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LINCOLN FIRE AND RESCUE
1801 “Q” St., Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-8350, fax 402-441-7098

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 29, 2011
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Doug Dow, Lincoln Fire and Rescue, 441-8368
Sandy Yost, Lincoln Fire and Rescue, 441-7315

LFR TO DEDICATE RIG IN HONOR OF FALLEN FIREFIGHTER

Lincoln Fire and Rescue (LFR) invites the public to the dedication of a firetruck in honor of deceased Fire Apparatus Operator Harley Grasmick, who died in the line of duty April 1, 1981. The ceremony marking the 30th anniversary of his death while in the line of duty will take place at 2 p.m. Friday, April 1 at Fire Station #9, 901 N. Cotner Blvd.

Mayor Beutler has proclaimed April 1 as Harley Grasmick Day in Lincoln. Grasmick died when the fire engine he was riding in collided with a train shortly after leaving the fire station in response to a call.

Grasmick’s name will be placed on Lincoln Fire and Rescue’s current Engine 9. Members of the Grasmick family will attend the ceremony along with current and retired firefighters.

More information on Lincoln Fire and Rescue is available at fire.lincoln.ne.gov.

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Media are invited to cover this event.
DATE: March 30, 2011
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Chris Beutler, the Parks and Recreation Department and the Lincoln Parks Foundation will discuss the Sherman Field Forever campaign at a news conference at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 31 on the infield at Sherman Field, 2nd and South streets. If it is raining, the news conference will be held under the grandstand.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 30, 2011
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

MAYOR BEUTLER ANNOUNCES FIRE CHIEF’S RESIGNATION

Mayor Chris Beutler announced today that he has received a letter of resignation from Fire Chief Niles Ford, who has accepted a position as City Manager in Chamblee, Georgia. Beutler appointed Ford as Fire Chief in August 2007. His final day with the City will be April 29.

“I am truly grateful for the tremendous job Niles has done in leading Lincoln Fire & Rescue,” said Beutler. “I have always appreciated the talent and professionalism he brought to the job. He was an extremely valuable member of our team and he will be greatly missed. I’m very proud of the leadership he’s shown and I wish him nothing but the best in his future endeavors.”

Beutler said the process for selecting a new Fire Chief will be announced at a later date.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 31, 2011
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831
                      Lynn Johnson, Parks and Recreation, 402-441-8265
                      Susan Larson Rodenburg, Lincoln Cares, 402-440-3227

PARK AT SHERMAN FIELD NAMED FOR SAMPSON FAMILY
Public invited to contribute to project

Mayor Chris Beutler today announced that the area around the historic Sherman Field ballpark will be named Sampson Park to honor a local family. And he invited the public to participate in the Sherman Field Forever fund-raising campaign for renovations at the facility.

The park is being named for Morris “Sam” and Evelyn Sampson who founded Sampson Construction Company in Lincoln in 1952. The naming recognizes a significant contribution from their son, the current President, John Sampson. The company, which employs about 300 workers, is donating about $445,000 in labor and materials for renovation work at Sherman Field. John Sampson’s ties to the Sherman Field include watching the Lincoln Chiefs as a boy, playing catcher for Gary’s Sports Shop and Lincoln High School and sponsoring Lincoln High’s American Legion team for many years.

“This is one of the largest donations ever made to our City’s Parks and Recreation programs,” said Mayor Beutler. “We sincerely thank John and his family for helping to build Lincoln and for their generous contribution to the iconic Sherman Field. This is a great example of how a hard working family built a very successful company and have now chosen to give back to make Lincoln an even greater place to live and play.”

While the 64-year old field and grandstand were renovated in 1997, the original support facilities need replacement. The renovation project includes two new dugouts, a new maintenance and training building, a restroom building, a ticket and concession building, a new concourse, energy efficient field lighting and a reorganized parking lot with ADA accessibility. The dugouts are finished and the rest of the renovation is expected to be completed by December.

The Lincoln Parks Foundation (LPF) is spearheading the $2.2 million fund-raising campaign. Lincoln natives Joba Chamberlain and Alex Gordon, both current Major League Baseball players, are Honorary Co-Chairs of the Sherman Field Forever Campaign. The campaign cabinet includes John Sampson, Leslie Gordon, Bill Fagler and Dick Clarence.

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Lincoln Parks and Recreation Director Lynn Johnson said the project is important because Sherman Field is the primary venue for high school and American Legion baseball games. Between mid-March through mid-July, the field hosts about 250 games. The state high school baseball tournament will use the field through 2012.

“Of all the high school fields in Nebraska, Sherman Field is a favorite among players, coaches and fans because of its history, field surface and the large grandstand, which gives everyone the feeling of being in a big ballpark,” Johnson said.

