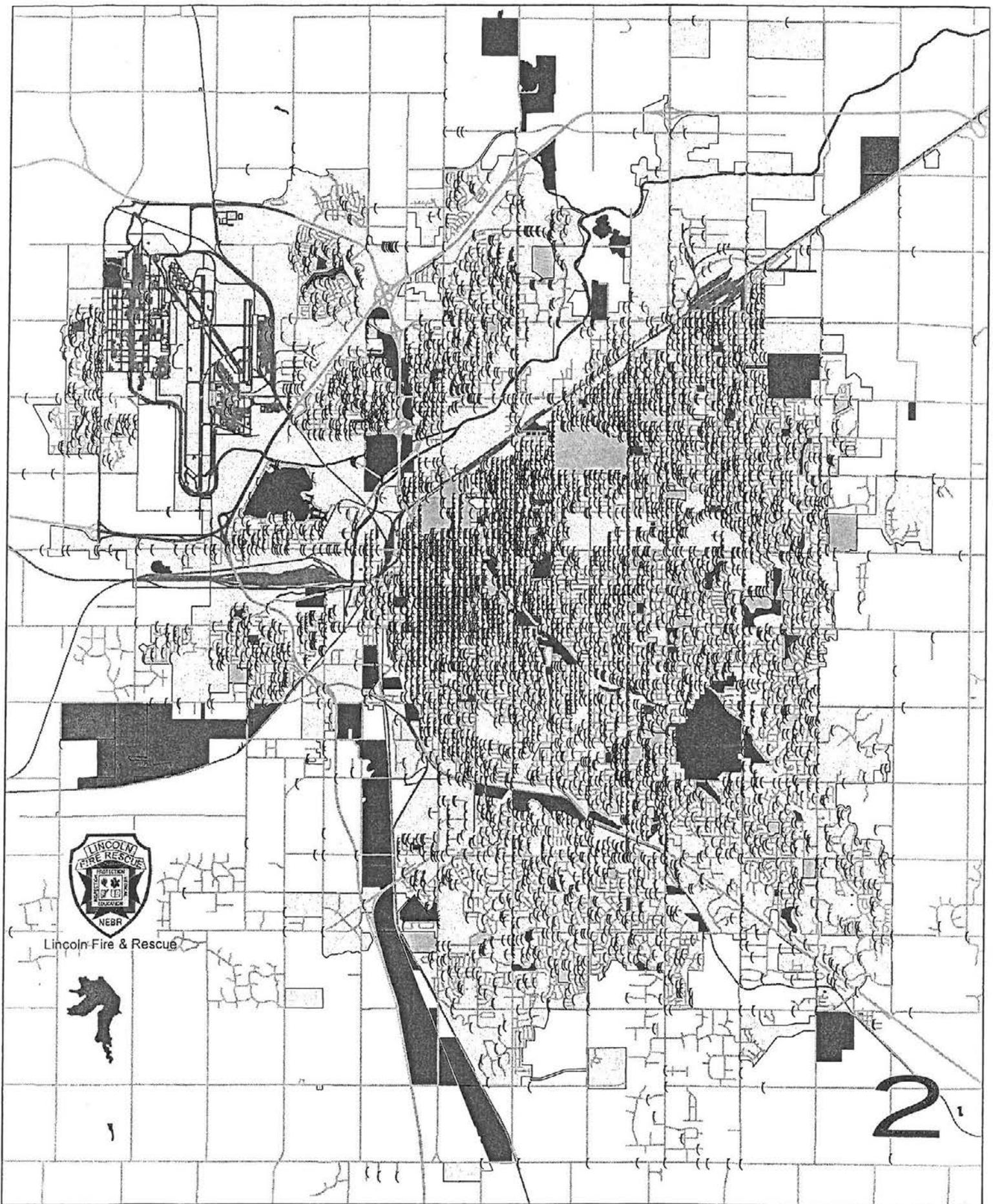


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- © Fire stations
- (Fire calls - 2,192
- City streets
- RR tracks
- City colleges and schools
- Lakes and streams
- City park land
- City limits

LFR fire calls for 2008

Includes these types of fire calls:
 Structure, car, trash, dumpster, grass, alarm sounding and smoke odors.



Legend

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| (Alerts calls - 6 | (Medical calls - 14,699 | — streets arc | ■ Lakes and streams |
| (Fire calls - 2,192 | (Other types of calls - 1,757 | — RR arc | ■ City parks land |
| (Hazmat calls - 271 | (Stand by - 427 | ■ City colleges and schools | ■ City limits |

LFR calls for 2008

By Incident types

Mary M. Meyer

From: Kent Thompson [kthompson@thompsonrealtygroup.com]
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2011 10:22 AM
To: Mary M. Meyer
Subject: Liquor at Public Property

I am keenly aware of the importance of liquor sales potential to attract revenues. I am also aware of how detrimental liquor sales are to our community. Tom Cassidy once told a room full of Realtors that if we didn't have liquor in Lincoln our police force could be reduced by 80%.

It is that feeling of most of the citizens of Lincoln that government should always take the high road. Demonstrating that alcohol is okay to consume everywhere is not the high road, nor is disturbing peaceful parks with the type of parties these facilities will now attract becoming of the City Mayor Chris has stated that we are.

This is a poor decision to grab Parks Department revenue at the greater good of our community. You are elected to uphold our core values – vote no to Parks allowing liquor.

Thank-you,

Kent C. Thompson
President



THOMPSON REALTY GROUP

O: 402.421.7700

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M: 402.310.7700

5617 Thompson Creek Blvd.

Lincoln, NE 68516

We could accomplish many more things if We didn't think of them as impossible.

Mary M. Meyer

From: mnbproctor@windstream.net
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2011 10:28 AM
To: Mary M. Meyer
Subject: liquor vendors at Auld Pavilion, Pioneers Nature Center, Pinewood Bowl

My name is Betty Proctor. I live in Lincoln and would like to express my opinion regarding the possibility of allowing liquor vendors at Auld Pavilion, Pioneers Nature Center, and Pinewood Bowl.

I am strongly opposed to this proposal. There are many, many establishments in our city that offer alcoholic beverages (some coupled with entertainment), and I have no problem with that. However, the public places being considered are family-friendly and often child-centered venues which would not be improved or enhanced by the presence of adults drinking alcohol.

I thank you for your consideration.

Betty Proctor

7420 South Street, Unit 5

Lincoln 68506

Mary M. Meyer

From: Scott Sandquist [Scott@sandquistcgi.com]
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2011 10:51 AM
To: Mary M. Meyer
Subject: alcohol @ Pinewood Bowl

Just dropping a line in support of serving alcohol particularly at Pinewood Bowl concerts. I feel this grossly underused City asset should be able to serve alcohol in a controlled environment.

Sioux City, IA has successfully served alcohol at concerts for 21 years with their annual Saturday in the Park event, attracting over 25,000 attendances.

And like the new arena, attracting name band concerts and serving alcohol can also have a positive impact on Lincoln's brain-drain and keeping our youth in town. Serving alcohol at other public facilities that actually compete with the private sector may be a different matter, but I feel the Pinewood Bowl doesn't fit that category.

Scott Sandquist, a Lincoln voter.

Mary M. Meyer

From: Roy Emmons [hemmons@neb.rr.com]
Sent: Sunday, July 17, 2011 9:14 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: support the 6+1 amendment to maintain our parks

I support 6+1 amendment to help maintain our parks, pools, trails, trees, playgrounds, shelters, and other important public amenities. Lincoln has been a city that offers many public amenities that contribute to a unique way of life. I would support increased taxes to help maintain these features.

Marsha Radcliffe-Emmons
2132 S 13
Lincoln, NE

Mary M. Meyer

From: Ardel Harger [ArdelH@hargercpa.com]
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2011 12:12 PM
To: Mary M. Meyer
Subject: Liquor sales

I am in favor of liquor sales in Lincoln parks as proposed.

Mary M. Meyer

From: Karen Bowling [Karen@nebfc.org]
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2011 3:00 PM
To: Mary M. Meyer
Subject: Alcohol at city parks

To City Council Members,

I am emailing to express my opposition to Amending Section 12.08.270 of the Lincoln Municipal Code relating to alcoholic liquor in parks to allow alcohol to be served at Pinewood Bowl and in the indoor premises of Pioneers Park Nature Center and Auld Pavilion.

As a life-long resident of Lincoln, Nebraska my children attended events at these locations and now my grandchildren are doing the same. I don't believe serving alcohol on these premises sustains a family friendly environment. Just this past weekend we attended "The Wizard of Oz" at Pinewood Bowl. If alcohol was being consumed during the show, it certainly would not provide the type of atmosphere that I and many other Lincoln citizens are looking to support for family entertainment.

I ask that you not provide alcohol to be permitted on these premises.

Thank you for your consideration.

Karen Bowling
4301 Waterbury Lane
Lincoln, NE 68516

Mary M. Meyer

From: lylehimself@aol.com
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2011 3:06 PM
To: Mary M. Meyer
Subject: Disapprove of City of Lincoln getting into the liquor dispensing business.

Greetings,

I am pleased to have this opportunity to express my opinion and cast a "no!" vote regarding the proposal to allow liquor at the Pine wood Bowl, Auld recreation center and the naturee center. First, I don't think the City should ever do something that competes with the private sector. For every dollar the city earns it takes away a dollar to be earned by a tax payer. The tax paying business owner pays tax on every dollar that comes thru his/her till. The city doesn't Earn any money until all of their expenses have been paid.

Why does the City even want ot get into the liquor business? Do they have employees that are not now fully utilized? If so they need to cut their hours or reduce the size of their staffs. Has the City done a proforma to determine if there will be any "profit" to be earned after all expenses are paid to support the liquor sales? Has the cost of additional police to monitor the liquor based events been calculated into the formula?

If the purpose of opening these venues to liquor is to generate new revenue to help close the funding gap why doesn't the mayor include eliminating one of his six figures salaried senior staff. None of what the mayor is proposing in cuts comes from his senior staff. If only one senior staff position was eliminated it would result in real savings to the City of about \$150,000, if not more, when both salary and benefits are included.

Does the City really believe that allowing liquor at the pine wood bowl would really improve attendance much?

Agin, thanks for the opportunity to enter my "No!" vote against liquor at the Pine Wood Bowl, the Auld Rec Center and the Nature Center. If eople arranging functions feel alcohol is in important part of an event there are several other places in Lincoln where an event can be help where alcohol is allowed and controlled. The City does not need to get into the alcohol dispensing business.

Lyle Working

1825 twin Ridge Rd, Lincoln, nebraska, 402-489-7645

Mary M. Meyer

Subject: Today Monday at 3 pm

So the city was looking to create licensing agreements for a fee to Vendors and Distributor of alcohol in the those public parks operated and managed by the city as whole or department of the city?

Was the intention to generate funds to help maintain and grow those operations? What percentage was to be returned to the venue site? Was pricing to remain comparable between the 2 methods of sale or distribution?

The Caterers were supplying alcohol in addition to other food, appetizers, meals and deserts and what percentage of their sales was going back to the city or the facility where they were catering?

Is the alcohol already taxed by the city and state? Is it not suffice? Respectfully,
Bradley J. Kennedy

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-----Original Message-----

From: Robin Eschliman <robin@ecrproperty.com>

To: bjk <bjk@albersco.net>

Sent: Mon, Jul 18, 2011 10:11 am

Subject: Today Monday at 3 pm

Monte Froehlich is going to be testifying down at City Council about the City starting to allow liquor vendors to come into Auld Pavilion, Pioneers Nature Center, and Pinewood Bowl. Monte's stance is that this competes with reception halls and other places that pay property taxes - getting into the reception hall business competes with the private sector. Another question to be dealt with is the wisdom of opening up liquor to environments where children frequent. Monte would like very much to not be the only testifier. If you can come down and testify, that would be great. Even if you can't, if you could very quickly pound out an email to City Council, it would be appreciated. Please send it to
Robin

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Web: www.ecrproperty.com Also do a search in Facebook for the "Eschliman Commercial Real Estate" FAN PAGE to find out who's opening, closing, hiring, and letting go in Lincoln.

Mary M. Meyer

From: Richard Jacobs [ddjacobs@neb.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2011 4:04 PM
To: Mary M. Meyer
Subject: City Council

As a life long residents of Lincoln my wife and I have enjoyed many events at our city parks. Most notably Pioneer Park as our family photo album will attest. Whether it has been the recreation area, Pinewood Bowl, or more recently the Nature Center, it almost always has been with our children and/or our grandchildren.

Going back a few more years the Auld Pavilion was a very popular gathering place for teen events and now is in a commons area where many many children are at play---again a family setting.

Lincoln is also a city which has many fine businesses that can accommodate a wide variety of special events and celebrations and offer alcoholic beverages. We are indeed fortunate to have these services readily available for the community.

I strongly urge the council to have the Parks and Recreation Dep't. continue with their responsibilities without entering into competition with local businesses and retain the parks in such a way that our families may enjoy them without the use or sale of alcohol.

Thank you,

Dick, Dianne Jacobs

Mary M. Meyer

From: Council Packet
Subject: InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for General Council

Name: Eric Bahm
Address: 3710 LaSalle St
City: Lincoln, NE, 68516
Phone: 4023107364
Email: moransliquor@windstream.net

Comment or Question:
Dear Council Members,

I regret that I was unable to attend today's meeting to show my support of allowing alcohol at Pinewood Bowl and other park properties. I was able to watch it on t.v. and feel there are a few points that were not made that are important to the debate.

As one of the owner's of Moran's Liquor Works located at 3400 'A' Street I welcome the opportunity to expand my business with more off-site locations to cater. Currently there are very few venues that allow outside catering vendors therefore limiting the usefulness of my business' Class K liquor licensee that we pay for each year. Also one of the venues in question is located near my business and I would be interested in using the facility to hold events such as tasting dinners or other events that would be able to draw on my customer base in our neighborhood. I also can't believe I'm the only business owner that would welcome this opportunity to work with the city to promote private business rather than viewing it only as unwelcome competition.

Which leads me to my other point that I would like to make as both a business owner and citizen of this city. It is my view that Lincoln's Parks and Recreation's spaces are an important part of the quality of life this city can provide to its citizens. It is no secret that this quality has been on the decline as of late. It has been said before and deserves to be said again, Lincoln doesn't have mountains and oceans to offer, but what it does have is a great Parks system that strives to provide to everyone without discrimination. We can not afford to loose these wonderful spaces. Frankly' it disappoints me that Lincoln's business leaders do not step up to the plate and offer more direct help in the maintenance, upkeep and expansion of our parks. On the flip side I do not understand why city leaders do not make it easier for business to do so and make it a point to ask for such help. This is not an issue of private vs. public but an issue of quality of life. The parks are an asset to every business in this town and we should strive to work together to improve and maintain them. If we allow weeds to take over our parks you can bet they will spread like wild fire and start to take over our businesses as well.

