

DIRECTORS' MEETING
AUGUST 20, 2012
555 S. 10th STREET, ROOM 113
2:00 P.M.

I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR

1. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor presents June Award of Excellence to Chris Myers, Northeast District Park Supervisor, Parks and Recreation Department.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Volunteers needed for "No Coast Coastal Cleanup".

III. DIRECTORS

FINANCE DEPARTMENT/BUDGET

1. August sales tax reports reflecting June activity:
 - a) Actual Compared to Projected Sales Tax Collections;
 - b) Gross Sales Tax Collections (with refunds added back in) 2007-2008 through 2011-2012;
 - c) Sales Tax Refunds 2007-2008 through 0221-2012; and
 - d) Net Sales Tax Collections 2007-2008 through 2011-2012.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

1. Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department meeting minutes of July 10, 2012.
2. Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department Report for July, 2012.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

1. Administrative approvals by the Planning Director from August 7, 2012 through August 13, 2012.
2. Lincoln Historic Preservation Commission meeting agenda for Thursday, August 16, 2012 at 555 S. 10th Street, Room 214, at 1:30 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES/ENGINEERING

1. ADVISORY. Project #702666. Traffic signals: South 27th Street and Randolph Street, South 27th Street and J Street. Pedestrian signal - north of South 27th Street and M Street. Fiber conduit - west side of South 27th Street from Randolph Street to O Street.
2. ADVISORY. Stormwater Bond Project. Project #705313. Dudley Street, North 40th Street, Starr Street and Holdrege Street.
 - a) Stormwater Bond Improvements, Project #705313, map.
3. ADVISORY. Storm Drainage Project. Project #702638c. West South Street at SW 5th Street and SW 6th Street.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

V. MISCELLANEOUS

VI. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

1. Jim Hansbrough's memo thanking Council for attention during open microphone when speaking of the proposed WalMart and neighborhood safety concerns.
 - a) Map outlining proposed WalMart and neighborhood including Adams Elementary; and
 - b) Map of WalMart Supercenter, and neighborhood, in Timnath, Colorado.
2. InterLinc correspondence from Mike Lewis commenting on the City Council open microphone session of the formal Council meeting. Denying corporations rights to participate in public debate is unwise and dangerous.
3. InterLinc correspondence from Greg Votava. Presenting case why renting homes out during the Husker homegames would benefit everyone.
4. Message from Anne Tapley Gasper and Russ Gasper. In support of renting out homes for Husker home games. Would like to see City wide.
5. InterLinc correspondence from Norman and Patricia Carlson. In favor of allowing home owners the right to rent their homes out for football game weekends.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 13, 2012

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

MAYOR PRESENTS JUNE AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Mayor Chris Beutler today presented the Mayor's Award of Excellence for June to Chris Myers, Northeast District Park Supervisor for the Parks and Recreation Department. The monthly award recognizes City employees who consistently provide exemplary service and work that demonstrates personal commitment to the City. The award was presented at the beginning of today's City Council meeting.

Myers has worked for the City since February 1984. Parks Administrative Officer Dan Murray and Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation Jerry Shorney nominated Chris in the category of productivity.

Because of the City's new outcome-based budgeting process, the Parks and Recreation Department has changed the way it addresses budgetary and operational issues. The City's J.D. Edwards Financial System works well to determine the total cost of labor, supplies, services, utilities and locations. The challenge was converting that data to match specific goals, tiers and outcomes. Myers took on the job even though it was beyond his normal job responsibilities.

He created spreadsheets from two maintenance categories and coordinated several labor categories. He worked with office support staff, peers, supervisors and administrators. The nominators wrote that "because of Chris' hard work, there was no duplication of effort from Parks administrators and supervisors. It's estimated that he saved about 178 staff hours for a cost savings of more than \$6,000."

From November 2011 through February 2012, Myers invested 152 extra hours in budget preparation, and many were evening, early morning or weekend hours. The estimated value of those hours is about \$45,000. Myers also worked closely with the Department's Budget Officer and provided valuable assistance. Because of his dedicated effort, the Department is able to more accurately determine cost per acre and program costs. It's able to better organize long-grass and native grass areas, and to continue to collect data for future trends and comparisons.

The nominators wrote, "Chris is a very organized individual who is very dedicated and truly cares about providing quality parks for the citizens of Lincoln. We are very appreciative of Chris' hard work and effort and truly believe he is very deserving and worthy for consideration of this prestigious award."

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The other categories in which employees can be nominated are customer relations, loss prevention, safety and valor. Consideration also may be given to nominations that demonstrate self-initiated accomplishments or those completed outside of the nominee's job description. All City employees are eligible for the Mayor's Award of Excellence except for elected and appointed officials. Individuals or teams can be nominated by supervisors, peers, subordinates and the general public. Nomination forms are available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: personnel) or from department heads, employee bulletin boards or the Personnel Department, which oversees the awards program.

All nominations are considered by the Mayor's Award of Excellence Committee, which includes a representative with each union and a non-union representative appointed by the Mayor. Award winners receive a \$50 gift certificate, a day off with pay and a plaque. All monthly winners and nominees are eligible to receive the annual award, which comes with a \$250 gift certificate, two days off with pay and a plaque.