LPF President Liz Lange said nearly two-thirds of the funds for the Sherman Field Forever campaign have been committed. The City is investing $500,000, and $163,000 in federal stimulus funds have been used for energy efficient field lighting. Another $150,000 is coming from the lodging tax revenue in the Lancaster County Visitor’s Improvement Fund, and the Lincoln Cares community donation program is providing $40,000. The Lincoln Community Foundation has given a $50,000 grant on behalf of the Myrtle E. Clark Fund, Helen E. Clough Children & Youth Field of Interest Fund, Maurguerite A. Hac Children & Youth Field of Interest Fund, Frances V. H. James Memorial Fund and Maude Hollingshead Memorial Fund.

Lange invited the community to participate by donating cash or purchasing tiles and pavers which will be installed on the new entrance plaza at Sherman Field. More information is available at www.ShermanField.org.

“This field has an incredible history, serving semi-pro players and thousands of young baseball players since 1947,” Lange said. “We need the community’s help to finish this project so Lincoln can keep the state high school baseball tournament and the American Legion league for many years to come.”
Join us for a Ground Breaking Ceremony

Jayne Snyder Trails Center

Active Living Center

Thursday, April 7, 10 a.m.
Union Plaza
21st & Q Street
Memorandum

Date:  March 29, 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 March 22, 2011 thru March 28, 2011:

Administrative Amendment No. 11009 to Special Permit No. 1992A, Edenton Woods Community Unit Plan, approved by the Planning Director on March 22, 2011, requested by Edenton Woods, LLC, to add three lots by changing Lots 13-18, Block 3, previously designated for attached single-family dwellings into Lots 13-21, Block 3 to accommodate attached single-family townhouse dwellings, and to amend the general site notes accordingly, on property generally located at Ashbrook Dr. and Highway 2.

Administrative Amendment No. 11006 to Use Permit No. 80B, University of Nebraska Technology Park, approved by the Planning Director on March 25, 2011, requested by The University of Nebraska Foundation, to revise the lot layout for Block 1 and Block 5, show the vacated Highland Circle, add 40,000 square feet of floor area to the area east of NW. 1st St. and revise the land use table, on property generally located at NW. 1st St. and Highland Blvd.
Ms. Schuerman-Haru:

The City Council office asked me to respond to your email concerning the parking issue on Briar Rosa.

When we receive a complaint of an alleged violation of Lincoln's 24 hour parking ordinance, the case is assigned to our parking enforcement staff. We place a warning citation on the vehicle alleged to be in violation, and schedule a subsequent check-back. We have several methods for determining whether the vehicle has in fact moved, since its presence in the same place on a subsequent date does not necessarily mean that it was not driven in the interim. If we determine upon the check-back that the vehicle has not been moved, we issue an official citation, and continue to check back. After three total citations (one warning, two official) we will tow and impound the vehicle.

Apparently someone reported that your husband's Cavalier was in violation. As is our practice, we placed a warning on the car, but subsequent checks did not reveal any violation, and no official parking ticket resulted.

The white van you mention was reported to us on March 3rd, and we followed the same procedure. Subsequent checks showed that it remained in violation, and it was towed and impounded on March 8th. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about this.

Regards,

Tom Casady  
Chief of Police

>-----Original Message-----
>From: WebForm [mailto:none@lincoln.ne.gov]
>Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2011 7:43 PM
>To: Council Packet
>Subject: InterLinc: Council Feedback
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>InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
>General Council
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>Name: Christine Schuerman-Haru
>Address: 5518 Briar Rosa Dr
>City: Lincoln, NE 68516
>
>Phone: 402-890-1419
>Fax:
>Email: trixiesumner@yahoo.com
>
>Comment or Question:
>I want to complain about parking regulation enforcement. My husband
parks his car on the street near our house. He is aware of the
requirement to move the car every 24 hours. Due to his job, the car is
moved daily. He alternates the side of the street he parks on, so it is obvious the car has moved.
Nonetheless, he has received several parking notices to move the car.
Several weeks ago a van was abandoned near my driveway. The license plates had been removed from the vehicle. I called the police and reported it. Still, it sat in the same spot for at least a week, blocking my view while I backed out of my driveway.

Why is our car being singled out?

I feel my tax dollars could be put to better use than this parking regulation enforcement which is questionable.
March 25, 2011

Martin L. Walter
7129 Francis Street
Lincoln, NE 68505

Dear Mr. Walter:

I was sorry to hear about the damage to your house which occurred early last Thursday morning. I understand you were troubled by the response time of the reporting officer and I am writing in regard to that issue.