In closing I support this change and hope that it is one of many to come that allows Lincoln's public assets work for and with its private businesses. In these hard times we should not be fighting with one another but working together to think outside the box. With the right combination of team work Lincoln could use this time to raise above other cities to increase opportunity for everyone.

Sincerely,
Eric Bahm
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(402) 310-7364

Mary M. Meyer

From: WebForm [none@lincoln.ne.gov]
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2011 10:30 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

Name: A R Chalupa
Address: 4931 S 73rd Street
City: Lincoln, NE 65816

Phone:
Fax:
Email:

Comment or Question:

Concerning the budget! Why are we building an arena while taxing Lincolniters to death and/or cutting services and jobs! Why don't we put that expensive arena on hold, reallocate the money to pay our bills and keep services! You are already taxing us to death everytime we eat and drink away from home! THAT tax collection should pay for our needed and enjoyed services! Shame on you for feeding the pockets of the rich and taxing the working class!

Mary M. Meyer

From: Barb Tyler [barb@liba.org]
Sent: Tuesday, July 19, 2011 9:35 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Amendment for park upkeep

I do support Jonathan Camp's proposal for park maintenance and upkeep. I would also like to see some provision for mowing, such as a discussion for any needed (if any) liability insurance for area residents to do the mowing themselves. If the park department could spray the weeds in the parks, I do think area residents would be happy to do some mowing, even if they hire someone to mow 3-4 times a summer; this would be much like an established association with dues.

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Mary M. Meyer

From: Wyn Richards [wynrichards@ymail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 19, 2011 9:26 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Parks and Recreation funding

Our Parks and Recreation department is a huge part of what makes Lincoln a great place to live!

I was so sad to learn about public pools being on the chopping block. I would pay higher taxes to ensure this doesn't happen. We NEED the pools as an option for low income households, as well as a sense of neighborhood. I grew up at Eden pool. I was there with my daughter last night, and I will be there with her again tomorrow night! The \$5 Family swims are a great value! Please, please, please don't do away with the pools!

In fact, please, please, please don't cut the Parks and Recreation budget. Cut some city salaries! I don't mean regular, hourly, working stiff salaries either. Cut the mayor's salary, cut administrative salaries. Think about those kinds of cuts before you cut much needed Parks monies.

Additionally, I'm all in favor of selling alcohol at Auld and at Pinewood Bowl. Pinewood Bowl has needed alcohol sales for years and years. It is fiscally stupid to reject both of these requests. ANY revenue the parks department can bring in should be allowed!

Thank you.

Wyn Richards
2506 Garfield St
Lincoln, NE 68502
402-613-0112

"Peace begins with a smile." - Mother Theresa

Mary M. Meyer

From: Don Eveland [pecksgrove@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2011 8:49 PM
To: Mary M. Meyer
Subject: Public places

I suggest keeping alcohol from city venues such as antelope park. Keep the booze in the bars

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Mary M. Meyer

From: Bob Howell [Bob.Howell@daktronics.com]
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2011 1:16 PM
To: Mary M. Meyer
Subject: Alcohol at city owned reception facilities

Sir:

I agree with Monte Froehilch, if the city allows alcohol at the city owned reception facilities, it will be a conflict with taxpaying Lincoln area business that offer the same services. With the reputation of Lincoln not being “Business Friendly”, this would be a **great opportunity** to show that the city council wants to change that image.

Bob Howell

Mary M. Meyer

From: Edgar Pearlstein [epearlst@unlserve.unl.edu]
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2011 3:53 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Taxes and city services

Let's maintain the quality of Lincoln life and not reduce government services. I, for one, am willing to pay higher taxes for that.

Edgar Pearlstein
632 Eastborough Lane
Lincoln 68505

Mary M. Meyer

From: Council Packet
Subject: Lincoln Arts Council Funding

Dear Elected Official,

I am writing to urge you to make the arts a priority in the city budget by continuing support for the Lincoln Arts Council. The arts are important to me, and I know that the Lincoln Arts Council is important to the arts in Lincoln. I can not imagine what the Arts Council, with its small staff and modest funding, would become if city support were lost.

It's no secret that Lincoln is one of the best small cities in the nation. *Forbes*, *The Ladies Home Journal*, *Parents*, *Sporting News* and *Inc.* magazines, among others, have said so. I believe that our vibrant business, health, recreation, education and arts infrastructures are responsible for these accolades. The Lincoln Arts Council has proven to be a crucial link in our arts infrastructure and has helped to build the quality of life we enjoy in Lincoln.

A study conducted in 2005 showed that the arts generate \$36 million dollars in economic activity per year in Lincoln, delivering more than \$3.4 million in state and local tax revenue. The Lincoln Arts Council conducted that study, using professional, scientific tools. A number of city agencies use this study to encourage economic development, attract new businesses to the city and accurately describe Lincoln as a great cultural destination. The Arts Council is again conducting this study for more current data because agencies need it to help build Lincoln. Who else could conduct this study?

The Lincoln Arts Council coordinates projects that enrich our community such as the National Arts Program, the Lincoln Arts Festival, the Mayors Arts Awards, and helps publicize the First Friday Gallery Walk. These programs enhance Lincoln's quality of life, and demonstrate Lincoln's interest and commitment to the arts to potential residents. There is opportunity for every segment of the public to engage with the arts, thanks to Arts Council efforts.

The Lincoln Arts Council provides support for local arts organizations and individual artists through marketing, training, collaboration and, when possible, project funding. It is an active agent for networking artists, and holds scheduled roundtable discussions for arts organizations to share best practices and ideas. There is no other resource that would replace the Arts Council's efforts in these areas.

Like everyone else, the Lincoln Public Schools is stressed financially, with unfortunate impact on arts opportunities so inspiring to students. The Lincoln Arts Council has helped through artist residency programs. Residencies are conducted spanning many artistic disciplines such as modern dance, drumming, encaustic, digital media and fiber art. These programs are minimal in cost and receive little public acclaim, but are life-changing events for the students and teachers involved.

There are people who might appreciate the arts but don't see the need for public investment in the arts. They are missing the point. Investment in the arts is a direct investment in our quality of life. When there is no reliable, comprehensive source of arts information and advocacy, the arts slip deeper into a crowded background of commercial activity and noise. The Lincoln Arts Council helps sustain our quality of life by providing arts information and advocacy. For the many benefits delivered to the arts community, the public, and the city, there is no better return on investment to be found in Lincoln city government. I urge you to retain or increase that investment.

Sincerely,
Jessica S Freeman
music teacher and patron of the arts

Mary M. Meyer

From: Patti Wubbels [p_wubbels@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2011 2:43 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Please support Amendment 6+1

It is my understanding in addition to revenue for day-to-day city services, the proposed budget currently shows an additional 7 million dollars in new money for long term community improvements. However, the budget is currently drafted to place ALL those funds into road construction and repair. While those items are certainly important, I ask you to consider setting aside a small amount of that (1 million) for the maintenance of our parks, pools, trails, trees, playgrounds, shelters and so forth that those roads lead us to!

PLEASE support 6+1 Amendment to maintain our parks!

Thank you for your consideration.
Patti Wubbels
(avid park supporter)
Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

Mary M. Meyer

From: Mariella Resendiz Alvarado [enbarado@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2011 2:17 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: 6 to 1

I support the 6 to 1 amendment to support our parks & other community needs.

Thank you,

Mariella Resendiz Alvarado

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Mary M. Meyer

From: miklavcicjay@aol.com
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2011 12:12 PM
To: cityofficials@artscene.org
Subject: Funding for Lincoln arts council

Dear Elected Officials,

I am writing to urge you to make the arts a priority in the city budget by continuing support for the Lincoln Arts Council. The arts are important to me, and the Lincoln Arts Council is important to the arts in Lincoln. More than any others, the Lincoln Arts Council has proven to be a crucial link in our arts infrastructure and has helped to build the quality of life we enjoy in Lincoln.

A study conducted in 2005 showed that the arts generate \$36 million dollars in economic activity per year in Lincoln, delivering more than \$3.4 million in state and local tax revenue.

The Lincoln Arts Council coordinates projects that enrich our community such as the National Arts Program, the Lincoln Arts Festival, the Mayors Arts Awards, and helps publicize the First Friday Gallery Walk. These programs enhance Lincoln's quality of life, and demonstrate Lincoln's interest and commitment to the arts to potential residents. There is opportunity for every segment of the public to engage with the arts, thanks to Arts Council efforts.

Like everyone else, the Lincoln Public Schools is stressed financially, with unfortunate impact on arts opportunities so inspiring to students. The Lincoln Arts Council has helped through artist residency programs. These programs are minimal in cost and receive little public acclaim, but are life-changing events for the students and teachers involved.

I urge you to retain or increase that investment. I would hate to see the direction Lincoln would be heading without such important organizations. It would be hurting the life of the city and the people in it. We have been strained enough!

Sincerely,

Jim Miklavcic
Lincoln resident

Mary M. Meyer

From: WebForm [none@lincoln.ne.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 19, 2011 2:11 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

Name: Nancy Russell
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City: Lincoln, NE 68510

Phone: 402-488-0663
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Comment or Question:

Dear City Council. The three proposed tax increases are not means tested. The wheel tax is the same for a junker and a luxury auto. The property tax increase will affect the poor renter and the mansion owner. The electric increase will affect the minimum wage earner and the political appointee equally. Increases by yearly increments is particularly bad. The Social Security checks may be smaller and federal taxes could rise. It is imperative that the budget reflect the ability of people to pay more taxes. Setting a salary budget and fitting the number of employees to the budget should help. Each year the school year lengthens. This is one area that can be rectified, also end the babysitting (alias early childhood ed). Best wishes, Nancy M. Russell

Mary M. Meyer

From: Mike Carlin [mjcarlin2700@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 19, 2011 9:02 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: I SUPPORT JONATHAN COOK'S 6+1 AMENDMENT TO MAINTAIN OUR PARKS

I support Jonathan Cook's 6+1 Amendment to maintain our parks. Streets are important but we have to maintain some sort of balance. Keeping the pools open and the parks usable provides an immediate benefit to Lincoln's citizens and a long-term benefit to the community as a whole. Kids who have something fun and constructive to do with their free time are less likely to get in trouble and more likely to stay out of the criminal justice system when they grow up. Invest in our future.

Thank you,

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mjcarlin2700@gmail.com

Mary M. Meyer

From: William Carver [williamc@myapplemail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 19, 2011 3:33 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Support 6+1 Ammendment to Maintain Our Parks

Dear Council Representatives,

Protect our Parks. Please support Councilman Cook's 6+1 Ammendment to Maintain Our Parks.

Thank You,

William Carver
2202 Washington St

Mary M. Meyer

From: Coralee Carver [coraleec@myapplemail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 19, 2011 3:51 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Support 6+1 Ammendment To Maintain Our Parks

Dear Council Members,

Please support Jonathan Cook's 6+1 Ammendment to Maintain Our Parks.

Thank You,

Coralee Carver

Mary M. Meyer

From: Jenni Brant [jennibrant@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 19, 2011 5:22 PM
To: cityofficials@artscene.org
Subject: The arts are essential if you want a creative, vibrant, innovative community!!

Dear City Officials of Lincoln:

I am writing to urge you to make the arts a priority in the city budget by continuing support for the Lincoln Arts Council. The arts are important to me, and I know that the Lincoln Arts Council is important to the arts in Lincoln. I can not imagine what the Arts Council, with its small staff and modest funding, would become if city support were lost.

I no longer live in Lincoln but am still in Nebraska, only a stones throw away from the capitol city. I spent six years in Lincoln, three of them as a graduate student in the fine arts department at UNL and then three more being an artist-in-residence, and later the education director at LUX Center for the Arts. With this said, I am now a permanent resident of Nebraska, recently buying a home and establishing roots in the 'Good Life' state.

I would not have stayed in Nebraska if it was not for the opportunities in the arts that were available, much of them supported in part by what the Lincoln Arts Council does. The Lincoln Arts Council supports the LUX with grant money, dollars that allowed the LUX to be a vibrant community arts facility which brought me in as an exhibiting artist, gave me a place to teach, and later, opened up a job that brought me on as their first full-time education director. In this job, I was able to witness on a daily basis the power that art making had on people from all walks of life. Smiles, happiness, free thinking, expression, contemplation, problem solving, empathy, team work...I could go on and on. Without funding at current levels or above for the Lincoln Arts Council, you make it harder on all the little guys, like the LUX, to continue what they do.

Making the arts available to everyone in a community, which is what the Lincoln Arts Council works tirelessly to do, creates a community that:

- can come up with creative solutions to difficult problems,
- works together to create tangible goals,
- takes pride in the appearance of their neighborhoods,
- supports entrepreneurship and thinking outside of the box,
- promotes literacy and education in general

I know that in Lincoln's proposed city budget a high percentage is devoted to crime related issues such as police services and prosecution. I would strongly, strongly encourage you to think of the arts and the support of it as a deterrent to crime, violence, vandalism, etc for all the reasons I've stated above. People that have the tools to creatively express themselves will look for different solutions when the going gets tough and have positive ways to express their frustrations.

I can not express how important LAC is to providing the connection for the general public to the arts. They have proven time and time again to be a crucial link in Lincoln's arts infrastructure and has helped to build the quality of life enjoyed in Lincoln. The community is enriched by projects they coordinate such as the National Arts Program, the Lincoln Arts Festival, the Mayors Arts Awards, and helps publicize the First Friday Gallery Walk. These programs enhance Lincoln's quality of life, and demonstrate Lincoln's interest and commitment to the arts to potential residents.

The LAC artist residency program puts talented and respected artists in the classrooms of LPS at minimal cost to the schools at a time when LPS is stressed financially and the arts are typically at the top of the budget chopping block in public schools. Taking away from the Lincoln Arts Council indirectly makes another cut at public education funding but making it financially tougher to help put artists in the classroom alongside students and teachers.

There are people who might appreciate the arts but don't see the need for public investment in the arts. They are missing the point. Investment in the arts is a direct investment in our quality of life. When there is no reliable, comprehensive source of arts information and advocacy, the arts slip deeper into a crowded background of commercial activity and noise. The Lincoln Arts Council helps sustain the quality of life in Lincoln by providing arts information and advocacy. For the many benefits delivered to the arts community, the public, and the city, there is no better return on investment to be found in Lincoln city government. I urge you to retain and nurture that investment.

Sincerely,

Jenni Brant
Artist, Arts Administrator, Arts Advocate
Nebraska City, NE

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City Council Members:

Thank you for your service to the citizens of Lincoln as our representatives. The budget decisions certainly are a huge challenge.

Briefly, I will share some of my observations and thoughts on proposed budget cuts and increased tax and fee hikes.

CLOSING CITY FIRE STATION 11:

At first look, it appears to be a logical plan. However, the distance of other fire stations to the area, change the logic. I am concerned for the persons living in that area. (I worked with many of these hard-working citizens through the Family Reading and Parenting Program of the Lincoln Literacy Council.) I know that distance from a fire station was one of the factors that lowered our insurance dramatically when we moved to our townhouse near Fire Station 14 from our previous home, even though our townhouse is much larger than our previous home. I wonder if the distance from a fire station will increase the insurance cost for these citizens. I also wonder if the possible increased cost of insurance will discourage businesses from locating in the area. Most importantly, I wonder if it will affect the safety and lives of the citizens. I hope creative options can keep Fire Station 11 open.