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

3140 "N" Street, Lincoln, NE 68510, 402-441-8000

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 15, 2012

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Laurel Erickson, Health Department, 402-441-8035

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR "NO COAST COASTAL CLEANUP"

Keep Lincoln and Lancaster County Beautiful (KLLCB) is seeking volunteer groups to help with the 2012 "No Coast Coastal Cleanup" at area lakes. Groups will be asked to select a Lancaster County lake and conduct a cleanup by Sunday, October 14. The effort is part of the 2012 International Coastal Cleanup, a world-wide volunteer project designed to remove trash from ocean beaches, lake shores, river sides and other waterways.

Friends and families, sports teams, scouts, youth groups, churches and others are asked to consider this volunteer opportunity. Both shoreline and lakeside litter pickup are encouraged, so groups with boats, canoes and kayaks are welcome to help reach more inaccessible areas.

Groups will be asked to tally each type of trash collected, as part of an effort to add to the worldwide marine debris database maintained by the Ocean Conservancy. KLLCB will provide data cards and trash bags. Park permits are required at State recreation areas.

"Litter cleanup is important for local lakes and streams and for the oceans they feed," said Laurel Erickson, KLLCB. "Up to 80 percent of trash in the ocean starts out on land, but is blown by the wind into waterways. As it makes its way to the ocean, it causes harm along the way by entangling wildlife. The trash also could be eaten by aquatic animals or birds."

During last year's Lancaster County cleanup, volunteers picked up litter at 10 area lakes. In addition to plastic bags, beverage bottles and cigarette butts, volunteers found nets, fishing line, bait containers, batteries, plywood, propane bottles, tires, beer kegs, lawn chairs and car parts.

To participate, contact KLLCB at 402-441-8035 or lerickson@lincoln.ne.gov. KLLCB is a program of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. It receives funding from the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality.

More information is available at health.lincoln.ne.gov.

**Actual Compared to
Projected Sales Tax Collections**

	2011-12 PROJECTED	2011-12 ACTUAL	VARIANCE FROM PROJECTED	\$ CHANGE FR. 10-11	% CHANGE FR. 10-11
SEPTEMBER	\$4,803,859	\$4,542,250	(\$261,609)	(\$225,064)	-4.72%
OCTOBER	\$4,991,555	\$5,127,466	\$135,911	\$261,620	5.38%
NOVEMBER	\$4,997,421	\$5,146,367	\$148,946	\$256,447	5.24%
DECEMBER	\$4,686,548	\$4,895,766	\$209,218	\$199,975	4.26%
JANUARY	\$4,751,069	\$5,026,227	\$275,158	\$611,630	13.85%
FEBRUARY	\$6,012,155	\$6,282,249	\$270,094	\$431,942	7.38%
MARCH	\$4,434,331	\$4,722,926	\$288,595	\$789,398	20.07%
APRIL	\$4,252,500	\$4,528,243	\$275,743	\$116,508	2.64%
MAY	\$4,956,362	\$5,549,016	\$592,654	\$343,402	6.60%
JUNE	\$4,792,128	\$5,165,956	\$373,828	\$275,060	5.62%
JULY	\$4,833,186	\$5,144,116	\$310,930	\$352,354	7.35%
AUGUST	\$5,144,060	\$5,341,759	\$197,699	\$99,523	1.90%
TOTAL	\$58,655,174	\$61,472,341	\$2,817,167	\$3,512,796	6.06%

Actual collections for the fiscal year to date are 4.803% above projections for the year.

**CITY OF LINCOLN
GROSS SALES TAX COLLECTIONS
(WITH REFUNDS ADDED BACK IN)
2007-2008 THROUGH 2011-2012**

	ACTUAL 2007-2008	ACTUAL 2008-2009	ACTUAL 2009-2010	ACTUAL 2010-2011	FR. PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2011-12	FR. PRIOR YEAR
					% CHG.		% CHG.
SEPTEMBER	\$4,612,020	\$4,812,555	\$4,703,478	\$4,822,814	2.54%	\$4,805,254	-0.36%
OCTOBER	\$5,052,950	\$4,845,000	\$4,687,315	\$4,987,584	6.41%	\$5,206,659	4.39%
NOVEMBER	\$4,818,715	\$4,937,998	\$4,922,939	\$4,938,240	0.31%	\$5,219,952	5.70%
DECEMBER	\$4,753,456	\$4,545,947	\$4,502,684	\$4,708,180	4.56%	\$4,901,748	4.11%
JANUARY	\$4,617,097	\$4,465,270	\$4,354,458	\$4,777,606	9.72%	\$5,076,013	6.25%
FEBRUARY	\$5,596,617	\$5,775,594	\$5,426,478	\$5,920,886	9.11%	\$6,327,532	6.87%
MARCH	\$4,421,405	\$4,258,773	\$4,226,466	\$4,418,795	4.55%	\$4,782,783	8.24%
APRIL	\$4,227,476	\$4,119,617	\$4,294,043	\$4,421,797	2.98%	\$4,572,281	3.40%
MAY	\$4,753,366	\$4,744,089	\$5,186,573	\$5,374,035	3.61%	\$5,675,978	5.62%
JUNE	\$4,859,251	\$4,624,054	\$4,662,293	\$4,995,388	7.14%	\$5,241,574	4.93%
JULY	\$4,983,976	\$4,501,197	\$4,567,893	\$4,865,530	6.52%	\$5,196,447	6.80%
AUGUST	\$5,026,702	\$4,856,331	\$5,105,968	\$5,245,798	2.74%	\$5,453,052	3.95%
TOTAL	\$57,723,030	\$56,486,425	\$56,640,589	\$59,476,653	5.01%	\$62,459,273	5.01%