I'm told that dispatch prioritized your call as vandalism after learning no entry been gained to your residence and that those responsible were apparently gone. Accordingly, the responding officer wasn't sent on an emergency response to your residence which would have resulted in a much quicker arrival. I do understand that when awakened by breaking glass, you naturally want to have the police there quickly regardless of circumstance.

Minimum staffing for the Northeast Police Team is five officers at the time of day in question. As you can imagine, we strive to staff so as to adequately meet the needs of the city. In this instance, another emergency police call contemporaneous to yours may have had slight impact on response time. Although last Thursday may have been the exception, the needs of Northeast Lincoln are usually well met by five officers during the early morning hours.

Most troubling is I'm told your vandalisms are recurring. I understand Northeast Team Capt. Doug Srb will ask his detective to contact you in order to revisit these reports. Above all, I hope we can work toward putting a stop to these occurrences.

Captain Srb can be reached at 402-464-6007 Ext. 8301 should you have lingering questions.

Regards,

Thomas K. Casady, Chief of Police
From: Virendra A. Singh  
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 3:00 PM  
To: Jonathan A. Cook  
Cc: City Council Chambers; Trish A. Owen; Greg S. MacLean; Randy W. Hoskins; Roger A. Figard; Thomas S. Shafer; Craig E. Aldridge  
Subject: S. Coddington and W. Van Dorn - Safety Improvement Project

Councilman Cook,

In response to your enquiry, attached is a power-point presentation for the proposed Safety Improvement Project at the intersection of S. Coddington and W. Van Dorn. The information contained in this presentation was prepared in collaboration with the NDOR – Highway Safety and was used by the PW&U staff to help justify the City’s proposal for a Safety Improvement Project and Federal Safety (HSIP) Funds. The City’s proposal was approved along with a commitment for $1.638 million Federal Safety Funds in October, 2010 by the NDOR “Safety Committee” and the “Strategic Safety Infrastructure Projects Team”. Since Federal safety funds will be used for this project we are required to follow the Guidelines for Federal-Aid Projects, as a result the first phase of this project will be the “Preliminary Engineering/NEPA Phase” which will address three options namely, “Traditional Channelization on existing centerline with Traffic Signal control”; “Traditional Channelization on a shifted centerline with Traffic Signal control” and finally a “Single Lane Roundabout”. We no longer can address only the preferred option in the first phase of a project. Based upon the results of this first phase the NDOR and FHWA will make a determination which one of the three options will be carried forward for “Final Design/ROW Phase” and subsequent “Construction Phase”. The purpose and need of this project is “to implement a feasible, prudent, context sensitive and cost effective intersection design that will improve the overall safety and operations of this high crash intersection”. We anticipate construction of this project to start in March 2013, with public involvement occurring during the various phases of the project. Please advise if you require any further information or clarification. Thank you.

Virendra A. Singh  
Research & Development Manager  
City of Lincoln, Public Works & Utilities  
901 West Bond Street, Suite-100  
Lincoln, NE 68521  
Phone: (402) 441-7835  
Email: vsingh@lincoln.ne.gov
S. Coddington Ave. & W. Van Dorn St.
High Crash Intersection during Yrs 2007, 2008 & 2009
Major/Major Stop Sign Controlled

Safety Improvement Proposal for Federal Funds
City of Lincoln, NE
10/12/2010
Virendra Singh, PW&U Dept.
S. Coddington Ave. & W. Van Dorn St.
10/12/2010

**Background:**
Intersection of two arterial streets, S. Coddington Ave. and W. Van Dorn St.

Coddington Ave the north-south roadway is controlled by “Stop” signs, post mounted “Red Flashing Beacons” and “Cross Traffic Does not Stop” signs.

The current traffic controls were installed on November 3\(^{rd}\), 2004, to replace an outdated and ineffective overhead span wire mounted flashing beacon.

The roadways have a paved rural cross-section with gravel shoulders and open drainage. Each leg of the intersection has two through lanes and a left turn lane.

The 2010 two-way Avg. Daily Traffic on Coddington Ave. north leg is 4375 & south leg is 2845, while Van Dorn St. east leg is 5415 & west leg is 4910.

The posted speed limit at the north leg is 40mph, while the south, east and west legs are 45mph.