AGING PARTNERS, RSVP:

My husband and I volunteer through this program. Volunteer Partners would not provide the same services including mileage reimbursement and liability insurance. This important program provides needed volunteer services. There have already been cuts in Aging Services. My husband and I participate in the exercise program through Active Aging Services. (We regularly donate to this program.) We observe many others who need and benefit from this program.

LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES:

I oppose closing of libraries on Fridays or open only four hours on Fridays. I have observed many children with their parents using the library on Fridays. I overheard parents state their use of libraries on Fridays, as this is their day off. Previous cuts have limited my use of the libraries. For example, the later opening time at Bennett Martin library and cut staff in the children's area at Bennett Martin with no staff to assist patrons at some times when the library is open. A sign states to go to another area for assistance. Libraries offer so much more than books, which are important to the quality of life in Lincoln. A question: will the closing of libraries on Fridays mean full-time library employees would be required to work on weekends every week in order to work forty hours?

STAR TRAN:

Cuts have already forced me to be inconvenienced in riding the bus. For example, the Gaslight bus leaves downtown on weekdays at 8:45 a.m., at 10:45 a.m., 12:45 p.m., and 2:45 p.m. I regularly attend a meeting that concludes at 1:00 p.m. Either, I need to leave early in order to catch the 12:45 p.m. bus or wait until 2:45 p.m. to go home. I observe visually-impaired persons whose only option for transportation is the bus. I see senior citizens who need the bus to stay active. I see person who work on Saturdays and need the bus on Saturdays. Please consider those citizens who need the bus in order to function in our community.

These are some of my observations and thoughts. I am willing to have reasonable increases in tax and fees to prevent these cuts.

Thank you for your work on the budget and your service on the City Council.

Lois Poppe

Mary M. Meyer

From: David DiLillo [ddilillo@unl.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2011 1:48 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Please support the 6+1 amendment!

Dear City Council,

Our community needs to maintain its parks, pools, trails, trees, playgrounds, and shelters. I am writing to ask the City Council to support John Cook's **6+1 Amendment To Maintain Our Parks**, which will provide \$6 million for roads and \$1 million for vital ongoing maintenance for our Parks Department. Please approve this amendment.

Thank you,

David DiLillo
2540 C Street
Lincoln, NE 68502



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Lincoln City Council

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Yes, lets put alcohol in city parks and make piles of money. While we are at it lets put mini bars in Star Tran Buses and local cabs. Whats the harm? Drinkers will have designated drivers.

Council members, wake up, this is no way to promote tolerance and temperance due to alcohol sales and consumption.

How about we tax sales of items from other states into Nebraska via craigs list, E Bay, catalog sales etc. Hundreds of thousands of dollars being paid out of state for these purchases filing the coffers of companies around the country.

Whats with the wheel tax? As I remember that tax was only going to last for one year and then eliminated.

Two areas of expenditures you don't cut is public safety. Our local police work 12 hour shifts under strenuous conditions and cover large areas of patrol and field work to solve crimes. Statitics show that any officer working more that an 8 hour shift can develop burnout, tunnel vision and a great loss of mental alertness.

My experience, I was a liquor investigator for 11 years with the Liquor Commission and 7 years with the Nebraska State Patrol. I have seen first hand what happens with alcohol and families and how it can ruin and break up families.

I now own a drug and alcohol testing business and the positive rates are going skyward at an enormous rate for this abuse. I have offices in 4 states and the rates are at an all time high. People are dropping health insurance, behind on mortgage payments, not making child support payments in order to get drunk and high.

Attack the misuse and fraud with food stamps, aid to dependent children, WIC programs.

Let's get on the right track and "GET ER DONE".

David Nicholson
PRES/CEO



Nicholson & Associates

5810 Kipling Ct

Lincoln NE 68516

Mary M. Meyer

From: David R. Buntain [dbuntain@clinewilliams.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2011 9:56 AM
To: cityofficials@artscene.org
Subject: Lincoln Arts Council Funding

Dear Elected Official:

I am writing to encourage you to continue City support for the Lincoln Arts Council, which plays a vital role in promoting the arts in our community and enhancing the quality of life which makes Lincoln such a wonderful place to live and raise a family.

For the last 35 years, I have devoted many volunteer hours to arts activities in Lincoln, because they enrich our lives, entertain and enlighten, and highlight and strengthen the diversity of our community. During that time, I have been involved with numerous Pinewood Bowl productions, and been an active board member and leader of Lincoln's Symphony Orchestra, the Nebraska Repertory Theatre, the Lincoln Community Playhouse and the Sheldon Art Association.

I have seen first-hand the contributions which the Lincoln Arts Council has made. Though it receives a relatively small amount of funding, it has had a large impact in fostering and coordinating the visual and performing arts, staging significant events such as the Mayor's Arts Awards, the Lincoln Arts Festival and the First Friday Gallery Walk.

People often say there isn't enough to do in Lincoln. My response is always that if you are interested in the arts, it's impossible to keep up with everything that is going on. Our vibrant arts scene is one of our treasures and the City should do everything it can to promote its continued vitality. As you work through this year's budget issues, please recognize the importance of ongoing support for the Lincoln Arts Council.

Sincerely,
David

David R. Buntain
dbuntain@clinewilliams.com

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Mary M. Meyer

From: Clark E deVries [cdevries@unlnotes.unl.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2011 2:08 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Roads and Parks

I support the amendment by Cook for the

6+1 Amendment To Maintain Our Parks

This is a reasonable way to peel some of the roads only money to fund deteriorating park amenities.

Clark deVries
Office Ph (402) 472-9444
cdevries@unl.edu

Mary M. Meyer

From: Lori Raphael [loriraph@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2011 2:18 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: I support the 6+1 Amendment for our parks

City Council Members,

I am strongly supportive of devoting \$1 million dollars of the roads budget to support our city parks, playgrounds and pools. These are important resources for our youth. They give children who don't have alternatives healthy activities during the summer and all year round. They make our community attractive for businesses and people who will pay taxes and contribute to our community. We cannot afford to neglect these facilities that contribute so strongly to the quality of life in Lincoln.

Sincerely,

Lori Raphael
3014 Puritan Ave.
Lincoln 68502

Mary M. Meyer

From: KETalley25@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2011 2:35 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: 6+1 Amendment to support Lincoln's Parks"

To whom it may concern,

Please carefully consider the 6+1 Amendment to support Lincoln's Parks. It is my opinion that not doing so would be a huge mistake. Both my husband and father are civil engineers here in Lincoln, I get the importance of spending money to keep up roads. I'm also the parent of small children. Lincoln's parks, bike trails, and pools are a great value to us along with many other people in the city and for them to be neglected would be a terrible shame.

Please put serious thought into the 6+1 Amendment.

Thank you for your time.
Katee Talley

Mary M. Meyer

From: Jason & Amy Schmaderer [jschmaderer@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2011 4:38 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Please Support the 6+1 Amendment To Maintain Our Parks

Dear Council Members,

My wife and I are compelled to contact you to ask your support for the 6+1 Amendment to maintain Lincoln's park infrastructure. While we agree that funding roads is an important priority, we believe that it is equally important to maintain the investment Lincoln has made for generations in its parks and trees. We believe this doesn't have to be an "either / or" situation. Please look at this amendment that looks to protect the character and vitality of this great city.

Thank you for the work you do to make Lincoln great.

Best regards,
Jason & Amy Schmaderer
2025 Ryons Street

Mary M. Meyer

From: Richard E Voeltz [rvoeltz@unlnotes.unl.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2011 4:49 PM
To: Council Packet
Cc: revoeltz@yahoo.com; voeltzbarb@yahoo.com
Subject: City budget

To our City Council: Please consider a tax increase to preserve and restore the good life that we enjoy here in Lincoln. This good life is not free. We must support it in order to preserve it.

Respectfully,

Richard E. Voeltz
Barbara J. Voeltz
4435 Y Street
Lincoln, NE 68503-2251

Mary M. Meyer

From: Jennifer Ford [jenford96@neb.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2011 2:54 PM
To: Council Packet

I support the "6+1 Amendment to Maintain our Parks." Please consider this when voting on the budget proposed by the mayor.

Thank you,
Jennifer Ford

Mary M. Meyer

From: Jenny Perry [jennyperry4@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2011 7:41 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: support for 6+1 Amendment to Maintain our Parks

Dear Mayor Beutler and City Council Members:

We would like to express our support for Jonathan Cook's proposal, known as the "**6+1 Amendment to Maintain our Parks.**" It is our belief that it is crucial for the city budget to include adequate funding for city parks, playground maintenance and safety, pool upkeep, trail maintenance, planting and caring for trees, and other important amenities provided by Parks and Recreation. These resources make our city a better place, especially for our children.

While it is very important to funnel money into city roads projects, please vote to allocate \$1 million of the \$7 million proposed for road projects to the Parks Department.

Thank you,

Jennifer Perry and David DiLillo
2540 C Street
Lincoln, NE 68502

Mary M. Meyer

From: Nancy Intermill [nintermill@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2011 9:43 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Community Facilities

I urge you support the 6+1 budget proposal. The current heat wave is just one example of the various needs our public facilities can meet. Air conditioned libraries are a refuge in hot weather even if buses to get there are limited.

Nancy Intermill
Executive Director
Midtown Village
www.midtownvillagelincoln.org
402~304~5657

Mary M. Meyer

From: Curt Donaldson [curtdon@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2011 11:02 PM
To: Council Packet
Cc: Curt Donaldson; Lynn Johnson
Subject: Support for Cook 6+1 Plan
Attachments: LPRDeferredCIPR&R.pdf

City Council Members:

As you consider changes to the Mayor's Budget this Friday, I write in support of Councilman Cook's proposal to allocate \$1 million to Parks and Recreation for capital replacements and renewals.

In 2005, I served on the committee to identify the base CIP requirements to maintain Park facilities. We estimated the replacement cost of the system at \$130 million with an annual need of \$1.3 million. In recent years, general fund monies for these needs has been about \$300,000 annually. These have been tough years and the main focus has been on maintaining programs, rather than facilities.

This year is a good year to begin rebuilding the system and catching up a bit on deferred maintenance. Sales tax growth has been much better than estimated, we have virtually the lowest unemployment of any major city in the country, and have a Mayor committed to maintaining our quality of life.

Now is as good a time as any to resume capital support for park infrastructure. Lynn Johnson just sent me, at 10:16 pm tonight, a \$3 million list of priority repairs. I have attached it.

Truth is, the \$1.3 number is a lowball estimate. It implies that park assets have an average economic life of 100 years. The only reason it is a useful amount is because much of our infrastructure is newer and middle-aged. But every year...

Thank-you for your attention

Curt Donaldson
curtdon@gmail.com

Examples of Priority Repair and Replacement Needs of Parks and Recreation Facilities

Prepared by Lynn Johnson

July 20, 2011

In 2005 a study was prepared regarding funding needs for repair and replacement of existing public parks and recreation facilities in Lincoln. The replacement value of facilities and infrastructure, excluding the value of land, was estimated to be \$130 million. Annualized replacement costs were determined by projecting the estimated useful life of facilities. In 2005 dollars, the estimated annual funding need for repair and replacement of current facilities was \$1.3 million annually. About \$300,000 is available each year from the proceeds of leasing communication towers on parkland. A decade ago, about \$1 million in general funds was budgeted annually for repair and replacement of parks and recreation facilities. These funds have been eliminated from the annual budget, and repair and replacement of facilities has been deferred.

The following provides a brief summary of funding needed for each type of facility, and the funding needed over the next three to four year period to address deferred repair and replacement.

Paved Surfacing

There are about 40 acres of paved parking areas, 11 miles of roads, and 32 miles of walkways within park areas. About \$250,000 should be budgeted annually to keep these facilities serviceable.



Paved Surfacing

Zoo entrance plaza/bridge repair	\$30,000
Overlays of selected areas of roadways in Pioneers Park, Holmes Park, Mahoney Park	\$50,000
Parking lot patch and seal coat in Woods Park, Holmes Park, Antelope Park	\$200,000

Trails

There are currently 83 miles of commuter/recreation trails and an additional 42 miles of hiker/biker trails in parks. These facilities are estimated to have a useful life of about 50 years. A majority of trails have been constructed in the past 20 years, but there are priority needs for replacement of sections of trails and regular bridge maintenance.



Trails

Painting of Rock Island Trail Bridge at 27 th Street	\$200,000
Trail Replacement – 70 th Street south of Normal Blvd	\$150,000



Building Repair/Replacement

There are more than 220 buildings in park areas from small restroom buildings and park shelters to large recreation centers. Roof repair and replacement is a priority for all buildings. Regular upgrades and replacement of mechanical systems is necessary in enclosed structures. Additional funding is needed to support the ongoing upgrading of park and ballfield restrooms to meet ADA standards.



Building Repair/Replacement

Irving Recreation Center HVAC replacement	\$900,000
Auld Pavilion roof removal and replacement	\$72,000
Antelope Park restroom replacement	\$90,000
Holmes Park restroom ADA renovation	\$25,000
Ballard Park restroom ADA renovation	\$15,000
Mahoney Park restroom /concession ADA renovation	\$30,000

Pools

There are nine outdoor public pools in Lincoln. Three have been constructed in the past 20 years, and the remaining six are more than 40 years old. All pool basins must be in compliance with new ADA standards by the summer of 2012. The bathhouses at the five neighborhood pools need to be upgraded to meet ADA standards.



Pools

Pool basin ADA compliance	\$75,000
Star City Shores slides and central play feature replacement	\$350,000
Air Park Pool bathhouse roof removal and replacement	\$60,000
Air Park Pool bathhouse ADA renovation	\$60,000
Eden Pool bathhouse ADA renovation	\$75,000
Ballard Pool bathhouse ADA renovation	\$60,000

Playgrounds

There are 85 playgrounds in Lincoln's parks. Playgrounds have a useful life of about twenty years. On average, four playgrounds should be replaced each year. In addition, some older playgrounds need improvements to bring them into compliance with ADA standards.



Playground Replacement

Larson Park playground	\$40,000
Peter Pan Park playground	\$40,000
Ballard Park playground	\$40,000
Lakeview Park playground	\$40,000
Williamsburg Park playground ADA surfacing	\$20,000
Van Dorn Park playground	\$40,000
Taylor Park playground	\$40,000
Antelope Park South playground	\$25,000
Antelope Park playground surfacing replacement	\$100,000

Skateparks

Two skateparks have been constructed in parks in the past ten years – one in Peter Pan Park and one in Tierra Park. Both were initially constructed using wood frame structures. The equipment in Peter Pan Park has been upgraded to more durable steel frame structures. The equipment in Tierra Park needs to be replaced.