**CITY OF LINCOLN
SALES TAX REFUNDS
2007-2008 THROUGH 2011-2012**

	ACTUAL 2008-2009	ACTUAL 2009-2010	ACTUAL 2010-2011	% CHG. FROM PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2011-2012	% CHG. FROM PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2012-2013	% CHG. FROM PRIOR YEAR
SEPTEMBER	(\$435,079)	(\$100,061)	(\$55,500)	-44.53%	(\$263,004)	373.88%	(\$111,293)	-57.68%
OCTOBER	(\$108,925)	(\$95,246)	(\$121,738)	27.81%	(\$79,193)	-34.95%		
NOVEMBER	(\$86,760)	(\$149,347)	(\$48,320)	-67.65%	(\$73,585)	52.29%		
DECEMBER	(\$209,674)	(\$202,950)	(\$12,388)	-93.90%	(\$5,982)	-51.71%		
JANUARY	(\$256,270)	(\$257,206)	(\$363,009)	41.14%	(\$49,785)	-86.29%		
FEBRUARY	(\$83,713)	(\$104,235)	(\$70,579)	-32.29%	(\$45,283)	-35.84%		
MARCH	(\$73,785)	(\$14,233)	(\$485,268)	3309.51%	(\$59,857)	-87.67%		
APRIL	(\$70,988)	(\$75,738)	(\$10,063)	-86.71%	(\$44,038)	337.64%		
MAY	(\$117,201)	(\$68,551)	(\$168,421)	145.69%	(\$126,962)	-24.62%		
JUNE	(\$444,973)	(\$110,343)	(\$104,492)	-5.30%	(\$75,618)	-27.63%		
JULY	(\$331,804)	(\$251,505)	(\$73,768)	-70.67%	(\$52,331)	-29.06%		
AUGUST	(\$11,878)	(\$286,162)	(\$3,563)	-98.75%	(\$111,293)	3023.78%		
TOTAL	(\$2,231,050)	(\$1,715,576)	(\$1,517,108)	-11.57%	(\$986,931)	0.00%	(\$111,293)	-57.68%

**CITY OF LINCOLN
NET SALES TAX COLLECTIONS
2007-2008 THROUGH 2011-2012**

	ACTUAL 2007-2008	ACTUAL 2008-2009	ACTUAL 2009-2010	% CHG. FROM PR. YEAR	ACTUAL 2010-2011	% CHG. FROM PR. YEAR	ACTUAL 2011-2012	% CHG. FROM PR. YEAR
SEPTEMBER	\$4,521,738	\$4,377,476	\$4,603,417	5.16%	\$4,767,314	3.56%	\$4,542,250	-4.72%
OCTOBER	\$4,973,261	\$4,736,074	\$4,592,069	-3.04%	\$4,865,846	5.96%	\$5,127,466	5.38%
NOVEMBER	\$4,659,859	\$4,851,237	\$4,773,592	-1.60%	\$4,889,920	2.44%	\$5,146,367	5.24%
DECEMBER	\$4,723,609	\$4,336,273	\$4,299,735	-0.84%	\$4,695,792	9.21%	\$4,895,766	4.26%
JANUARY	\$4,590,789	\$4,209,000	\$4,097,252	-2.65%	\$4,414,597	7.75%	\$5,026,227	13.85%
FEBRUARY	\$5,106,677	\$5,691,881	\$5,322,243	-6.49%	\$5,850,307	9.92%	\$6,282,249	7.38%
MARCH	\$4,096,136	\$4,184,988	\$4,212,234	0.65%	\$3,933,528	-6.62%	\$4,722,926	20.07%
APRIL	\$4,118,712	\$4,048,629	\$4,218,305	4.19%	\$4,411,735	4.59%	\$4,528,243	2.64%
MAY	\$4,730,837	\$4,626,889	\$5,118,022	10.61%	\$5,205,614	1.71%	\$5,549,016	6.60%
JUNE	\$4,722,943	\$4,179,081	\$4,551,950	8.92%	\$4,890,896	7.45%	\$5,165,956	5.62%
JULY	\$4,505,792	\$4,169,394	\$4,316,388	3.53%	\$4,791,762	11.01%	\$5,144,116	7.35%
AUGUST	\$4,982,944	\$4,844,454	\$4,819,806	-0.51%	\$5,242,236	8.76%	\$5,341,759	1.90%
TOTAL	\$55,733,297	\$54,255,376	\$54,925,013	1.23%	\$57,959,545	5.52%	\$61,472,341	6.06%

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Board of Health
July 10, 2012

I. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 5:00 PM by Heidi Stark at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. Members present: Doug Emery, Jacquelyn Miller, Lisa Peterson, Ed Schneider, David Smith, Marcia White, Brittany Behrens (ex-officio), Trish Owen (ex-officio) Tim Sieh (ex-officio) and Heidi Stark.