The five (5) year crash data for 08/01/2005 to 07/31/2010 indicates a total occurrence of 27 crashes, resulting in an estimated monitory loss of $1.205 million to the public.
Period Covered: 08/01/2005 to 07/31/2010

Total Crashes = 27

5-yr. Collision Diagram

S. Coddington & W. Van Dorn

Source: NDOR, 10-08-2010
Summary of Cost by Type of Crashes

S. Coddinton Ave. & W. Van Dorn St.
5 Year Period: 08/01/2005 to 07/31/2010

Right angle crashes = 18 @ $46,700/crash = $840,600

Rear-end crashes = 4 @ $31,000/crash = $124,000

Sideswipe (same dir.) crashes = 2 @ $22,400/crash = $44,800

Left-turn crashes = 1 @ $1,000 (non-reportable PDO)

Fixed Object crashes = 1 @ $1,000 (non-reportable PDO)

Overturn crashes = 1 @ $194,300

Total Number of Crashes = 27
Total Cost of Crashes = $1,205,700
Intersection Crash Rate = 1.716 crashes/mv

Source: NDOR, 10/08/2010
Proposed urban cross-section with curb and gutter. Includes two through lanes, left and right turn lanes plus traffic signal control.

Alt #1 – Concept Only
S. Coddington & W. Van Dorn
City of Lincoln, NE
08/09/2010
Proposed E/W shifted centerline, urban cross-section with curb and gutter. Includes two through lanes, left and right turn lanes plus traffic signal control.
Single lane Roundabout and urban cross-section with curb and gutter.

Alt #2 - Concept Only
S. Coddington & W. Van Dorn
City of Lincoln, NE
08/09/2010
Alt #1 & #1a: Intersection Channelization with 2 thru lanes, plus left & right turn lanes and traffic signal control:

Level of Service (avg. intersection delay) = “D”
Average Delay = 37.0 sec.

Alt #2: Single Lane Roundabout – a context sensitive design

Level of Service (avg. intersection delay) = “B”
Average Delay = 15.7 sec.

Note: Year 2030 analysis is based upon NDOR’s 2010 Design Hour Volumes, projected by a 3% per year growth factor. Also, “SIDRA Intersection–5” software was used for the operational analysis.

10/12/2010
Benefit/Cost Summary

S. Coddington Ave. & W. Van Dorn St.
Project Service Life = 20 years

No Build: Economic Loss without any safety improvement = $4.821m
Alt #1 & 1a: Economic loss with Channelization plus Signal = $2.614 m
    Safety Benefit ($4.821m - $2.614m) = $2.207m
    Preliminary Project Cost = $1.816m*
    Benefit/Cost ratio = 1.21

Alt #2: Economic loss with a single lane Roundabout = $1.974m
    Safety Benefit ($4.821m - $1.974m) = $2.847m
    Preliminary Project Cost = $1.102 m*
    Benefit/Cost ratio = 2.58

* Note: depending upon the level of detail needed to meet NEPA requirements, an additional 10%-15% funding may be necessary.

Source: NDOR, 10/08/2010
S. Coddington Ave. & W. Van Dorn St.
Project & Hwy. Safety Improvement Program Funding (HSIP)

Approved by:

“NDOR Safety Committee” on 10/12/2010 and
“NDOR Strategic Safety Infrastructure Projects Team” on 10/27/2010

Funding:

90% Federal HSIP = $1,638,000
10% City Match = $182,000
Estimated Total Project Cost = $1,820,000

Thank you – Virendra Singh, PW&U Dept.
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Projects
Proposed Arterial Rehabilitation Projects

Holdrege Street; 70th Street - 79th Street

State Project No.  LCLC 5244 (18) CN 13082
City Project No.  540013

The City of Lincoln proposes to widen, mill and overlay Holdrege Street from 70th Street to 79th Street starting the week of April 11, 2011 weather permitting. Holdrege Street will be widened from 27' to 34' adding 3.5' on both sides of the street. The existing pavement will be milled and overlaid with new asphalt. Sub-standard ADA facilities (i.e. curb ramps and truncated domes) will be reconstructed to meet minimum requirements at all intersections. Holdrege Street will be closed to through traffic for 68 days. The contractor will complete work on Holdrege Street in approximately three block segments. The City will work with local businesses regarding access during construction. Detour for Star Tran Route #42 will be from 68th and Holdrege to 68th and Aylesworth to Aylesworth and Urbana to Urbana and 76th. Access to local residences will be restricted at times. The contractor will be Pavers Inc.

Information on all City of Lincoln Recovery Act Projects are available on the City’s web site at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: recovery). If you have questions or comments, please contact one of the following:

Erika Nunes
Engineering Services
(402) 441-5675
enunes@lincoln.ne.gov

Warren Wondercheck, Project Manager
Engineering Services
(402) 441-7014
wwondercheck@lincoln.ne.gov

Mike Tidball
Pavers Inc.
(402) 786-5900

City Project Number 540013
State Project Number LCLC - 5244 (18), CN 13082
John:

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I am including Mayor Beutler and PW Director MacLean on this email as I would like to fully understand the process. Specifically, is this project finalized? Will it be subject to approval by the City Council? Or does the Mayor have the final say?