Skatepark Renovation

Tierra skatepark equipment replacement	\$130,000
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Park Amenities – Cascade Fountain

The Cascade Fountain located at the intersection of 27th Street and Capitol Parkway was dedicated in 1976. The interior plumbing and mechanical systems are in need of replacement. In addition concrete surfaces around the fountain need to be replaced.



Renovation of Cascade Fountain	\$250,000
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Street Trees

More than 80,000 street trees are managed by the Parks and Recreation Department. At the current level of funding about one street tree is replaced for every five that are removed due to decline, damage or disease. Increased funding that can be used to leverage grants and to match citizen contributions will address this trend.

Street Tree Replacement	\$40,000
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Park Trees

There are more than 30,000 trees in Lincoln's park. Regular, ongoing funding is needed to maintain a multi-generational urban forest in park areas.

Park Landscape Replacement	\$20,000
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Mary M. Meyer

From: Richard Rebarber [rrebarber1@math.unl.edu]
Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2011 1:12 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: 6+1 amendment

Dear City Council,

I strong support the 6+1 Amendment to Maintain our Parks. In the absence of such funding, much of the infrastructure that contributes to Lincoln's attractiveness as a place to live will be compromised.

thank you,
Richard Rebarber
2900 Jackson Dr.

Mary M. Meyer

From: Paige Namuth [partnersinrecovery@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2011 7:57 AM
To: cityofficials@artscene.org
Cc: Nancy Hicks
Subject: Church lady here!

Just for the record, just because I didn't show up to protest the sale of alcohol at Pioneer Park doesn't mean I don't care about the families of Lincoln. I do.

I wish Lincoln wanted to do other things besides drink. I wish Zen was something we study instead of a bar we drink at. I wish someone had written some new musicals to perform at Pinewood so we would want to stay conscious to see how they end.

I wish our kids wore shoes that fit instead of shoes that light up.

I wish downtown Lincoln could support cafeterias and bike shops and books stores and clothing stores.

I wish our kids could look down the road far enough to see that the tattoo of today is the mullet of tomorrow.

I wish brides and grooms didn't have hangovers and knew they were doing something holy.

I wish the right people were getting rich.

I wish Sunmart sold more food than alcohol.

I wish the anxiety level of the little kids I watch while parents attend meetings to try to get sober would go way, way down.

I wish the two boys who were boating and hit by a drunk boat driver were still alive. I wish Misty Smity Lubben was still alive. I wish the Bediant girl was still alive and Cameron, the boy from First Plymouth. I wish Tim Carroll was still alive.

I wish the parents were wearing the back packs of food the teachers send home.

I wish One Book One Lincoln would read Kelly Madigans book on staying sober.

We have a suicide economy here. I wish we didn't.

Paige namuth

Mary M. Meyer

From: LJ [ljevermann@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2011 4:33 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: 6+1 Amendment

Dear Councilman Cook,

I am a resident in the Irvingdale neighborhood and a firm supporter of maintaining our Lincoln parks. I am a volunteer for the Stransky Park Concert Series, a member of the mowing crew for East Rudge Park, as well as a previous attender of the Irvingdale swimming pool. (when my daughter was younger) I cannot emphasize enough, the importance of our parks, playgrounds and pools in our neighborhoods. The benefits of which strengthen and unite our community and give opportunities for our young people to step away from the sedentary tendency to sit in front of a computer screen all day long. By it's very design and nature, our parks encourage exercise, good health and family entertainment.

I will also add, how important it is to maintain every single swimming pool in our city and furthermore, to extend their hours of use later into the evening, so that families may participate together after dinnertime. This too, strengthens our community. I fully support the "6+1 Amendment" and I am willing to pay more taxes, to see all this happen.

Sincerely,
Larry Evermann

Mary M. Meyer

From: cjckacp2@juno.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2011 2:44 PM
To: Mary M. Meyer
Subject: Liquor expansion use in city

Liquor use in such places as Auld, Pioneer's Nature Center, and Pinewood Bowl seems like a bad idea. When I attend a performance I pay good money to hear and enjoy what's presented. Too many times, the lewd talking, trash strewn around, and general disorderliness caused by drinking spoils the event for me. Why, also can't we give our children a responsible picture of a liquor & drug-free zone at these places? They see it too much already on the screen. Also, what about the extra clean up needed??

I say keep it out!

Karen Carlson



REALTORS® ASSOCIATION OF LINCOLN

Date: July 21, 2011
To: Mayor Chris Beutler
From: REALTORS® Association of Lincoln
Re: Mayor Recommended 2011 – 2012 Operating Budget

The REALTORS® Association of Lincoln Board of Directors would like to offer the following comments regarding the recommended budget. The Directors and the Association recognize the fiscal challenges City leaders are facing during these difficult financial times.

With all due respect to the enormous effort in identifying areas for reduced spending, the contribution to the Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development should not be decreased. The goals of the Partnership are to attract high-impact industries to Lincoln, to nurture the environment for existing Lincoln businesses, and to cultivate local entrepreneurial development. An investment in the Partnership fosters the efforts of increasing Lincoln's tax base with creation of new businesses, the addition of jobs and new rooftops, all of which create and increase revenue for the City of Lincoln. This is one area that needs to remain at the current funding level of \$500,000, if not increased.

As REALTORS®, we consistently support safer and stronger neighborhoods. Although we appreciate and strongly support Safety Director Casady's vision for increasing efficiencies in the future, we cannot support the closing of the Airpark Fire Station at this time. If an alternate site or consolidation needs to occur, this should be done prior to the actual closing of a station. Elimination of the Airpark Fire Station creates questionable response times in the interim of the closing and future efficiencies.

We are in support of Lincoln Electric System (LES) assuming the cost of energy and maintenance on streetlights, as well as having them pay for debt service on the capital investment in street lights. These expenses will likely be passed on to LES customers; however, this provides for a more equitable cost distribution among all citizens.

Our compliments for correcting the long term misuse of the wheel tax revenue. Thank you for reallocating these funds to their intended use in the Streets and Highway Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Not to dwell on past decisions of previous decision makers, but these funds were always intended to fund streets and should not have been allowed to subsidize snow removal.

Additionally, the Association supports the increased funding of the Police and Fire Pension Plan which has become necessary due in part to the recent fall in the market. We believe it is prudent to take steps to make sure this unfunded liability doesn't rise to a level that is unmanageable.

The Board of Directors also appreciates and supports the addition of an Equal Opportunity Officer in the Human Rights Division of the Law Department. Fair treatment of all, whether in housing, employment or otherwise, is a civil liberty and should be a priority at all times.

Finally, it was the consensus of the Board of Directors to reverently suggest the continued consideration of internal cost reductions, specifically in the area of personnel expenses since this represents such a majority of the overall budget expense. The Mayor's effort for the Commission of Industrial Relations to include private sector wages for comparison is recognized. It is these types of efforts that will need to continue to lessen the overall personnel cost burden in order to maintain valued citizen services.

As REALTORS® and citizens of Lincoln, we strongly support the right to own real property and disagree with actions by government which diminish or threaten this freedom. We recognize the current need to increase property taxes; however, we hope the increase is viewed as an exception due to extreme circumstances and will not become routine or customary in future budget proposals.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nicole D. Jensen".

Nicole D. Jensen
Executive Vice President
REALTORS® Association of Lincoln

Cc: Lincoln City Council

Mary M. Meyer

From: June Griffin [june.griffin@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2011 10:36 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: 6+1 amendment to maintain our parks

Dear members of the City Council,

I hope you will support the 6+1 amendment to maintain our parks; while our roads are vital to our community, it is the parks, playgrounds and trees that make it a community worth living and working in. I urge you to vote to continue to support the playgrounds, trails, park shelters, and trees!

Sincerely,
June Griffin
1845 B St
Lincoln, NE 68502

June Griffin | Associate Professor of Practice, English Department | University of Nebraska-Lincoln |
W H Thompson Scholars Faculty Coordinator | <http://www.unl.edu/wht/> | 402.472.1886 |
860.245.1845

Mary M. Meyer

From: Andy Beecham [andy_beecham@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2011 10:20 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: I Support Jonathan Cook's "6+1 Amendment To Maintain Our Parks"

Good Morning,

This message is in support of Councilman Jonathan Cook's "6+1 Amendment To Maintain Our Parks". I believe that roads are an important priority, but they are not the only priority. Our community needs to maintain its parks, pools, trails, trees, playgrounds, shelters, and other important amenities.

Andy Beecham
3024 Stratford Av
Lincoln

Mary M. Meyer

From: Susan Melcher [melcherj5-2@inebraska.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2011 11:04 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Budget

I support Jonathan Cook's 6 + 1 plan. I also support a tax increase. I do not support any more cuts to services.

Thank you,
Susan Melcher
2401 Garfield St.
Lincoln, NE 68502

Mary M. Meyer

From: peterfraz@neb.rr.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2011 7:49 PM
To: Council Packet

My wife Mickie and I support the "6+1 Amendment" to maintain parks, trails, etc.

Peter

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The Rev. Peter Frazier-Koontz, M.Div., Ph.D.
2300 Sewell Street
Lincoln, NE 68502

402-202-7233

Mary M. Meyer

From: Julia Larson [jlarson9342@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2011 6:58 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: 6 plus 1 amendment

I support the 6 plus 1 amendment.

Julia Larson
2425 Folkways Blvd, Unit 109
Lincoln NE 68521
(402) 310-2811
jlarson9342@gmail.com

Sent from my iPhone

Mary M. Meyer

From: Valery Wachter [vwachter@neb.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2011 1:41 PM
To: cityofficials@artscene.org
Subject: Lincoln Arts Council Funding

Dear Elected Officials,

I am writing to urge you to make the arts a priority in the city budget by continuing support for the Lincoln Arts Council. The arts are important to me, and I know that the Lincoln Arts Council is important to the arts in Lincoln. I can not imagine what the Arts Council, with its small staff and modest funding, would become if city support were lost.

It's no secret that Lincoln is one of the best small cities in the nation. Forbes, The Ladies Home Journal, Parents, Sporting News and Inc. magazines, among others, have said so. I believe that our vibrant business, health, recreation, education and arts infrastructures are responsible for these accolades. The Lincoln Arts Council has proven to be a crucial link in our arts infrastructure and has helped to build the quality of life we enjoy in Lincoln.

A study conducted in 2005 showed that the arts generate \$36 million dollars in economic activity per year in Lincoln, delivering more than \$3.4 million in local and state government revenue. The Lincoln Arts Council conducted that study, using professional, scientific tools. A number of city agencies use this study to encourage economic development, attract new businesses to the city and accurately describe Lincoln as a great cultural destination. The Arts Council is again conducting this study for more current data because agencies need it to help build Lincoln. Who else could conduct this study?

This is very important to our city and the quality of life we are so proud of, so PLEASE keep us in your budget!!

Valery Wachter

Mary M. Meyer

From: thewrightsinlincoln@windstream.net
Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2011 3:25 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: 6+1 Amendment Support

I support the 6+1 Amendment for 6 million to go to roads and 1 million for maintainence of parks.

Dana Wright
7015 Beaver Hollow Circle
Lincoln NE 68516

Mary M. Meyer

From: Joan Hruza [hruza@windstream.net]
Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2011 3:08 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: 6-1 program

Great idea. We need to support the parks. Swimming pools should not be unavailable for children in the summer.

Joan Hruza

Mary M. Meyer

From: Nichole Palmer [Nichole@knotsandtots.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2011 2:36 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: 6 + 1 amendment

My family supports the **6+1 Amendment To Maintain Our Parks** . I do understand that there are huge budget issues right now in Lincoln but we cannot let the good people of our community suffer because other areas eat away at the budget. We do realize that street repairs are important but let's hope that the upkeep of bike trails, parks and park shelters will keep our youth active and out of trouble. As an Omaha native, I feel the one thing that makes me proud to be a member of the Lincoln community has been the importance of the wonderful parks and trails we have for our families. Thank you!

Nichole Palmer and Kory Palmer
3033 Georgain Court
Lincoln, NE 68502

Mary M. Meyer

From: little-red-hen@juno.com
Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2011 10:27 AM
To: Council Packet

7-21-11

I am in favor of councilman Cook's proposed 6 + 1 plan. Please vote in favor of maintaining our parks, trees, trails, etc. We need to keep our high quality of life for everyone.

Delores Lintel

Mary M. Meyer

From: Heidi Uhing [heidiuhing@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2011 11:50 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Please support the 6+1 amendment.

Dear city council,

Please support directing \$1 million of the proposed road funds to the Park Department to maintain the city's parks, pools, trails, trees, playgrounds and shelters.

Sincerely,

Heidi Uhing
627 S. 28th St.
Lincoln, NE 68510

Mary M. Meyer

From: Katie Skean [katieskean@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2011 12:44 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: please support 6 + 1 amendment

Hello city council members,

I am writing to express my strong support of the "6 + 1 Amendment To Maintain Our Parks" While the maintenance of our roads is essential, so is the basic maintenance of our parks, etc. For example, I share the alarm that my fellow Lincolnites feel when we read that only one in five city trees that are removed get replaced. Since you are all Nebraskans and Arbor Day was created in Nebraska, you are likely to have already heard all of the details explaining the practical importance of trees reiterated to you ad infinitum in your lifetimes. I would just like to remind you that it gladdens the heart to see healthy, mature trees (and parks and trails that are not terribly run down due to the lack of maintenance funds that other cities can sometimes be afflicted with). These issues have a direct affect on the quality of life currently being enjoyed by all of Lincoln's citizens, regardless of race, creed, household income level, etc. I imagine that working on the city's budget must be more and more challenging with each passing year, but the small amount of money needed for this basic maintenance is just as important as any other consideration. Thank you so much for your time.

Appreciatively,
Katie Skean

Mary M. Meyer

From: Richard Moberly [rmoberly2@me.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2011 12:58 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: City Budget

I would like you to know that I support Councilperson Cook's proposal to fund roads AND parks - the so-called 6+1 option. We need to maintain the parks that make this such a great city.

Many thanks,
Richard Moberly

**DIRECTORS' AGENDA
ADDENDUM
MONDAY, JULY 25, 2011**

I. CITY CLERK

II. CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE MAYOR & DIRECTORS

MAYOR

1. Mayor Beutler's public schedule for the week of July 23, 2011 through July 29, 2011.

**CITIZENS INFORMATION CENTER/
CABLE TV ADVISORY BOARD**

1. Cable TV Advisory Board Meeting agenda for Thursday, July 28, 2011.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Time Warner cable moving Big Ten Network to standard service tier for Nebraska customers.

WEST HAYMARKET JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY

1. The West Haymarket Joint Public Agency will meet on Friday, July 29, 2011 at 3:30 p.m., 555 S. 10th Street, in Council Chambers. Agenda and documents posted online.

III. DIRECTORS

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

1. Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Committee meeting agenda for August 2, 2011.
2. Letter from the Nebraska Department of Roads pertaining to the North Hills Planned Unit Development (Bill #11-105).
3. Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission meeting agenda for July 28, 2011 at 8:00 a.m.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP

1. Correspondence from Buzz Murphy. Use the \$1.7 million settlement from Verizon to keep swimming pools, libraries, and fire station at Airpark open. The Mayo will spend on some new project downtown.
2. Constituent suggestions on Parks & Rec budget. Matter of priorities, keep funding for libraries and pools instead of spending money on plowing a bike trail in snow emergencies.