Members Absent: Brent Smoyer and Karla Lester.

Staff Present: Judy Halstead, Steve Frederick, Charlotte Burke, Steve Beal, Andrea Haberman, Gwendy Meginnis, Scott Holmes, Alicia Hall, Joyce Jensen, and Elaine Severe.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Stark asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Agenda..

Motion: Moved by Dr. Schneider that the Agenda be approved as mailed. Second by Dr. Miller. Motion carried by acclamation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Stark asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Schneider that the June 12, 2012 Minutes be approved as mailed. Second by Ms. White. Motion carried by acclamation.

III. PUBLIC SESSION

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Health Director Update

Ms. Halstead provided an update on legislation. Several Interim studies are underway. Staff are particularly interested in the Health Care Cash Fund as distributions are exceeding earnings. The Legislature will be looking at funding options for the Cash Fund

Ms. Halstead serves on the Lancaster County Community Mental Health Center's Invitation to Negotiate Committee. The Committee has been tasked to review and recommend how mental health services will be provided in Lancaster County.

Ms. Halstead provided an update on the Health Risk Appraisal that was completed by City Employees. 35% of the City employees participated in the survey. 77% of

Health Department employees completed it. Employees expressed an interest in receiving more information on ways to increase physical activity and healthy eating/nutrition options. The results were reviewed with the Mayor and the information was presented to the City Wellness Committee. The Committee is preparing a workplan to address the employee requests. A presentation will be provided to the Board of Health at the August 14th meeting.

Board members expressed appreciation for the new communicable disease chart that is included in the Board of Health Packet. They also asked about the increase in dead animal pickup calls. Mr. Beal stated Animal Control is experiencing a significant increase in dead animal pickup calls. .

IV. CURRENT BUSINESS (Action Items)

V. CURRENT BUSINESS (Information Items)

A. Tobacco Use in City Parks Recommendation Update

Ms. Burke provided an update on the Tobacco Use in City Parks recommendation that was approved by the Board of Health in June. The recommendation was approved by the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board on June 14, 2012. The recommendation was presented to the Mayor to implement as an Executive Order. Staff are recommending implementation of this policy in the fall. This will allow time to prepare signage and educate and inform the public about the changes. The Tobacco Free Lancaster County Coalition is working with the Parks & Recreation Department and will assist with the education effort. Dr. Peterson asked about the Pinewood Bowl smoking areas. Smoking will be allowed at Pinewood Bowl events in the designated smoking areas.

B. Ten Essential Services for Public Health - Essential Service #5 - Develop Policies and Plans That Support Individual and Community Health

Ms. Burke provided a presentation on Developing Policies and Plans to support individual and community health. Areas include effective governmental presence at the local level. Examples include the smoking and garbage service requirement ordinances that were reviewed by Board of Health and approved by the City Council. The Department develops policy using evidence based principles and uses systematic community-level planning. Examples include the LPlan 2040, CHIP, MAPP, and the Solid Waste Management Plan. She stated advisory boards/committees are very important to the Department and provide recommendations to policy makers.

Essential Service #6- Enforce laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety will be presented at the September Board of Health meeting.

C. Update on Community Health Endowment Funding

Ms. Halstead provided an update on the Community Health Endowment's funding awards. The Lancaster County Medical Society will receive \$95,560 for a 12 month pilot project that will assign uninsured patients to private, primary care physicians.

The People's Health Center was awarded \$105,561 to increase the availability of health care to uninsured patients. People's Health Center will utilize the Lincoln Medical Education Partnership to provide urgent care appointments each Saturday and employ a new medical provider.

The Endowment will make \$400,000 available to the community to address the top priorities of Mobilizing for Action Through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP). Funding priorities are: 1) chronic disease; 2) access to care; 3) unintentional injury prevention; and 4) behavioral health. The Endowment is accepting applications through August 3, 2012. They will also make additional funding available to the community in January, 2013.

D. Proposed Health Department Budget

Ms. Halstead provided an update on the Departments FY 12-14 budget request. The request was reviewed by the City-County Common on July 10th. The City Council public hearing is scheduled for August 6, 2012 with a final vote on August 20, 2012. The request includes the reduction of 3.5 FTEs (2.0 FTE Public Health Nurse positions - positions are currently vacant, 1.0 FTE Community Outreach Specialist will be allocated to grant funds, and .5 FTE Public Health Educator is retiring). She reviewed the revenue changes including a proposed fee to Lincoln Public Schools and private schools for food inspections and permits. All schools have been notified of the proposed fee that would be implemented in May, 2013. She reviewed the proposed fee changes in all division that will be implemented over the next two years. She will provide an update at the August Board of Health Meeting.