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Thank you for assisting in explaining the Roundabout Project.

Jon

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http://www.facebook.com/pages/Apothecary-Lofts-Ridnour-Room/173175799380032
Thank you Jon. I would like a chance to visit with the Mayor about this project. Last year Councilman Emery and I raised concerns with PW. I think it would be in the best interests of everyone if we could discuss this with the Mayor.

Thank you

John Spatz

From: Jon Camp  [mailto:JonCamp@lincolnhaymarket.com]
To: John Spatz  [mailto:jspatz@nasbonline.org]
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 10:00 AM
Cc: mayor@lincoln.ne.gov; Greg S. MacLean; Mary M. Meyer
Subject: 14th & Superior Roundabouts

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John:
Good idea. . .perhaps a good topic for our Directors’ Meeting next Monday. Can have the Mayor and Director MacLean discuss the matter.

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John Spatz
Dave:

Thanks for your comments during our City Council meeting on putting this matter on indefinite pending. From discussions since last week’s public hearing and the information you furnished in your Friday afternoon email, in response to my questions, it does appear that the M Street Promenade concept needs to be revisited.

Part of this review should consider the economics of the streetscape and evaluate whether the expenditure of the leftover TIF funds is the appropriate step to take. . .or to return the excess funds to the governmental taxing authorities.

The 2005 Downtown Master Plan include several “recommendations” that I and many committee members heard discussed in 2005 and that were included in the final document. While none of us would suggest that these be ignored, there were some items included that did not have universal support. Thus, care should be taken not to let those recommendations take on a life of their own without critical review.

The success of the Arena ballot measure also has changed the complexion of Downtown Lincoln. You wisely articulated the changes that have occurred. . .and your recommendation of further discussions was well received by the City Council.

Again, thank you for stepping forward.

Jon

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Dear City Council,

I wanted to thank you for taking the time this evening to listen to my testimony and further consider my claim. This was my first experience taking an active part in this form of government and left valuing the formal opportunity to state my opinion. I know that as a City Council you must hear many different issues and opinions that are as varied as the people who attend. That is the beautiful part of the process and what makes it so great, and I am sure very challenging at times. I left feeling respected and that you valued what I had to say. I appreciate you making me feel this way and hope that you are able to understand my concerns as it relates to my claim.

Sincerely,
Jason Chambers
I. CITY CLERK

II. CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE MAYOR & DIRECTORS

MAYOR
1. Fiscal Impact Statement to allow for hiring of outside legal counsel for review of city labor contracts.
2. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will help kick off the City’s Bike and Bus Program at a news conference Monday, April 4th, 10:00 a.m., at Cycle Works/Moose’s Tooth, 70th Street and Pioneers Boulevard.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor Beutler’s public schedule for the week of April 2, 2011 through April 8, 2011.
4. NEWS RELEASE. Holdrege Street Projects begin this month.

DIRECTORS

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
2. The Urban Design Committee meeting schedule for April 6, 2011 has been cancelled.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

IV. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS TO COUNCIL
1. Email from Denise Kjar with questions regarding the proposed 14th and Superior roundabout.
2. Correspondence from Carol and John Brown listing numerous reasons why not to have the proposed 14th and Superior roundabout. Web links included:
   a) Comment Form Summary, North 14th and Superior Public Meeting, March 29th;
   b) Map of Superior Street area; and
   c) Neighborhood map of access points to Superior Street.

V. INVITATIONS
See invitation list.
Invitation received Monday, April 4th, for the “Eighth Community-Wide Volunteer Recognition Event” on Saturday, April 9th, 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Lancaster County Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road. RSVP: 402.435.2100.
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Personnel/General Expense

DATE: 3/3/11

NEED: This fiscal impact statement transfers funds from General Expense/Consultant Services to General Expense/Legal Services and from Personnel/Salaries to Personnel/Legal Services. This change in funding will allow for hiring of outside legal counsel for a review of city labor contracts.