CARL ESKRIDGE

1. Letter from Jennifer Kroft. Do not cut back the Saturday hours of StarTran as a flexible Saturday schedule is crucial to students, the working poor, the disabled and the elderly.

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS TO COUNCIL

1. Patte Newman. Do the responsible thing this year and raise the levy, and support the 6+1 amendment.

2. Robert Basoco. A tax increase to provide quality police and fire protection, with well lit streets and recreation for the adults and youth in the community.
3. Lindsey Blausen. Make arts a priority and continue support for the Lincoln Arts Council.
4. Bob Hinrichs. Happy overall with Mayor's budget, however agree with the proposed 6+1 amendment.
5. Rosina Paolini. The city needs \$8 per month per average household to maintain services for the people of Lincoln.
6. Maurice Baker. Comments on how the proposed Lincoln budget needs to be changed.
7. Rosina Paolini. Support increasing revenue to pay for all the cuts. Do not use the rainy day fund.
8. Ryan Reinke. Keep property tax increase to a minimum. Any increase squeezes an already slim profit margin from small business owners.
9. Rick Jacobs. Do not raise taxes, cut the fat in government.
10. Lincoln Chamber of Commerce statement regarding the proposed 2011-2012 budget.
11. Nile, Monique, Quinn and Lisle Gustafson. Family supports the 6+1 amendment to maintain our parks.
12. Jack Baillie. In full support of Camp's proposal for modifying the widening project on Old Cheney.
13. Erika Rippeteau in support of the 6+1 amendment to maintain our parks.
14. Diana Warner. Do not vote to raise our taxes. Be strong and remember the property tax is one of the more unfair taxes ever levied.
15. Mary Roseberry-Brown. Strongly support Jonathan Cook's 6+1 budget amendment.
16. Marge Schlitt. Will bring in petition which states a large majority of people are saying they are willing to pay a bit more in taxes to save services, including for the minorities, elderly and less fortunate of our population.
17. Amy Birky. Support Cook's plan on the roads and parks. Concerned with elimination of women's minority health outreach.
18. Sharon Vandennack. Support Jonathan Cook's proposed amendment, 6+1 amendment to maintain parks.
19. Gerise Herndon. In support of raising property taxes in order to maintain our quality of life.
20. Sara Friedman. Support the 6+1 amendment to maintain our parks in the final budget.
21. Wendy Hines. Would rather raise taxes than put the mayor's budget into action.
22. Peter W. Katt. Bring in a budget with no property tax increase.
 - a) Over the past 5 years th property tax base in Lincoln increased by 16.65% and taxes levied by 18.92%.
23. Carita Baker. Would prefer raising taxes to cutting services.
24. Keith Dubas. Support the 6+1 amendment to preserve an important aspect of Lincoln's quality of life.
25. Rosemary Thornton. Applaud plans not to cut the libraries, parks and fire station in Air Park.
26. Ingrid Kirst. Seriously consider Councilman Cook's proposal to fund maintenance of our parks, street trees and bike trails.
27. Dan Howell. Regarding no new taxes of any kind, let's not carry this caution to the point where we lose what we love about Lincoln.
28. Alan Hersch. Oppose compromising the full widening project of Old Cheney to appease a few people who built swimming pools in the ROW.
29. Jim Brandle. In total support of the Mayor's proposed budget.
30. Jodi Delozier. Opposed to increasing property taxes as well as some suggested cuts/reduction put forth by the Mayor.

31. Message from Karen Anthony. Do not support raising any tax or fees, including the wheel tax, parking fees and property taxes, look at highly paid city employees.
31. Message from Paula Nicholls. On the widening of Old Cheney Road keep with the original plans with the mediums. Only 8 or 9 families will lose trees, with hundreds of other property owners.

VI. INVITATIONS

See invitation list.

Date: July 22, 2011

Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule
Week of July 23 through 29, 2011
Schedule subject to change

Sunday, July 24

- Homecoming ceremony for 1-134th Cavalry, Nebraska Army National Guard, remarks - 10 a.m., Lincoln East High School, 1000 S. 70th St.

Tuesday, July 26

- Kawasaki railcar test track ribbon-cutting, remarks - 9 a.m., 6500 N.W. 27th St.
- KFOR - 12:30 p.m. (pre-recorded)
- MembersOwn Credit Union ground-breaking, remarks - 4 p.m., 33rd and "A" streets

Wednesday, July 27

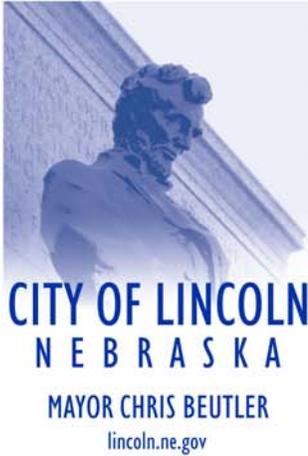
- Lincoln Industries/IMSCORP HealthyU ribbon-cutting, remarks - 3 p.m., 600 West "E" St.

Thursday, July 28

- News conference - 10 a.m., topic and location to be announced

Friday, July 29

- West Haymarket Joint Public Agency (JPA) public meeting - 3:30 p.m., Council Chambers, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.



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MEETING NOTICE

Cable TV Advisory Board

4 pm, Thursday, July 28, 2011

County-City Building
Room 303, 3rd Floor Conference Room
Lincoln, NE 68508

AGENDA

Call to Order

1. Introduction of board members and guests
2. Election of Officers
3. Approval of Minutes (Oct. 2010 meeting)
4. Board Member Attendance
5. Amend Cable Television Advisory Board Bylaws, Article V, Section 4. dealing with the definition of quorum.

~~Six (6)~~ One-half of the currently appointed members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. No meeting shall be called to order unless a quorum is present. A majority vote of those present shall be required in order for the Board to act on any matter before it. Telephonic participation in a meeting may be allowed at the discretion of the Chairperson. A vacancy in the membership of the Board shall not impair the right of the remaining members to perform the duties of the Board.

6. Staff Briefing on Time Warner Cable/Big 10 programming
7. Activities & Objectives for 2011-2012
8. Time Warner Cable Report
9. City Report (PEG status)
10. Public Comments

Adjournment

BOARD MEMBERS:

If you cannot attend this meeting

Please RSVP to Dr. Art Zygielbaum, Chairman
aiz@ctwsoft.com
402-472-3424 (wk)

Schedule of Regular Meeting Dates:

(Quarterly on 4th Thursdays)

UPCOMING MEETINGS in 2011

July 28, October 27
January 26, 2012 (annual meeting)

Mary M. Meyer

From: Council Packet
Subject: Time Warner Will Carry B10 on the standard tier.

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Below is a press release that we are sending out this morning, announcing that Time Warner Cable will carry the Big Ten Network on the standard service tier on channel 24 beginning August 23. I wanted all of you to be some of the first to know that we've reached an agreement with the Big Ten Network and are pleased that all of the Husker games in the 2011 season will be available through Time Warner Cable here.

BTN will also continue to be available to digital cable customers on Channel 333 and in high definition on Channel 1333.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 402.421.0378.

Sincerely, Ann

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
July 25, 2011

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Time Warner Cable Moving Big Ten Network to Standard Service Tier for Nebraska Customers

All Husker regular season football games will be available on Time Warner Cable

LINCOLN, NEB. and CHICAGO - (July 25, 2011) –Time Warner Cable and BTN announced today that the network will be available on the company's standard service tier for customers in Nebraska beginning Aug. 23. Every Husker regular season football game will be available live on Time Warner Cable during the team's inaugural season in the Big Ten Conference.

"We know how important Husker football is to our great customers in Lincoln and throughout the state," Scott Miller, Time Warner Cable's area vice president of operations for the Kansas City/Lincoln division, said. "This move will allow us to keep providing our customers with the best Nebraska football content in the area."

In addition to Husker football games, fans will also be able to watch many other Nebraska sporting events, including men's and women's basketball, volleyball, baseball, Olympic sports and more.

Starting Aug. 23, BTN will be available on channel 24. BTN is currently available to digital customers on channel 333 and in HD on channel 1333, and will remain on those channels going forward. In addition to the primary network feed, two extra football game channels will also be available. BTN Extra 1 will air on 1334 and BTN Extra 2 will air on 1335. These channels are primarily used during football season when games air simultaneously to ensure all conference games are available to customers in their entirety.

"This is great for Husker fans, now that they're a part of the Big Ten Conference, to see games on Time Warner Cable's standard service tier," BTN President Mark Silverman said. "Time Warner Cable has a huge presence in Nebraska, and we're excited to be making this move."

"We're pleased that Time Warner Cable has moved the Big Ten Network to their standard service tier," Nebraska Athletic Director Tom Osborne said. "Our athletic department has had a strong relationship with Time Warner Cable for a long time, and we're pleased that they will continue to carry our athletic events and provide Husker and Big Ten content to our fans throughout Nebraska."

About Time Warner Cable

Time Warner Cable Inc. (NYSE: TWC) is among the largest providers of video, high-speed data and phone services in the United States, connecting more than 14 million customers to entertainment, information and each other. Time Warner Cable Business Class offers data, video and phone services to businesses of all sizes, cell tower backhaul services to wireless carriers, and through its NaviSite subsidiary, enterprise-class hosting, managed application, messaging and cloud services. Time Warner Cable Media, the advertising arm of Time Warner Cable, offers national, regional and local companies innovative advertising solutions. More information about the services of Time Warner Cable is available at www.timewarnercable.com, www.twcbc.com, www.navisite.com, and www.twcmedia.com.

About BTN: A joint venture between the Big Ten Conference and Fox Networks, BTN is the first internationally distributed network dedicated to covering one of the premier collegiate conferences in the country. With more than 800 events, all in HD, the 24/7 network is the ultimate destination for Big Ten fans and alumni across the country, allowing them to see their favorite teams, regardless of where they live. Events include football, men's and women's basketball games; dozens of Big Ten Championship events; studio shows; coaches' shows; and classic games. The network televises and streams more Olympic sporting events and women's sports than has ever been aired on any other network. Original programming highlights activities and accomplishments of some of the nation's finest universities. The groundbreaking Student U initiative provides real-world experience for students interested in careers in sports television. The network is available to more than 80 million homes across the United States and Canada, and currently has agreements with more than 300 affiliates, including AT&T U-Verse, Atlantic Broadband, Cablevision, Charter, Comcast, Cox, DirecTV, DISH Network, Insight, Mediacom, Rogers Cable (Canada), Shaw Cable and Shaw Direct (Canada), Time Warner Cable and Verizon FiOS. For updated information on BTN, go to www.BTN.com.

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Mary M. Meyer

From: Melissa M. Ramos-Lamml
Sent: Friday, July 22, 2011 1:02 PM
To: Bill Kostner; Chad E. Blahak; Council Packet; Daniel K. Marvin; Dave B. Norris; Debbie Engstrom; DEBUSE, LISA; Diane K. Gonzolas; Don R. Herz; ewieseman@thoughtdistrict.com; Greg S. MacLean; Harvey Perlman (hperlman1@unl.edu); Jayne L. Snyder; Jayne Snyder ; Jill Englehart; Joan E. Ross; Joel D Pedersen; Justin R. Kohmetscher; lwisner@gilmorebell.com; Mark E. Leikam; Mary Douglas; Mary M. Meyer; Melissa M. Ramos-Lamml; mhaase@thoughtdistrict.com; Miki Esposito; Pam K. Gadeken; 'Paula Yancey '; Rick R. Peo; Rodney M. Confer; Roger A. Figard; skeene@ameritas.com; Steve D. Hubka; Steven J. Huggenberger; Teresa Meier; Tim Clare ; Trish A. Owen; Vince Mejer
Subject: West Haymarket JPA Meeting July 29, 2011 - Revised Agenda

The agenda for the West Haymarket JPA Meeting to be held on July 29, 2011 has been revised.

The updated agenda and documents are now posted at: <http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/finance/account/jpa-mtgs.htm>

From: Melissa M. Ramos-Lamml
Sent: Friday, July 22, 2011 9:21 AM
Subject: West Haymarket JPA Meeting July 29, 2011

The West Haymarket Joint Public Agency will meet on Friday, July 29, 2011 at 3:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers (Room 112).

The agenda and attachments are now posted at : <http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/finance/account/jpa-mtgs.htm>



**City of Lincoln
Planning**

Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Committee Agenda

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

A Technical Committee meeting is scheduled as follows:

DATE: August 2, 2011

TIME: 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 113, County/ City Building

AGENDA

- Roll Call and Acknowledge the "Nebraska Open Meeting Act"
- 1. Review and action on the draft minutes of the [June 16, 2011](#) Technical Committee meeting.
- 2. Technical Committee discussion on the [draft Lincoln-Lancaster 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan](#) and on recommendations to be forwarded to the Lincoln-Lancaster Planning Commission. This meeting will be devoted to reviewing the Lincoln MPO's draft 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Each agency represented on the Technical Advisory Committee is being asked to provide constructive comments and recommendations for discussion. The Committee's comments will be forwarded to the Lincoln-Lancaster Planning Commission for their consideration in making recommendations to the Lincoln City Council, Lancaster County Board and MPO Officials Committee.
- 3. Other topics for discussion.

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**City of Lincoln
Planning**

**Nebraska Capitol Environs
Commission Agenda**

The Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission will hold a scheduled public meeting on Thursday, July 28, 2011. The meeting will convene at **8:00 a.m.** in **Development Services Center Room 214, 2nd Floor, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street**, Lincoln, Nebraska, to consider the following agenda. For more information, please contact the Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department at (402) 441-7491.

Agenda of July 28, 2011

1. Approval of meeting notes of [May 26, 2011](#)

Discussion & Recommendation

2. Design update on plan for Centennial Mall (Design Team and Parks & Recreation Dept.)
 3. [Draft 2040 Comprehensive Plan](#), especially [Chapter 4: "Placemaking"](#)
 4. Staff report/misc.
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[History List](#)



Dave Heineman
Governor

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Planning Department

BILL #11-105: CHANGE OF ZONE 11024
(First Reading: 7/25/11
Public Hearing: 8/01/11)

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Marvin Krout, Director
Planning Department
555 South 10th Street.
Lincoln, NE 68508

**Re: Future Traffic Noise Levels at North Hills Development
In Lancaster County**

Dear Mr. Krout:

This letter is in response to a request for a change of zone to the North Hills 5th addition development in Lincoln, NE received by the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) Noise Section on June 16, 2011. The developer wishes to incorporate residential land use in the development changing the zone from a B-2 to a B-2 Planned Unit Development. The purpose of this response is to inform the developer and the City of Lincoln Planning Department of the possible I-80 traffic noise impacts to residences within this development due to the change in zone.