VI. FUTURE BUSINESS

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting is August 14, 2012 - 5:00 PM.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Elaine Severe
Recording Secretary

Heidi Stark
Vice-President

DEPARTMENT REPORT

JULY, 2012

HEALTH DIRECTOR

- The Department's budget was reviewed by the City County Common on July 10, 2012. The City Council will hold a public hearing on the budget on August 6, 2012 and a final vote on August 20, 2012
- The Department participated in the City/County Food Drive for the Food Bank of Lincoln. Department employees donated nearly \$2,200.00 in cash and food items. The City/County Food Drive raised nearly \$25,000.00 for the Food Bank of Lincoln. The Drive was coordinated by the Minette Genuchi from the County Commissioners Office and Elaine Severe from the Health Department.
- The Health Director continues to serve on the Community Mental Health Center Invitation to Negotiate Committee. The County will be transitioning behavior health services from the Community Mental Health Center to providers in the community.
- The Health Director taped an interview with Dale Johnson, KFOR News Director, for a future "Lincoln Live" broadcast.
- The Health Director continues to meet with People's Health Center, the Lancaster County Medical Society and the Community Health Endowment regarding health services for the uninsured in our community.
- The Health Director is serving on the People's Health Center site review committee to identify possible sites for PHC to expand their services.
- July Employee of the Month - Brent Pavel - Environmental Public Health Division

ANIMAL CONTROL

	Sep 09- Jun 10	Sep 10- Jun 11	Sep 11- Jun 12
Pet Licenses Sold	48,133	47,491	51,412
Cases Dispatched	12,446	18,337	19,224
Investigation	14,556	20,082	20,820
Animals Impounded			
Dogs	1651	1578	1377

Cats	1360	1304	1141
Court Citations Issued	245	390	191
Warnings/Defects Issued	1864	10,439	11,148
Bite Cases Reported	370	411	406
Attack Cases Reported	76	67	52
Dogs Declared (PPD, DD, V)	128	136	74
Animal Neglect Investigations	526	555	511
Injured Animal Rescue	533	588	682
Wildlife Removal	279	377	385
Dead Animal Pickup	1237	1600	1850
Lost and Found Reports	291*	1898	1952
Phone Calls	31,587	37,846	39,446
Average Response Time (in mins)	37	27	20

*no lost/found data until June 2010

- The Animal Control Advisory Committee met on July 16, 2012 at the Health Department. Committee members discussed several topics including: dead animal pick-ups, performance indicators, license sales and the Animal Control budget as released by the Mayor.
- Staff continue to work on data analysis of dispatched calls. We are looking to maximize the productivity of officer time in the field and how geographical areas are assigned to officers. Peak times for dispatched calls are generally between 10:00am and 3:00pm. That is also when we have the greatest number of officers on duty. Northwest Lincoln and southwest Lincoln has the greatest call volumes.
- Officers have been responding to a higher than usual number of heat related calls. Most of these calls involve people leaving pets in vehicles. In a couple of separate incidents, dogs were transported to local veterinarians with body temperatures ranging from 103 degrees to as high as 108 degrees. There have been a couple fatalities and animal neglect and cruelty citations were written in a few of the incidents.
- The Division Manager and Office Manager continue to meet with Bob Downey and operations staff from the Capital Humane Society (CHS). These meetings assure dogs, cats and other animals that are delivered to CHS by Animal Control Officers get followed up on and that our efforts are coordinated to assure the return of animals to their owner with current rabies vaccination and a license.
- Staff are working on a pet license promotion for this fall. The Division's goal is to

increase pet license sales by 3% each year or about 2,000 additional licenses sold from the previous year. There was brief discussion at the July Board of Health meeting about estimates of unlicensed dogs and cats in Lincoln City limits. Rough estimates based on the number of households and a national average of about 1.3 pets per household would indicate about 55-60% of the pets in our community are licensed. The pet license is important to assure rabies vaccinations are done.

- Discussions continue regarding spay and neuter programs and grants. The Animal Control Division has limited grant funds available for helping low income individuals with getting their pet spayed or neutered. The Executive Director of the Capital Humane Society and the Division Manager are working together with local veterinarians to try and get more pets spayed and neutered.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

Diabetic Supplies For The Poor & Uninsured

- This is a Community Health Endowment (CHE) funded program for calendar year 2012. Community partners include; BryanLGH Medical Center, Clinic with a Heart, Lincoln ED Connections, General Assistance Medical Clinic of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department, People's Health Center, Saint Elizabeth's Regional Medical Center/Diabetes Center, and Wagey Drug. Each partner utilizes the same glucometer for this population and at each client encounter, education is provided on the proper use of the glucometer. Partners in this project continue to discuss ways to improve on our system of referrals, in particular, connecting those without a medical home to a provider.