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PERSONNEL (full time equivalents)

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10001.5021 Salaries ($17,607)
10001.5642 Legal Services $17,607

SUPPLIES business unit:
Business unit description

OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES:
Business unit description
18002.5628 Consultant Services ($32,393)
18002.5642 Legal Services $32,393

EQUIPMENT business unit:
Business unit description

TOTAL EXPENDITURES $0

SOURCE OF REVENUES General Fund

DIRECTOR

[Signature]

DATE 3/3/11
WHEN TO USE FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

HOW TO USE FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SOURCE OF REVENUES: This box should contain the name of the fund the action is required for.
DATE: April 1, 2011
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Chris Beutler will help kick off the City’s Bike and Bus program at a news conference at **10 a.m. Monday, April 4** at **Cycle Works/Moose’s Tooth, 70th St. and Pioneers Boulevard.** The store is in the shopping center northeast of the intersection.
Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule
Week of April 2 through 8, 2011
Schedule subject to change

Monday, April 4
• News conference, Bike and Bus - 10 a.m., Moose’s Tooth, 70th and Pioneers Blvd.
• Pre-council meeting on Commission of Industrial Relations (CIR) - 1:15 p.m., room 113, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.
• KZUM’s “Our Street” program - 6:30 p.m., KZUM Studio, Terminal Building, 941 “O” St.

Tuesday, April 5
• City-County Common meeting - 8:15 a.m., room 113, County-City Building
• Proclamation signing for Lincolnaire Chorus 40th Anniversary Recognition Day - 10:30 a.m., Mayor’s Conference Room, County City Building
• International visitors from Brazil - 10:45 a.m., Mayor’s Conference Room

Thursday, April 7
• KFOR - 7:45 a.m.
• Groundbreaking for Active Living Center/Jayne Snyder Trails Center - 10 a.m., Union Plaza, southeast corner of 21st and “Q” streets

Friday, April 8
• News conference, “Celebrate Lincoln” event - 10 a.m., Lincoln Benefit Life, 84th and Van Dorn
• 2011 Nebraska Law Alumni Council awards banquet - noon, Memorial Stadium, West Stadium Club
• International visitors from Austria, Czech Republic, Gaza, Indonesia and Spain - 2:30 p.m., Mayor’s Conference Room
HOLDREGE STREET PROJECTS BEGIN THIS MONTH

Holdrege Street from 19th and 25th streets closed today for rehabilitation and is expected to be closed to through traffic for about one month. Rehabilitation of Holdrege Street from 70th to 79th streets is scheduled to begin Monday, April 11 and is expected to be finished in about two months.

The 70th to 79th street project also includes widening the street from 27 to 34 feet. Work will be completed in three-block segments. Both projects are funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Information on vehicle and StarTran bus detours is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: street closures).
Annexation by Ordinance
Village Gardens
S 63rd St & Pine Lake Rd
Effective: March 29, 2011
46.15 Acres
The April 6, 2011 Urban Design Committee meeting has been cancelled due to a lack of agenda items.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Planning Department at 441-7491.

Michele Abendroth
Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department
555 South 10th Street, Suite 213
Lincoln, NE 68508
402-441-6164
Please take time to rethink and rethink again, the idea of a roundabout at 14th and Superior.

Please take time to visit this area and sit in your car and observe at peak times and slower times.

I work part-time at Northridge. This is a beautiful example of what a strip mall should be. The stores are strongly supported by the neighborhood and the small towns and villages north of the area. Many of our customers walk to the shops. We know their names. The landscaping is well maintained with beautiful trees providing shade to those walking in the area. This is a lovely neighborhood and I know lovely neighborhoods - I live in the Near South.

Questions

#1 What about fire and rescue vehicles trying to reach Superior? F/R make many trips a day. The R/A at 40th, 33rd are much less traveled.

#2 The bus stop - heavily used by the area. Where will this be relocated and will it be convenient. Many people live in the area BECAUSE of the bus stop.

Because of scheduling I arrive/leave at various times including peak hours. I have never had to wait more than a couple minutes.

Thank you for your time.

Denise Kjar
2121 F Street
Lincoln, NE 68510

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This message was sent using IMP, the Internet Messaging Program.
To: The City Council and Mayors Office:

We have lived off of 21st and Superior Street over 25 years. We have approached the City Planning Department many times over the years to make improvements for the residents who use Superior Street as an access to get out of our neighborhoods. We do not believe the roundabout planned for 14th and Superior helps our plight. A roundabout will produce a relentless travel of vehicles giving us little or no admittance to Superior.

It is getting virtually impossible to turn east or west onto Superior from Superior Street Apartments, Paul the VI Heights, Bel Ridge Dr., the Mobile Home courts, 18th St., 19th St., 20th St., 21st St., 24th St., Campbell School or leaving Eisley Library. As you can see we have many entrances to Superior which would be increasingly hindered if allowed to have a constant stream of traffic with the implementation of a roundabout. A roundabout would force even more traffic through the neighborhoods to find a way out. We have heavy traffic through the neighborhoods as it is! I have attached a map of the access points between 14th and 27th Street for your review.

When asked of Roger Figard how we are going to be able to get out of our development he said for us to take a right out of our development go down to 27th and Superior and flip a u-turn. To me that is very poor advice and dangerous.