The NDOR noise section has studied the traffic noise environment for the development and found that the future noise levels (2035) will exceed the Noise Abatement Criteria established in 23 CFR 772. The residential units on the front row will be considered impacted by I-80 traffic noise (66 decibels and above). The quality of life for the residents next to I-80 will be diminished due to the noise levels exceeding the Noise Abatement Criteria with no abatement.

There are a couple options the developer has to reduce noise to suitable levels. The first would be to build a noise wall or berm to protect the residential site. For proper reduction in noise the dimensions of the wall or berm must be at least 12 feet high and 600 feet long. The other option would be to build a row of garages between the planned apartment complexes and I-80. For proper noise reduction the garages must be 14 feet high, 60 feet long with 20 foot gaps permitted between each garage. If the developer chooses not to provide the recommended forms of noise abatement, NDOR will not be responsible for furnishing future noise abatement for the residences of the proposed development.

Sincerely,

Mark Ottemann (402) 479-4795
Noise, Air & Utilities Engineer
Project Development Division

Mary M. Meyer

Subject: City Budget

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From: JoAnn Murphy [<mailto:jm15300@windstream.net>]
Sent: Friday, July 22, 2011 10:35 PM
To: Jon Camp
Subject: City Budget

John: In Thursday's Journal-Star it says that the city is getting a 1.7 million dollar settlement from Verizon. According to your council chair, he is looking for 1.8 million to keep the swimming pools, libraries, and the fire station at Airpark open. Can he not see , the money is there from Verizon. The mayor does not need it in a rainy day fund because according to his past performance, he will just spend it on some new project downtown. Buzz Murphy

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Mary M. Meyer

Subject: City Council call

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From: Crystal Meister
Sent: Tuesday, July 19, 2011 8:48 AM
To: Jon Camp
Subject: City Council call

Had a call from one of your constituents....he wanted to voice his opinion regarding the Parks & Rec's budget and is extremely irritated to know that they find it necessary to spend funds on plowing the bike trails during snow emergencies. Last winter during the 1st snow emergency, he found them plowing the bike trail along Highway 2. He called the Mayor to find out why on earth it was necessary to spend money on snow blowing a bike trail open when many people were unable to drive on their own street and the Mayor's office told him to contact Park and Rec's b/c they decide how to spend their money. The Parks people told them many people use the bike trail during the winter....but this gentleman feels it is a matter of priorities that have caused the city to be so far in debt and be threatening to raise taxes. He would rather see funding for libraries and pools to stay open instead of spending money on plowing a bike trail for a few die hard bikers to ride on in the winter, especially during snow emergencies. He also feels the mayor should do a better job overseeing how the parks and rec spends their funds b/c he feels that was a complete waste of money and those tractors should have been used to help open up smaller streets and driveways instead of a bike trail.

Crystal Meister
Facilities Manager

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Mary M. Meyer

Subject: FW: Saturday Service for Star Tran

Dear Mr Eskridge,

I am not in the habit of writing to City Council members on behalf of issues that impact my life, however I must speak out on the issue of cutting back the Saturday hours of Star Tran. As a full time student at UNI, I cannot afford both tuition and a car, so like many other students I rely on the bus for my transportation. I must use the Saturday bus for work and the inflexible 8 hour block of time proposed for service will drastically impact my ability to support myself.

I am not alone and I know many other people who ride to work on Saturday who are supporting themselves and their families thanks to Star Tran. You probably will not hear from them because they don't have the time to speak out as the hustle between jobs on the busses. I also must speak for the thousands of students who are currently away for the summer and upon returning will discover the city of Lincoln has once again cut into the muscle of the bus system by shortening hours of operation. Many of these student use Saturday bus service to take a break from their studies and visit local stores and restaurants. By cutting back on hours, these lucrative trips away from campus will decrease and thus impact city businesses that count on students to put them into the black.

Finally, why bother building an arena to help stop the brain drain of local graduates when the city won't even give us a convenient and cost effective means of transportation as undergraduates. With gas as high as it is and no sign of it returning to reasonable levels, public transportation and a flexible Saturday schedule is crucial to the lives of students, the working poor, the disabled and the elderly alike. Please reconsider cutting Star Tran hours even if it means raising taxes. Without flexible Saturday service we all might just stay home and quit contributing to Lincoln's economy altogether. After graduation many students will gladly leave a city so short sighted in terms of public transportation.

I am a voter in the fourth district and I am counting on you to represent the people who supported you in the May election.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Kroft

Mary M. Meyer

From: Patte Newman [pattnewman@neb.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2011 2:57 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: 6+1 amendment to maintain our parks, libraries, pools

Dear Lincoln City Council members,

In my one term serving on the Lincoln City Council, I had one very specific regret. I was sorry that we never had the ability to muster four votes to raise the property tax levy.

Had we had the political willpower to add a minor cost of living increase into the tax levy each year there would never have been the annual song and dance and scramble to find the extra couple of million needed each and every year.

Many Lincolniters strongly believe that you can raise the levy in excess of what the Mayor is requesting so that we can keep the quality of life amenities in this community that we all benefit from.

Please support the 6+1 amendment so our children can enjoy the life we all grew up with; reading and access to a wealth of information from branch libraries within biking or walking distance, green spaces and pools convenient for every neighborhood and trees that we are finding extra comforting this summer. Let wheel tax dollars pay for concrete.

Please do the responsible thing this year and raise the levy. The city and it's residents cannot afford any more cuts in service.

Thank you.

Patte Newman

Mary M. Meyer

From: Bob & Jane Basoco [jerab@inebraska.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2011 3:18 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Mayor's Budget ????

This budget closes a fire station---Watch the cost of home owners insurance sky rocket (especially in the area served by that fire station).

This budget closes swimming pools-Less recreation for the children and young adults served. Watch the crime rate rise.

This budgets closes public libraries-Watch the literacy rate continue to decline in general and especially among young people.

This budget hides a tax increase by passing the cost of having street lights to LES. LES will raise the cost of electricity to offset the costs passed to them. (Smoke and Mirrors)

Tax dollars continue to be funneled to NEW infrastructure while ignoring existing infrastructure.(More Smoke and Mirrors) Nothing new here-the practice has been going on for a couple of decades. The cost of ignoring existing infrastructure is just now having to be met.

A tax increase to provide high quality police and fire protection accompanied by well lit streets and quality recreation for the adults and youth

In our community should stimulate economic development not hinder economic development.

Robert Basoco
5710 Dennis Dr.
Lincoln, NE

Mary M. Meyer

From: Lindsey Clausen [linzzzz@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2011 6:50 PM
To: cityofficials@artscene.org
Subject: Art is Vital

Dear Elected Officials,

I am writing to urge you to make the arts a priority in the city budget by continuing support for the Lincoln Arts Council. The arts are important to me, considering that I am going to school at the University of Nebraska studying art my future jobs will depend on the support if the arts in whatever city I live in someday. I would choose to stay in Lincoln for my career, but only if the art scene here continues to grow and thrive. The Lincoln Arts Council, is a local assets that I believe changes our community for the better by supporting local organizations such as the Lux Center for the Arts and the Sheldon Museum of Art.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Lindsey Clausen

Mary M. Meyer

From: Robert Hinrichs [hinrichs@islco.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2011 7:26 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: In support of the 6+1 amendment

I am happy overall with the Mayor's budget. However I agree with the adjustment proposed by the so-called "6+1 Amendment." Our investments in trees and parks are incredibly important to maintaining Lincoln's excellent quality of life, which attracts businesses and skilled people to live here.

Than you!
--Bob Hinrichs
2310 Smith Street

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While I commend Mayor Beutler for moving in the right direction with the 2011 proposed budget, my hopes are the Mayor and the members of the City Council will agree with me that this city needs \$8 per month per average household to maintain services for the people of Lincoln.

With over 2,000 signatures on the petition we are circulating, we expect to get even more signatures by August 8th.

Every cut made this budget cycle compounds the effects of the services due to the past cuts in all areas: Parks and Rec, Aging, and Libraries. These are services the children, elderly, and low to middle income people rely on.

Let us restore services and increase revenue so that Lincoln can once again prosper.

My thanks to all for your service-
Rosina Paolini

Mary M. Meyer

From: maurice Baker [mbaker35@neb.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2011 8:14 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Budget

Dear Council Members:

I beleive the proposed Lincoln budget needs to be changed in the following ways:

1. If the Council agrees with the Mayor that the proposed tax increase is the maximum, then I support the following changes in the proposed budget:

a. Take the \$500,000 from the rainy day fund and keep fire station 11 open for another year. Any increase in risk of life and property for policy reasons should be avoided when possible and I feel this is possible. I have seen no mention of the additional private costs from closing of the fire station. One of these will be an increase in property insurance rates since insurance companies rate their risk by how well the fire and rescue coverage is.

b. Reduce the \$7,000,000 for streets and roads by \$1,000,000 and use this amount to help maintain the investment in areas where Parks and Recreation is responsible. Failure to provide for the maintenance of major investmernts in the public sector is no better than property owners who fail to maintain their property. Both detract from the quality of the city as a place to live. Long term this decreases both sales and property tax revenues.

None of you would think of making major investments in your house and then deciding that you will not allocate some of your income toward maintaining that house. Failure to do so would result in a decreased value and for the city a decrease in property taxes. While the public investments will not directly impact the tax revenue, it will ultimately because Lincon will no longer be as desirable place to live. This will impact the value of property and the tax revenues. Failure to maintain these investments is a penny wise and a pound foolish.

2. I personally favor addressing the budget gap by an even greater increase in the tax rate. As has been noted in the paper, the proportion of our propety taxes going to support the city is below other large Nebraska cities; therefore, I do not buy the argument that our taxes are too high. People need to be made more aware of the elephant in the room, namely the Board of Education. I noted today that they are proposing to increase their reserve fund by taking advantage of the increases in assessed value. If they can do this politically, I see no reason the Council cannot also accomplih keeping the city a great place to live and still be reelected.

I hear many people make statements as if public employment and expenditures add nothing to the economy. Those people employed in the public sector buy homes or pay rent, buy grocreies, buy other consumer goods - both continuing and major ones. These activites result in economic activity the same as private employment and expenditures. Thus, reucing the public employment has a negetaive impact on our economy just like a reduction in private employment.

I urge each of you to carefully evaluate the longer term effects of your actions as you carefully evalute the items in the Lincoln budget.

Maurice Baker
3259 Starr Street
402-464-1864

Mary M. Meyer

From: Rosina Paolini [rapaolini@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, July 22, 2011 5:28 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: finding money again

Good early morning Council Members-

My mother taught me that rainy day funds were to be saved for when you were really in a jam with no way out. You have good support to increase your revenue to pay for all of the cuts. Once that rainy day fund is gone, you will have to increase the revenue next year.

May your deliberations go well-
*rosina

Mary M. Meyer

From: Ryan Reinke [ryanreinke@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, July 22, 2011 7:59 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: budget concerns

Esteemed council members-

I urge you to keep any property tax increase to a minimum and continue to find ways to balance the budget without increasing your taxing power.

While the focus for property tax increases has been on the single family home, it will also adversely affect the mom and pop rental property owners.

Just recently we had to absorb 20-30 per month in increased trash costs which were previously paid for by tenants. Unfortunately, we can not increase rents by the same 20-30 dollars. The same is true with property tax increases.

Any property tax increase on a single family or multifamily rental only squeezes an already slim profit margin from small business owners.

Ryan Reinke
(402) 304-4343

Message from:

Rick Jacobs
on 07.22.11

Do not raise taxes, cut the fat in government.

Subject: FW: Chamber Board Statement on City Budget Proposal

Dear Chamber Member,

The Lincoln Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors met late last week to discuss the Mayor's budget proposal. After a formal presentation by the Mayor and much discussion, your Board of Directors released the statement you see below.

I also want to personally echo the Board's statement regarding the Mayor's efforts on road funding. Changing the way we pay for street lights and snow removal is a critical step in the right direction and helps get our community's fiscal house in order. We appreciate and support Mayor Beutler's leadership in making road and infrastructure funding a priority and we urge City Council members to join in support of these efforts.

I want to assure you the Board takes these issues very seriously and is working hard on your behalf to create a better Lincoln.

Sincerely,

Wendy Birdsall
President
Lincoln Chamber of Commerce

[Lincoln Chamber of Commerce Statement Regarding the Proposed 2011-2012 Budget](#)

The Lincoln Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors wants to thank Mayor Chris Beutler for working with citizens and the business community to develop a proposal that begins to address the need for a structurally balanced budget. In the past, the city has used funds from sources of revenue that are not sustaining to balance the operating budget. The Mayor's current proposed budget does not use that tactic; he should be commended for that change.

When assessing the current proposal, the Lincoln Chamber must be cognizant of our primary objective to promote a climate in our City that is favorable to business and maintains an affordable standard of living for our residents.

The Board of Directors believes the Mayor is moving in the right direction when it comes to road and infrastructure funding. The

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commitments.

We look forward to working with the Mayor and City Council to eliminate the need for tax and fee increases through better cost containment. Any increase in revenue should come only after all other efforts to reduce costs have been exhausted. Specifically, the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce will ask our elected officials to address the structural issues that have led to revenue shortfalls - employee costs and post-retirement benefits which exceed those commonly found in private sector employment packages. Additionally, we ask the City of Lincoln to join with our private sector partners to make additional substantial changes to controls imposed on the Commission on Industrial Relations that will help control the wage and benefit expenses of all public employees. Only through partnership can we achieve all that is needed to continue Lincoln's standing as a great place to live, work, and play.

Visit our website at www.lcoc.com

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Mary M. Meyer

From: Monique Gustafson [gstfs1@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2011 5:06 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: 6+1 Amendment To Maintain Our Parks

My entire family supports this amendment. Our parks, pools and bike/hike trails are vitally important to us. We live in Lincoln, NE because we HAVE these ammenties at our disposal. Roads are equally important, but I believe that we can spend the bugeted monies on both.

Lincoln is one of the only cities in the U.S. that hasn't been severely impacted by our over stressed economy. The quality of life afforded here includes the preservation of our parks, bike/hike trails and pools. Listen to your constituents, THIS IS WHAT WE WANT!!!!

Nils, Monique, Quinn and Lisle Gustafson

Mary M. Meyer

From: Baillie [jbaillie@neb.rr.com]
Sent: Sunday, July 24, 2011 10:51 PM
To: Mary M. Meyer
Subject: Widening of Old Cheney Road

Dear Ms. Meyer:

Below is a copy of a email that was sent to each city council member individually. I don't know if you need to enter this in your records or not, but it is available for you to use and disseminate. Thank you for your consideration and cooperation.

Jack Baillie

Copy of email sent to each council member, individually

Dear Mr. Cook--

I know the City Council is faced with major budget decisions that will have to be made soon, many of which call for cutting or curtailing services to residents. Sunday's Lincoln paper had an article by Councilman Camp that proposed modifying the widening project slated for a vote on Monday. I want you to know that I am in full support of that proposal, which is contradictory to what your city traffic department is proposing. I have grandchildren that live in a home that backs up to Old Cheney, and their home and property would be severely and negatively affected if the traffic departments plans are accepted.