Glucometer Strip Distribution:

- 1) Free Strips: Distribution of 50-count vials of glucometer strips for those at or below 100% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), at no cost to the client. From March 1 - June 30, 2012, CHE funds paid for 197 vials of glucometer strips for 59 unique people. Twenty two (22) people were helped with free strips more than once since March 1.
- 2) Low Cost Strips: Distribution of 50-count vials of glucometer strips for those above 100%, but below 300% of FPL, at a \$10 cost to the client. From March 1 - June 30, 2012, there were 45 vials of glucometer strips distributed to 28 unique people. Six (6) people purchased strips more than once since March 1.
- 3) Clinic with a Heart Strips: Clinic with a Heart purchases \$10 glucometer strips for people using their services, at no cost to the client, using donated funds. From March 1 - June 30, 2012, Clinic with a Heart funds paid for 27 vials of glucometer strips for 16 unique people. One (1) person was helped more than once since March.

- 4) Lincoln ED Connections: Lincoln ED Connections paid \$20 for 2 vials of glucometer strips for one person, at no cost to the client, since the inception of the program.
- Wagey Drug provides free home delivery for clients in this program. Out of 128 referrals for strips, Wagey provided 51 deliveries.
- A study between the Health Department and Lincoln Fire & Rescue was conducted to see if clients using this program had a reduction in 911 calls. It was found that 12 clients in this program made 24 calls to 911 since September 1, 2011. Thirteen (13) of the calls to 911 were directly related to hypo or hyperglycemia. One client made 8 of the 24 calls.
- The group is also focusing on "self-pay" discharges from local hospitals. Although referrals to this program have been received from hospital discharge planners, it is common that clients do not follow through with a medical provider after hospital discharge, due to lack of insurance and lack of money to pay outright for follow up services. Program partners are working on possible solutions including the possibility of more in-depth case management to assure connection to an affordable medical home and assistance with managing their disease until a medical home is found.

DENTAL HEALTH & NUTRITION

WIC

- In June, the LLCHD WIC program served 3776 clients and is the third largest program in the state. Twenty-four percent of those participating are women (pregnant, breastfeeding or post-partum), 22% infants and 54% are children ages 1-5 years. The average monthly food costs for a women participating on the program is \$39, infants receive an average of \$137 and children \$41.
- New income guidelines went into effect July 1, 2012. WIC income guidelines are 185% of the Office of Management and Budget's income guidelines (same as for reduced price school meals). The income guidelines increased, which means that more families may be income eligible for the WIC program.  [D3 - WIC Income Guidelines](#)

Dental Health

- During summer break, the dental staff have been very busy targeting children to assure compliance with needed dental check-ups and to assure a healthy start with the children's oral health for the start of the new school year. During the month of June, the dental staff served 538 patients with 834 patient visits. Of the 538 patients served, 313 patients (58%) were children. With June, July and August usually being our clinic's busiest months, dental staff anticipate serving even greater numbers of children prior to the start

of the school year. Of the clients served, over 51% were enrolled in Medicaid, 58% were of racial and ethnic minorities (58% racial/ethnic minorities, 40% White, 2% Unknown/Refused to Report), with over 34% of the clients identifying another language as their primary language.

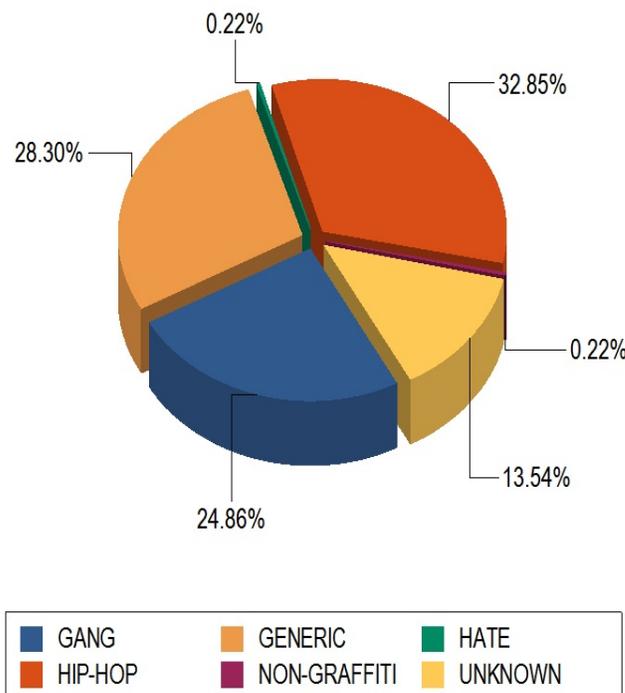
- Dental staff is working collaboratively with the WIC staff and other area programs targeting children, including Head Start and Early Head Start, to identify and target children in need of dental check-ups and treatment services to assure a healthy start to the school year.

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH

Graffiti Prevention Program Monthly Report for June 2012

- The Keep Lincoln Lancaster County Beautiful Graffiti Prevention Program was established in June 2009 with funding from the Mayor’s Office. The Graffiti Prevention Program’s primary focus is to use educational approaches to minimize graffiti in Lincoln by: utilizing a graffiti complaint process; coordinating the delivery of anti-graffiti messages to the community; and initiating community and business owner collaborations and programs that empower Lincoln to address and prevent graffiti.