We enjoy going to Walgreens and the roundabout reduces the ability to get out of Walgreens in a safe manner. If you were walking from the South to access Walgreens there is no safe way of crossing with a roundabout present.

Many individuals we have talked to are very concerned about buses, grain vehicles, semi trucks delivering goods to Walgreens or CVS et al who will be using the roundabout. Emergency vehicles also give us a pause for concern.

Is there an access point for the blind and disabled walkers to cross Superior Street safely with a roundabout?
There were 105 calls for service so far this year at Goodrich Junior High. I understand this number was much higher when we had school resource officers. The children were able to come to the officers to report more incidences/crimes at the school. How many issues/crimes will be played out in the walking tunnels proposed under the streets? Those children bullied or enticed into the tunnel to get ruffed up will not go through the tunnel again and will be daring enough to cross the roundabout. Crime, vandalism and graffiti will not make it feel safe for anyone to utilize these tunnels.

What will the drainage system be like in the tunnels? We have a water problem out here for much of our developments have been built on underground springs. At 24th and Superior the street weeps constantly and requires maintenance routinely because of the broken pavement. We have flooding at intersections every time we have a rainstorm! I would not use the tunnels in a heavy downpour!

Snow clearance has been an issue on Superior Street. When the snow is piled high along the south side of Superior at 20th Street the visibility is very limited to get out of our neighborhood off of 21st Street. When you can’t see over the mounds of snow you have to have peel out like a drag racer in order to miss a catastrophic crash!

This roundabout project is a blatant waste of money when we have so many other road needs in the city. Monday night at the council meeting we heard of individuals on such limited income, that to have improvements done in their neighborhood is going to be a huge financial tax burden to them. Here we go and plop down 11 million dollars on 14th and Superior like money was water. I believe this roundabout project poses a total disrespect for the maintenance of other areas of the city which are in dire need of repair.

It makes me livid to see the complete disregard of the voices of the people. There was a survey taken (which is attached to this message) asking the people who went to the open house for the 14th and Superior Street improvements what proposal they would like; a roundabout or more lanes added to this area. Overwhelmingly the choice was to have more lanes added to 14th and Superior! I think ignoring the wishes of the residents out here in this area is absolutely unforgivable! Do you remember who pays your salaries? Or votes?

If you have not been out on 14th and Superior at the busiest times of the day you would see for yourself how this roundabout will not work like it does in other areas of the city where traffic is not as heavy.

We would welcome any of the City Council members or the Mayor to visit this area yourself to see what the traffic situation really is!

Carol and John Brown
2201 Elba Circle
map of Superior
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Please rank your thoughts on the proposed roundabout concept design.

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Main comment themes about the roundabout concept:

- **Concern for pedestrian safety:**
  - One of the most commented items was about the underpasses not being safe for children and others who use them and the underpasses being a haven for criminals.
  - Numerous comments were made about the middle school children running through the roundabout.
  - Several commented that there are several blind and/or wheelchair bound people who live in this neighborhood and use this intersection.
  - Several suggested the underpasses be on the south and east edges of the intersection.
  - Some would like to see overhead pedestrian crossings.

- **Drivability and snow removal:**
  - “Not very comfortable easing into morning traffic, especially with so many lanes to consider.”
  - Many people cited “other drivers” and “inability of drivers to adjust to change” as reasons for opposing the roundabout and said there’s a fear factor associated with roundabouts.
  - Many also cited the number of out-of-town drivers who use this intersection and wouldn’t understand how to handle it, particularly on Husker game days.
  - “I like the roundabout on 40th and Sheridan and think they do improve traffic flow and drive conditions.”
  - Several said that the other smaller, residential roundabouts in this area of town are not cleared well on snowy days.

- **Need for education:**
  - With education, proper signage and lane markings, it could be beneficial. Certainly innovative—still safety concern for game day traffic congestion and emergency vehicles
  - Several made comments that people lack driver education about roundabouts.

- **Concern that roundabout can handle traffic and large trucks:**
  - One said, “Percent of vehicles going straight through or wanting to go left. If majority was making right turn, roundabout may work.”
  - Another said, “I’m a farmer and, at harvest, the semis will run over cars making the turn to the east.”

- **Belief that roundabout will cause more crashes:**
  - A number of people commented that they believe crashes will be more prevalent with a roundabout.

- **Belief that roundabout will eliminate crashes:**
“As a law enforcement officer who has had to work a LOT of accidents at or near the intersection, I believe a roundabout would be a successful option to move the traffic through the area efficiently, while improving the overall safety of the intersection.”

- Allows better access to and from shopping center

Another option for the 14th and Superior streets intersection is to expand the intersection by adding lanes. Please rank your thoughts on this proposed design.