I really question the need for the expensive program the city has proposed for your consideration. This is the same department that incorrectly measured for the widening of Cornhusker Highway at 27th Street, so their research on traffic patterns in Lincoln needs to be questioned. Lowering the number of traffic accidents by 4 would cost taxpayers \$250,000 each. This appears to be a very high expense for limited benefits. The city traffic department seems to have a "want" list, rather than a "need" list when they come up with projects.

Please vote to restrict the raised medians and turn lanes that are being proposed on Old Cheney Road. There are many more urgent and needed services that the city of Lincoln can and should support, instead of putting an unnecessary burden on local property taxpayers in this declining economy. The taxpaying residents of Lincoln will thank you for your support.

Thank you for your consideration on this topic.

Jack Baillie
2215 Hanover Court
Lincoln, NE 68512
402-423-9212

Mary M. Meyer

From: Erika K Rippeteau [erippete@unlnotes.unl.edu]
Sent: Friday, July 22, 2011 4:02 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: 6+1 Amendment To Maintain Our Parks

Dear City Council,
I support the "6+1 Amendment To Maintain Our Parks."
Sincerely,
Erika Rippeteau
1520 Xavier Circle

Mary M. Meyer

From: Diana Warner [diana@citygold.com]
Sent: Saturday, July 23, 2011 2:21 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Raising Taxes?

Ladies and Gentlemen of the City Council:

Please, please do not vote to raise our taxes. I'm sure I speak for many who are resigned to the proposed raise, and are too discouraged to speak up. I hope you will find another way to fund the really needed services to keep our city up to stuff. A thorough pension discussion is a way to start. I hope you will be as stalwart as our friends in Wisconsin and Michigan have been about union pensions. Be strong, and remember that the property tax is one of the more unfair taxes ever levied.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Sincerely,

Diana H Warner
720 Hazelwood Dr
402-489-8727

Mary M. Meyer

From: Council Packet
Subject: FW: J. Cook's 6+1 budget amendment

1423 F street
Lincoln, NE, 68508
July 22, 2011

City Council
555 S. 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

RE: J. Cook's 6+1 Budget Amendment

Dear Council Member:

I am writing in strong support of Jonathan Cook's budget amendment which would allocate one million dollars for parks from the seven million fund currently proposed by Mayor Beutler for road construction and repair.

I ask, "How much surplus do we really need for road construction and repair?" According to the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey of 2007, Lincoln has the lowest commute time among mid-size metropolitan areas of 250,000-1 million people. We certainly do not need any more new roads constructed or widened considering the current budget crunch.

The wheel tax already provides for road construction and repair. According to the "Lincoln Journal," \$12 million dollars are expected from the wheel tax for this year. Beutler is proposing that all of that money be used for construction and repair and that the wheel tax rate be increased. In addition, he has proposed the additional \$7 million dollars in new money for "long term community improvements." As drafted in the proposed budget, all of this money would be also be used for road construction and repair. I urge each of you to examine thoroughly the proposed "road projects" and ask if they are really necessary.

Let us also look at the money budgeted for the Parks and Recreation Department. There is currently nothing in Beutler's budget for park maintenance despite a 2005 citizen's study indicating that the Parks and Recreation Department needed at least \$1.3 million a year to keep up with maintenance.

A city is rated by its quality of life. The parks and green space play a major component in that "quality of life." Studies show that green space lowers crime rates, promotes mental health, increases learning rates for children, and raises property values. Our parks form a valuable resource for Lincoln which must be maintained.

Please examine these proposals carefully and vote for our parks.

Sincerely,
Mary Roseberry-Brown

Mary M. Meyer

From: Marge Schlitt [margeschlitt@mindspring.com]
Sent: Saturday, July 23, 2011 3:47 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: You can do better!

to: Friends on Lincoln City Council:

Today's paper brings the news that you are backtracking and cherry-picking the most popular of the proposed budget cuts - the parks, fire station, and the library. These are easy to save and have lots of support.

But what about the programs for the minorities, the elderly and the less well-fortunate and less well-connected part of our population? These services don't make headlines but are very much appreciated by those who need them. Why should these people suffer so that property owners can get by without paying their fair share?

I have been actively circulating the petition (which we will bring to you on August 8) and I have been surprised at the large majority of people I ask to sign who EAGERLY put their name on our paper, saying that they are QUITE WILLING to pay a bit more in taxes in order to save the services and programs which make Lincoln a good place to live for all of us.

Thanks!

Marge Schlitt
2600 C Street (68502)
474-0682

Mary M. Meyer

From: Amy Birky [amy1940@inebraska.com]
Sent: Saturday, July 23, 2011 4:58 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Budget

Dear Councilpersons,

I support Jonathan Cook's plan about the roads and parks. I, also,, am please you will spare the libraries and firestation. I am concerned about the elimination of the women'sminority health outreach. These women have no other resource for assistanc e with their pregnancies. This seems like a humanitarian effort. \$30,000 seems a pittance in this huge budget. Perhaps some of the highered salaries personnel could sacrifice for the vulnerable and unborn.
Amy Birky

Mary M. Meyer

From: sharon [svandenack@neb.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, July 23, 2011 4:48 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: in support of (6+ 1 Amendment to Maintain Our Parks)

I support Jonathan Cook's proposed amendment that would still give 6 million dollars for roads but would use 1 million dollars for vital ongoing maintenance of parks, pools, trails, trees, playgrounds, shelters, and other important community amenities. Keeping our parks and pools in good shape means so much to those of us who use them and make a favorable impression on visitors to our city.

Sharon Vandenack

Mary M. Meyer

From: Gerise Herndon [cgh@nebrwesleyan.edu]
Sent: Saturday, July 23, 2011 9:01 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Lincoln budget: support raising taxes

Dear City Council members,

I would like to express support for raising property taxes in order to maintain our quality of life in Lincoln. I frequently take advantage of Lincoln's parks; I also enjoy the libraries and pools; and I and those close to me have personally benefited from the police and fire departments. As a homeowner, I would gladly have my taxes raised not only to maintain the benefits I enjoy, but to continue to provide services to poorer citizens, such as Aging Partners.

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Gerise Herndon
(Member of the Mayor's Commission on Women)
5403 Walker Ave.
Lincoln 68504
402.464.5476

Mary M. Meyer

From: Sara Friedman [sfriedman@neb.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, July 23, 2011 11:56 PM
To: Council Packet; Mayor
Subject: Support the "6+1 Amendment To Maintain Our Parks."

I ask you in considering the final budget to support the "6+1 Amendment To Maintain Our Parks."

In this time of economic distress our community turns to the activities, beauty, and peacefulness of our parks and recreation areas. To maintain the parks is cost affective; to clean, repair, and replace is costly

As a car owner I feel that is my responsibility to maintain the roads. At this time, we can tolerate the inconvenience of traffic, and not widen our roads. Funds must come from somewhere A raise in the wheel tax , a once a year increase in our persona budgets, seems to me to be the fairest way. To increase the tax on gasoline is an everyday hardship and should not be raised.

Running a city, and trying to provide services for all is a hard and thankless job.
I do appreciate the time and effort you put in to helping to make Lincoln a better city.

Respectfully
Sara Friedman
1990 Ryons Street
Lincoln, NE 68502-3863

Mary M. Meyer

From: Wendy Hines [ghines@math.unl.edu]
Sent: Sunday, July 24, 2011 8:51 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: the mayor's budget

Dear City Council members,

I would rather raise taxes than put the mayor's budget into action. We need parks, pools, and libraries. In my neighborhood, the Near South, the only access many kids have to books and computers is South Branch Library. Their only access to activities is Irving Pool. Their parents will not or are unable to drive them to other libraries or pools. What kind of city would we be if we took away books from poor kids?

Sincerely,
Wendy Hines

Mary M. Meyer

From: Peter W. Katt [PKatt@baylorevnen.com]
Sent: Sunday, July 24, 2011 10:04 AM
To: Council Packet
Cc: Mayor
Subject: City Budget Discussion
Attachments: Lincoln Taxes 2005-2010.pdf

Dear Council Members:

As you begin deliberations on next year's City budget I would ask that you bring in a budget with no property tax increase. Further, I do not support any increase in the wheel tax until better choices are made with the expenditures of current road funds by the City's Public Works Department. I would encourage you to not put any additional funds within the reach of that Department to spend on building roads until the planned for audit of that department is completed. Should any of you want any specific examples, I would be happy to provide them to you. I have mentioned many of them to you over the years. The current Old Cheney road widening project that you have been battling that Department over is only the most recent manifestation of its approach and attitude to meeting our community's transportation needs.

As to no property tax increase, please see the attached. According to the Nebraska Department of Revenue, over the past five years, the property tax base in Lincoln has increased by 16.65% and taxes levied by 18.92%. The property tax portion of the City's revenue had kept pace with the City's needs. If there have been revenue short falls in other areas of the budget, those shortfalls should be replaced with cuts to spending rather than increases in property taxes.

I understand that there are hard choices to be made when available revenue is not projected to meet what many would like the City to do in the coming year. I ask you to make the hard choice and cut spending even if it means eliminating those City services and benefits that I may want or even need. I do not share the propaganda that has been pushed that the only available choices are the cuts proposed by the Mayor. There are choices to be made other than cutting parks and libraries. I understand that proposing cuts to those services (and fire stations) are the most likely to encourage the public to rally around tax increases; however, we know that those are not the only options available to balance the budget within the available revenue.

Thank-you for taking my thoughts into consideration as you do what you think is best for our community and its future.

Peter W. Katt
6400 Artisan Way

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CITY OF LINCOLN	TAXABLE VALUE		TAXES LEVIED		TAX RATE
	2010	\$15,873,467,664	0.80%	\$48,693,132	0.65% 0.306758
	2009	\$15,746,805,971	-1.29%	\$48,380,959	-1.31% 0.307243
	2008	\$15,951,982,225	1.88%	\$49,023,862	8.76% 0.307333
	2007	\$15,657,130,261	1.98%	\$45,073,747	3.60% 0.28788
	2006	\$15,353,021,676	12.83%	\$43,505,858	6.25% 0.28337
	2005	\$13,607,325,274		\$40,945,802	0.30091
FIVE-YEAR INCREASE:			16.65%		18.92%

Mary M. Meyer

From: Carita Baker [caritabaker@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, July 24, 2011 12:48 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Budget

Council Members:

As a property owner in Lincoln I want you to know that I prefer raising taxes to cutting services. If I understand correctly a tax increase of \$100. a year would save all services and I support that. Taxes are not a bad thing, unless they are wasted and I don't think City Services like pools, libraries, fire stations etc are a waste.

-Thank You
Carita Baker
402 770-1507

Mary M. Meyer

From: Keith Dubas [kwubas@windstream.net]
Sent: Sunday, July 24, 2011 12:53 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: 6 Plus 1 Amendment

Dear Council,

As a resident of the Hazel Abel Park block I have the opportunity to witness the important asset that it is in our neighborhood. The refurbishment of this park was accomplished with the use of multiple financial resources. Not all parks have the benefit of these benefactors, but the City of Lincoln should support each of its parks by providing what is required to give each neighborhood the chance to recreate in a well-maintained park. I urge you to support the 6 + 1 Amendment to preserve an important aspect of Lincoln's quality of life.

Keith Dubas
1712 E Street
Lincoln, Nebraska

Mary M. Meyer

From: Rosemary Thornton [rthorn@windstream.net]
Sent: Saturday, July 23, 2011 7:44 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: 6 + 1 Amendment

Dear Council Members,

When I filled out the form on the Internet from Mayor Beutler, I indicated that I wanted no cuts for library, parks and the fire station at Air Park, so I applaud your plans to reinstate those items in the budget. More power to you and thank you!

Yours truly, who loves the library, the parks and fire fighters everywhere in our city,
Rosemary Thornton

Rosemary Thornton
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402-477-7597
rthorn@windstream.net

Mary M. Meyer

From: Ingrid Kirst [ikirst@inebraska.com]
Sent: Sunday, July 24, 2011 3:12 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Thank you for supporting the 6+1 Amendment To Maintain Our Parks

I am glad to hear the council is seriously considering Councilman Cook's proposal to fund maintain our parks, street trees and bike trails. As a regular user of parks & trails, I often see issues needing attention, such as weeds growing over trees and park restrooms in terrible shape. We have a great parks system, but we need to continue to pay for it so we can enjoy it long into the future. For myself, I feel like a small increase in taxes spreads the cost out amongst all of us and minimizes the burden.

Please support 6+1 Amendment To Maintain Our Parks” to provide 1 million dollars for vital ongoing maintenance for our Parks Department.

Ingrid Kirst
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ikirst@inebraska.com

Mary M. Meyer

From: Daniel Howell [dbh@NebrWesleyan.edu]
Sent: Sunday, July 24, 2011 4:43 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: budget

When Ronald Reagan pushed to reduce the federal government's role in local affairs I remember the justification was that local people can judge better how to spend their money. This, in the age of Grover Norquist and the tea party, has morphed into "no new taxes of any kind for any purpose at any level of government." That is insane, and will ruin our beautiful community if unchecked.

I appreciate Jon Camp and others for their caution and probing into what is necessary, but let's not carry that caution to the point where we lose what we love about Lincoln.

Dan Howell

Mary M. Meyer

From: Hersch, Alan [Alan.Hersch@blackhillscorp.com]
Sent: Monday, July 25, 2011 7:31 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Old Cheney

We oppose compromising the full widening project to appease a few people who built swimming pools in the ROW. Safety comes first. Please follow the plans of the City Engineers. We have lived in Edenton South for 23 years. Thank you.

Alan and Donna Hersch
5940 Dobsons Ct.

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Mary M. Meyer

From: jbwindbreak@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, July 23, 2011 7:23 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Budget

City Council,

I am in total support of the Mayor's proposed budget. While I would have raised property taxes more in order to cover the full cost of the proposed cuts, I totally support the current proposal.

We have lived here for 35 years and have watched in dismay as city council after city council have refused to consider any tax increase to maintain the quality of life in Lincoln. While you may not admit the folly of the choices you and other city councils have made in the past it is a great disappointment to me that you continue to listen more to the very vocal folks who really don't seem to care about Lincoln as a whole but only to their own self interest.

The \$42.00 increase per year on a \$150,000 home is less than 12 cents per day. No rational person can claim that they don;t wasted several dollars per day on that on something they really don't need. Surely they can afford 12 cents to help the city maintain its quality of life.

I urge you to support the Mayor's budget and the property tax increase. Please don't let the city slide further into a second rate city.

Jim Brandle

Mary M. Meyer

From: Council Packet
Subject: city budget cut suggestions

City Council Members,

I will not be able to attend the upcoming city council meeting regarding the Mayor's proposed budget cuts. Therefore, I am sending my suggestions to each one of you. I hope that you will take the time to read through them. I am adamantly opposed to an increase in my property taxes as well as some of the suggested cuts/reductions put forth by the mayor. It was suggested to me by Rick Hoppe that I peruse the city's on line program prioritization list and offer up any ideas as to where the city can make cuts in order to reduce the upcoming budget shortfall. After spending some time looking at the list, I feel like there are any number of reductions/eliminates/consolidations that can be made. Thank-you for taking the time to read through my ideas.