Graffiti Types in Period



- The cornerstone of the program is the complaint process: the part-time Graffiti Prevention Coordinator documents the graffiti with a photo and enters the complaint into the Permits Plus software. A letter, along with the initial inspection photo, is sent to the property owner advising them of the complaint and of their responsibility to remove the graffiti within 15 days from notification per City Ordinance 8.52. The letter explains the negative impact of graffiti, encourages removal of the graffiti in 24 to 48 hours and offers the assistance of volunteer groups (often the Graffiti Coordinator has

personal contact with the victims explaining the process resulting in improved cooperation and quicker removal now and in the future). If the graffiti has not been removed after seven days, the property owner is contacted. If upon inspection, the graffiti remains after 15 days special intervention options are considered.

- 13.5% of reported graffiti is removed before the initial inspection is made. On average, 90% of graffiti is removed within 15 days and only one property has been abated in the program's history.
- There were 901 graffiti complaints received from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012; a 16% increase from the previous 12 months. Both Hip-Hop and Gang graffiti is up significantly from last year. The increase in Hip Hop graffiti is most likely, attributed to the unusually warm winter. Most of the increase in Gang graffiti was attributed to the activity of two rival gangs and a recent release of a gang member.
- The continued success in reporting and removing graffiti, and the apprehension and subsequent prosecution of graffiti vandals, are attributed to the public awareness, police efforts, and sharing of information between LPD and the Graffiti Prevention Program. We firmly believe that by educating the property owners about the importance of quick graffiti removal, we will see a drop in repeat graffiti. KLLCB program's cornerstone is that community improvement occurs through individual engagement.

West Nile Virus

- Beginning in June, the Water Quality Section conducts surveillance activities for the presence of West Nile Virus - primarily the trapping of mosquitos on a bi-weekly basis. Traps are set in the evening and collected very early in the morning. Staff do a "quick count" by genus only (i.e. Culex, Aedes, etc.), then the mosquitos are then sent to the state lab where they are counted and identified down to the species level (i.e. Culex tarsalis). The primary vector that spreads West Nile Virus is Culex tarsalis (see photo). The mosquitos are then sorted into pools (groups) and tested for the presence of the West Nile Virus. Very low numbers of Culex tarsalis have been identified so far this year in Lancaster County and none has tested positive for WNV. Surveillance activities typically continue until the first frost or late October when the threat of West Nile Virus is greatly reduced. Along with surveillance activities, staff work with Parks and Recreation and Public Works and Utilities Departments to ensure that sprayers are ready and can be put into operation within 24 hours in the case of a West Nile outbreak. Photo Credit:
<http://www.maricopa.gov/EnvSvc/VectorControl/Mosquitos/MosqInfo.aspx>



Indoor Air Quality Program

- The goal of the LLCHD Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) program is to protect human health by responding to complaints on poor indoor air quality and making recommendations or taking actions to prevent illness and disease. It is designed to provide guidance to occupants of residences and businesses with poor indoor air quality, to investigate IAQ situations that may result in poor human health outcomes, and to collaborate with the Building and Safety Department when poor IAQ is caused by housing situations that do not meet minimum code standards.
- Of the 127 complaints in FY12 to date, over 90% were from residential rental properties. The majority of complainants have not been successful in getting help from their landlords to correct IAQ problems that have led to adverse health impacts. In most cases, LLCHD is the only source of help for these residents who are typically low income renters with children, disabled, or for those for whom English is a second language. Total complaint numbers for the current year are very similar to last year.
- LLCHD is mandated by LMC 5.38 to assess conditions that may pose health risks in apartments. Staff respond to complaints of poor IAQ; provide phone consultation; conduct onsite inspections; coordinate with B&S on enforcement actions; monitor IAQ with specialized equipment; and receive referrals from physicians. If no immediate health risks are reported, complaints from people living in rental properties are responded to by sending a certified letter to the landlord informing them of the complaint and informing them to take action to address the problem within a specified time. So far in FY2012, such letters result in acceptable action about one-half of the time. However, on-site investigations had to be performed in most cases, and many of those visits were in response to alleged health impacts (allergies, exacerbation of asthma and/or COPD).
- LLCHD works in conjunction with Building & Safety to assure compliance with housing codes when necessary to protect human health. LLCHD encourages private parties to use licensed contractors trained in IAQ for remediation or HVAC modifications. LLCHD also serves as a resource and referral agency, as many callers do not have the financial resources available to address housing issues creating poor indoor air quality.



Example of mold in an apartment in Lincoln.