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Main comment themes about the signalized intersection:

- Many simply preferred this concept to the idea of a roundabout:
  - Several people said that traffic will move in a safer manner and people will obey signals more than they would yield properly in a roundabout.
  - A few commented that they like the familiarity of a signalized intersection.

- Prefer to not have underpasses:
  - Similar reasons stated as are on page 1.

- A few aren’t sure why this project is even necessary:
  - One asked why the intersection needed to be expanded for two hours of high volume traffic each day?

- Will hurt access to local businesses:
  - A few people had concern about access to the local businesses and the shopping center, including “greatly damaged access” to the center.
  - “Access to local businesses is more difficult. Would force me to use other businesses.”
  - “Does not allow left out access to Superior Street for residents at Superior Place Apartments.”
Present: Gene Carroll, Vice Chair; Jon Camp; Jonathan Cook; Doug Emery; Adam Hornung; and Jayne Snyder

Absent: John Spatz, Chair

Others: Joan Ross, City Clerk; Rod Confer, City Attorney; Teresa Meier, Deputy City Clerk; and Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff

Vice Chair Carroll opened the meeting at 2:31 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Law.

I. CITY CLERK
Ross stated on Item 27 have a Motion to Amend, #3. Cook commented on this item we would cancel Motion to Amend, #2, which states to provide site plans for wide driveway, but they have done so. Carroll understood the applicant presented new drawings for the driveway. Possibly add to the minutes that the new drawings were being added to the application. Confer stated the amendment was probably prepared before the drawing. Cook added Council would update Amendment #2 saying the site plans were there.

Ross stated on page 2, Items 7 and 8 are for special designated licenses, outdoor events. These come to Council as this is the Husker Spring Game Day. Carroll asked with two dates could Ross approve the first date? Ross replied yes as the first date is on the eve. When looking at the application, with no questions related to any other issues, Council could look at both dates. Confer added he thinks the Clerk would follow Council’s lead. Ross commented she does a pre-approval but could do an in-hand, which is conditional based on Council’s recommendation. Ross stated both dates are on the same application, which is allowed, with Council looking at the 16th.

Ross stated on page 3, Item 12 has a Motion to Amend, #1.

II. MAYOR
1. NEWS RELEASE. Lincoln Fire and Rescue (LFR) to dedicate rig in honor of fallen firefighter, Harley Grasmick.
2. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler, the Parks and Recreation Department, and Lincoln Parks Foundation will hold a news conference on Thursday, March 31, 2011, 10:00 a.m. on the infield at Sherman Field, to discuss the Sherman Field Forever campaign.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor Beutler announces Fire chief’s resignation.
4. NEWS RELEASE. Park at Sherman Field named for Sampson family. Public invited to contribute to project. – No comments.

Hoppe stated in the interest of saving time will defer comments/requests until next week.

III. DIRECTORS

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
1. Jayne Snyder Trails Center and Active Living Center Ground Breaking Ceremony, Thursday, April 7, 2011, at Union Plaza, 21st and Q Streets. – No comments.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1. Administrative Approvals. Approved by the Planning Director from 03.22.11 through 03.28.11. No comments.
POLICE DEPARTMENT
1. Chief Casady’s reply to Christine Schuerman-Haru’s correspondence (listed after reply) on parking regulation enforcement. (On Director’s Addendum March 28, 2011)
2. Chief Casady’s response to Martin Walter regarding response time to vandalism damage.
   No comments.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES
1. Memo from Virendra Singh, Research and Development Manage, regarding the Coddington and VanDorn Safety Project.
   a) PowerPoint presentation of Safety Improvement Proposal for Federal Funds. South Coddington Avenue and West VanDorn Street. – No comments.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES/ENGINEERING

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP
1. Memo to Council Chair Spatz with questions on the 14th and Superior Roundabout and other engineering subjects.
2. Reply to Councilman Camp from Council Chair Spatz on the raised concerns.
3. Note from Councilman Camp to Council Chair Spatz agreeing a good idea to discuss policy approaches.
4. Message to Dave Landis, Urban Development Director, regarding the Star Building Redevelopment Amendment and M Street Promenade.
   No comments

V. MISCELLANEOUS
1. Management Structure Analysis - Police Department - Chief Tom Casady – Postponed.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
1. InterLinc correspondence from Jason Chambers on attending Monday’s Council Meeting and being given the opportunity to state his opinion. – No comments.

VII. COUNCIL MEMBERS
Cook No comments
Snyder No comments
Carroll No comments
Camp No comments
Hornung No comments
Emery No comments

VII. ADJOURNMENT
Vice Chair Carroll adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.