Sincerely,
Jodi Delozier

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I noticed that numerous recreation/community centers are paid for by the city:
Belmont Rec Center - \$43,000
Everett, McPhee, Calvert, and Belmont CLC - \$5,000 Pershing and Mickle CLC - \$40,000 Schools Out Programs - \$40,000 and \$41,000 Irving and Air Park Rec Center - \$8,000 Total for after school or rec centers - \$177,000. I think some of these centers could be closed or hours shortened. Perhaps they could be staffed with volunteers.

More services for the underserved or low-income:
F Street, Calvert, Belmont Human Services Program - \$428,000 Programs to encourage kid's literacy - \$157,000 One Book, One Lincoln Reading Program - \$18,000 Injury Prevention/Safe Kids - \$40,000 Tobacco Prevention - \$46,000 Healthy Homes Minority Outreach - \$185,000
Total: \$874,000
This is a huge dollar figure for a variety of programs that may either be unnecessary (Tobacco Prevention?) or duplicated by another entity. I thought LPS was responsible for the literacy of our children? I am not sure why we are spending \$157,000 for another literacy program and I think the One book, One Lincoln reading program can be eliminated if we are really serious about cutting waste.

Senior services:
Senior Volunteer Program - \$172,000 (I am not quite sure what this program offers, but is it really necessary?) Senior Centers - \$800,000

Miscellaneous services that I have no category for but am surprised we pay for these:
Body Art - \$1000
Civil Rights Education - \$7,000

The following services caught my eye as a potential for either elimination or consolidation with other services:

Street Tree maintenance - \$1,000,000. I realize that this could become a safety issue if trees are left untrimmed, but perhaps the trees can be trimmed less often or neighborhood associations can start paying for blvd. trimmings. In my neighborhood, the city doesn't even trim a section of our blvd. trees yet we still are paying for this service.

ICONS of the City - \$610,000. Rely more on volunteers to help with the maintenance of these parks/gardens.

Neighborhood Pools - \$160,000. Yes, close pools only if necessary or shorten the season/hours. Maybe the private sector can step in to fill the void.

Information and Referral Call Centers - \$120,000. Public needs to rely on computers to access services/phone numbers or use the phone book.

Public Engagement/information - \$240,000. I am not sure what this service offers, but can it be combined with another service in order to reduce expenses and staff?

Information and referral Service - \$176,000 Again, seems like we are duplicating this service.

Insurance and Financial Counseling - \$45,000 Project Safe Neighborhood - \$75,000 Problem Resolution Team - \$70,000 *Not sure what these top three programs provide and to whom? Again, are they truly necessary in recession times?

Development Services Center - \$72,000

Business retention, expansion, and recruitment support - \$61,000. Isn't this the job of the Chamber of Commerce and/or can it be combined with the Development Services Center?

Health Care Services:

Dental Program for pregnant women - \$3,000 School-based dental screening - \$1,000 Maternal child health programs - \$935,000 Dental Clinic - \$250,000 Child Care Centers and child care health consultations - \$117,000 Prenatal Care Referral and Medicaid eligibility - \$42,000 Total: \$1,348,000. Seems like we are offering or subsidizing a lot of health care services. Isn't that what Medicaid is supposed to be used for?

Fire Department - I know there is discussion of closing the station in Air Park. If it is not being truly utilized, then it should be closed as long as that area can be serviced appropriately. I want to suggest that volunteer firefighters be brought in at each station. Perhaps they can just drive the trucks and/or perform other duties.

Library materials - \$1,408,000. We may need to stop providing DVD, CD, Wii check-out and reduce the number of periodicals that are offered. The library should stick to the business of loaning out books. Raise the cost of overdue or lost materials.

I hate to see libraries close and would rather have them shorten their hours or perhaps we need to rely more on the Bookmobile.

These reductions may seem drastic but the city needs to start taking a hard look at what it NEEDS to provide the public and what it actually DOES provide. Many of these services can be eliminated; all citizens need to start paying a price whether it be financially or personally. I would also like to suggest that the city look at their electricity use (especially at night when only the cleaning crews are there as well as street light usage); the number of buildings they own and whether or not they are being utilized to their full potential; snow removal (can we make it more efficient); reducing paper and relying more on electronic communication; reducing the amount of city vehicles driven by public employees (stop paying or reduce the amount of mileage paid to certain city workers); privatize more services, and last but not least continue to reduce city personnel. Although many of my suggestions may not be feasible, I believe there are more options than being suggested. I also want to throw in my two cents regarding the \$1.7 million court award given to the city. I suggest we use it for the following year's budget shortfall.

Telephone Messages

1. Karen Anthony 07.25.11, 10:04 a.m.

Cannot believe anyone would support raising the amount of taxes or fees of any kind. The wheel tax, parking fees, and property tax proposed increase is horrible. Possibly look t the highly paid Mayor's assistants and other places in City government. 5 years ago read that City workers were paid more than \$10,000 more than the average wager earner.

2. Paula Nicholls 07.25.11, 10:26 a.m.

Regarding the widening of Old Cheney Road keep with the original plans including the mediums. With a school being built do it right the first time. There are only 8 or 9 families who will lose trees, with hundreds of other property owners.

Message from

Cheryl Carter 07.25.11, 1:10 p.m.

Regarding the budget:

The cut which would affect too many people is cutting StarTran service on Saturday. Many people work on Saturdays and have no other transportation, and this may cause them to lose their jobs, not economically sound for Lincoln.

The swimming pools should be kept open as the children need a place to go.

The libraries can adjust to different hours, and the increase in the wheel tax is small.

Mary M. Meyer

From: Council Packet
Subject: FW: ltr. city council 7.25.11

To: City Council

From: Everett Neighborhood Assoc.

I am writing on behalf of Everett Neighborhood Association Board members in support of Councilman Cook's 6+1 proposal. The ENA Board also supports property tax increase to defer further detriment to our quality of life.

The Parks & Rec Department has been cut back for many years and it's showing the wear on our parks' buildings, landscaping, and infrastructure. Parks, swimming pools, golf courses etc. may seem like a luxury in these economic times & with the cuts you are looking at but they affect the city's quality of life. Cuts to the Parks system hit people most who cannot afford membership to a 'country club' or health spa where they have access to swimming pools, green space, exercise. Those # of people far out-number the few who can afford memberships. Considering the obesity rate is much higher in lower income families it is especially important to keep facilities open and maintained.

If the ENA Board (one of this city's lowest income neighborhoods) supports a property tax increase for the good of the city, I would hope others in higher income areas would also 'step up to the plate'.

Pat Anderson-Sifuentez
President, Everett Neighborhood Assoc.
1500 South 11th St.
Lincoln, NE 68502

Mary M. Meyer

From: Karl Reinhard [kreinhard1@mac.com]
Sent: Monday, July 25, 2011 12:29 PM
To: group@nebcaucus.com; admin@nebcaucus.com; Jonathan A. Cook; Mayor; Council Packet
Subject: TAXES, POOLS, AND LIBRARIES, A RESPONSE TO MAYOR'S PROPOSED TAX INCREASE
Attachments: Parks and Libraries Personal; ATT00002..htm

The "Tough Decisions" (6-11-11) e-mail sent from the Mayor's office makes it clear that Lincoln may have to adapt to Spartan conditions without a tax hike. The national monetary calamity is trickling down to the state and city level. At the city level, we face either increased taxes or a declining community quality of life. I am writing to voice my support for increased property taxes, and even sales taxes, to support our neighborhoods. I am specifically concerned with keeping our pools and libraries open at the 2010 level.

There seems to be a notion that pools are an expendable luxury. In the current climate, pools are increasingly a necessity. The climate change predictions of warmer nighttime temperatures and increasing frequency of summer heat waves have come true. More than ever, community pools are essential to cool off in the evenings. It is ironic that in 2010 the evening pool hours were reduced by 80% just when the impact of higher temperatures and heat waves were felt.

The pools are also a social necessity. The parks and especially pools represent natural places where families from bordering neighborhoods socialize. That socializing between neighborhoods strengthens the community as a whole. Over the passing decade, I have been troubled by the observable decline in household wealth in some of the neighborhoods in which I socialize. This is especially true of Irvingdale, Near South, and Everett. It is my impression that these neighborhoods increasingly represent distinct socioeconomic classes. As such, there is the threat that the neighborhood boundaries are becoming more than just lines on a map. The threat is that the lines represent socioeconomic barriers to cooperation between neighborhoods. This has been recognized by the Irvingdale Neighborhood Association and Everett Neighborhood Association. These two associations commenced joint meetings and activities in 2011 to overcome the socioeconomic barriers that are arising. Our efforts focused joint neighborhood clean up and also on improvements to Rudge Park and Stransky Park. Irvingdale Park serves as the main attraction to four neighborhoods by virtue of its pool. The Lincoln Parks and Recreation staff have perennially maintained Irvingdale park and pool in wonderful condition. The aforementioned neighborhoods have come to rely on the Irvingdale Park and pool as the key recreation area in our immediate area. If our pool is closed, it will be a negative development for the surrounding neighborhoods and put an increasing burden on our neighborhood associations to find activities for our children in summer. It would be a sad thing if economics forced the city to close pools and parks just as our neighborhood associations begin working together on common goals.

Closure of pools or reduction of hours has been threat before and the community responded. In 2002, the Lincoln Parks and Recreation Foundation raised money to extend pool hours. In that year the Irvingdale Neighborhood Association initiated a "Keep 'Em Wet" Campaign to extend the pool season at Irvingdale Pool and restore evening hours. The neighborhood raised \$2,400 and City Council Member Jonathan Cook contributed \$5,000 to the campaign. This shows that there is a history of community support for the pool. In the current economy, repeating this community-based pool support will be a greater challenge, especially if the economic crisis continues for several years. Therefore, raising taxes would be a better long-term solution to funding the pools.

The libraries represent another important contribution to our community. My family uses the local library at 27th and South Street at least twice a month. The library is used by a wide variety people and appears to be a main source of computer access, dvd access and traditional reading material for a significant portion of

the neighborhoods served. As such, our library provides ready access of educational materials that are sorely needed by families. For our family, our elementary school daughter uses the library regularly to check out books to read for school as well as educational dvds. Her career goal actually came from material that she checked out from the library. Therefore, for our family, the library has been a key partner in our child's educational development. For families like mine, closing the library would eliminate opportunities for educational growth. As the economic decline affects the family economics, libraries will become even more important in the coming years.

For these reasons, I support the Mayor's proposal to increase taxes. I do so with the caveat that property tax increases are earmarked for our libraries, pools and parks.

Sincerely,

Karl Reinhard

LETTER ATTACHED

Mary M. Meyer

From: Nancy Hicks [NHicks@journalstar.com]
Sent: Monday, July 25, 2011 12:49 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: FW: Cuts & budget --- this came to me -- Nancy Hicks. but it is really aimed at the council

-----Original Message-----

From: david miller [<mailto:delrad36@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Friday, July 22, 2011 8:44 PM
To: Nancy Hicks
Subject: Cuts & budget

I was surprised NOT to see anything about Startran.

I as many other that do not drive have A LOT to say about the Startran service. I'm unemployed since March,2011. I could have find a job long ago but because of the lousy service of Statran, can't get a job. With the existing service I (and many other unemployed people) are LIMITED to day jobs ONLY , because the bus service is ONLY between 6AM to 6:15PM Mon-Fri., Sat between 7AM to 5:30 PM. So if there is a 2nd. or 3rd. shift job available, on Sundays or holidays, we can't get these jobs.

I've a friend that lives in Fargo ND. a city of about 90K people and with Morehead city (on the other side of the bridge) it's a metropolitan area of about 140K people. They have a bus service till 10PM 6 days a week. Lincoln is about 225K people and have a lousier bus system. I don't understand it.

There is a "secret" here in town that is not published nowhere. A lot of people are leaving town because of the bus system. People that don't drive because of medical problems (like me), legal problems (most of people) or money problems.

The problems of money as far as Startran can be solved fast. CUT THE WASTE !!! Bus number 55 (starshuttle) is a waste of money ! (never seen more than 5 people on it, ant time od the day), The stupid electronic boards at Gold's and State office are waste of money, all the waste that went into constructing new bus shelters at Gold's, Sate office ans 12 & Q. were waste, the old shelters needed good cleaning and paint-more waste, the new FENCE at Gold's that is around the bus shelter, can anybody explain this FENCE ? The purchase of new buses another waste, if the maintenance of Startran can't up keep the buses, source it out to a shop that knows how to maintain vehicles, and there are many more examples of PURE WASTE.

I'll bet that NOT EVEN ONE of the city council or Startran Mgt. actually ride the bus system. If they did they will know EXACTLY what a lousy service they give us to rely on for jobs, shopping and living.

Instead of askin us or even the drivers about the service they go and get an "expert" from New York and listen to them.

Listen to us, the ones that use the system 6 days a week, we need a better system.

I've decided already, put my house for sale 15K LESS than market value, as soon as it is sold I'm gone to Fargo, ND.

I hope that will bring these points to the higher ups, I lost the will to do it, no one wants to listen, I'm tired of trying.

Thanks.

Mary M. Meyer

From: Wendy Birdsall [wbirdsall@LCOC.com]
Sent: Monday, July 25, 2011 1:28 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: LPED Funding

Dear Council Members

I write to you today on behalf of the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce and the Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development. Let me begin with a word of thanks for the work you have done to better our community. We know this year's budget process has been challenging. This is an unfortunate trend around the U.S.

As the President of the both the Chamber and the Partnership, I ask you to consider funding the community's economic development program at the current level of \$500,000 annually. This will be matched by other private investments to provide a \$1,000,000 fund focused on creating and retaining jobs for Lincoln area residents.

In my 20 years of experience working with site selectors and business managers to grow jobs, I can tell you now is not the time for Lincoln to be viewed as deemphasizing economic development. With the competitive nature of the attraction and retention of key employers, a decrease in public funding for economic development could be viewed as a negative in searches, particularly as other cities and states are increasing funding.

Additionally, we see this as one of the few expenditures the a city can make that is repaid. As an example, the University of Nebraska Bureau of Business Research estimated that Partnership activities from 2004-2008 generated on average, \$1,239 of new business receipts per \$1 of investment and an average of \$70 of government revenue per \$1 of investment. Specifically, Dr. Thompson estimated that the City of Lincoln would see a return of nearly \$1.2 million on the 2007 Fiserv expansion alone.

That expansion was created in part because of the Partnership's Opportunity Fund which is the most likely program to be cut if the existing funds are not kept in the economic development program.

Again, I ask you to consider placing the full \$500,000 allocation for the Partnership in the 2011-2012 budget. I would be happy to discuss this with you further at your request. Thank you again for your time.

[Wendy Birdsall, CCE](#)

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