HEALTH DATA & EVALUATION

- The Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships/Community Health Improvement Plan (MAPP/CHIP) committees have all met at least three times. They are all making progress on setting objectives and determining strategies. On a related note, the Community Health Endowment (CHE) used the MAPP/CHIP priorities (access to care, behavioral health including substance abuse, chronic disease prevention, injury and violence prevention) to set their funding priorities for \$400,000 for applications due August 3rd. It is great that the work of the MAPP Committees has been acknowledged by CHE and that community resources are focused on the same issues.
- The total number of bats with confirmed rabies this year is now six. This is a high number for this time of year and the numbers of bat calls usually don't peak until late in August and into September, so let's hope that the number of bats with rabies doesn't rise significantly. Individuals who may have been in contact have been advised of their options and their medical provider will determine whether prophylaxis shots are needed.
- As for other zoonotic diseases, this is also the time for West Nile Virus (WNV) cases to appear, but so far we have had no human cases in Lancaster County and only three in Nebraska. We need to remain vigilant and remind people to avoid outdoors activity at dawn and dusk, to cover up and use insect repellents to avoid the bite. As a warning, WNV has caused four deaths in Texas so far this summer so the virus is not always a mild one.
- So far, we are not seeing an abnormally high number of communicable diseases (such as those that cause gastroenteritis) that often peak in summer months and we have avoided outbreaks of pertussis (whooping cough) even though the national numbers are up significantly. Washington state and Oregon are particularly hard hit with pertussis and it is spreading throughout the country.
- As I indicated, our cases are few so far. However, with the start of school, children, adolescents and young adults will be back together after summer travels so we will be starting surveillance of school illnesses in August. Parents should be sure that their children are up to date with their vaccinations (DTaP) for pertussis. Teens and older persons (especially parents and grandparents) with close contact to infants need to get vaccinated with a booster (Tdap) to prevent exposure of little ones who are not protected. As for influenza (flu), supplies of flu vaccine are arriving and it won't be long before we will be reminding people to get their flu shot.
- There are some very significant changes with the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) beginning with 2011. The changes and their impact along with a discussion of the data releases for 2011 BRFSS and YRBS (Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance Survey) will be shared with the Board at the August meeting.

HEALTH PROMOTION & OUTREACH

Chronic Disease Prevention and Minority Health Initiative

- Staff are facilitating the Chronic Disease sub-committee of the MAPP/CHIP (Community Health Improvement Plan) process to develop community goals and objectives. The CHIP sub-committee has determined the focus should be on the main contributing factors to chronic diseases and chronic disease prevention – healthy eating, active living, and tobacco use. Objectives will be developed to address these focus areas.
- Staff are working with Kawasaki Motors to provide FOBT kits to employees 50 years and over for distribution in August. Since most FOBT kits are distributed through our pharmacy partners, it is appreciated that the leadership of Kawasaki has made colon cancer awareness one of their priority health issues and asked for assistance in emphasizing the importance of screening for prevention and early detection.
- The first year of the two year grant award for the Minority Health Initiative has been completed with all of the goals for the first year met or exceeded. 845 minority clients established a dental home with 533 of these establishing a dental home at LLCHD. 293 minority clients established a medical home at People's Health Center. Over 5,000 translation encounters were utilized by all partners. More than 2,000 people were screened for high blood pressure with 987 having elevated blood pressure and referred for further assessment. Other goals include providing medication at reduced fees for low income clients, ensuring clients understand the relationship between good oral health and good physical health, and monitoring changes in lifestyle behaviors (for example, weight loss, increased physical activity, smoking cessation, and other health issues).

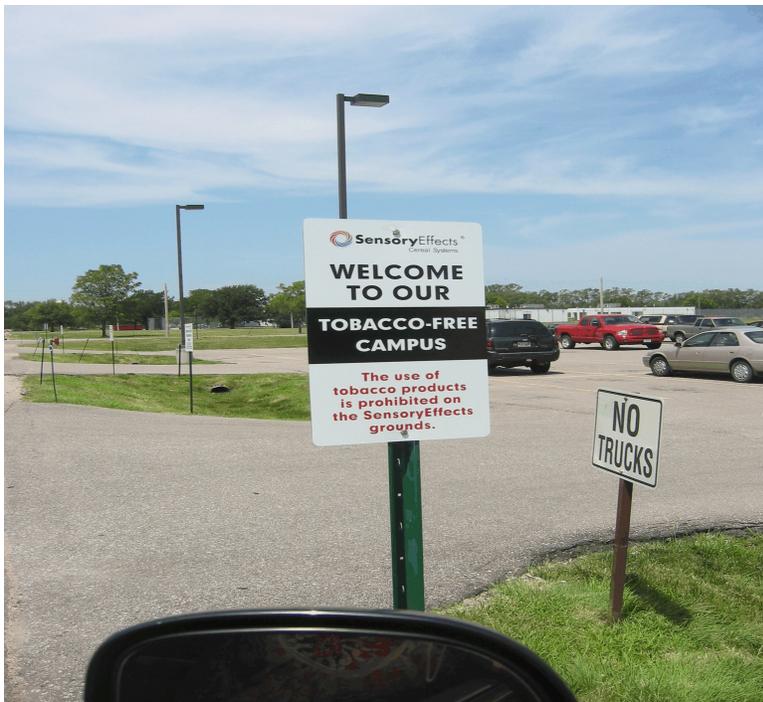
Injury Prevention

- Staff coordinated a car seat event at AAA Nebraska. Thirty seats were checked. The event was done in conjunction with a Safety Day sponsored by AAA Nebraska. Over 100 bike helmets were also distributed by AAA.
- Staff coordinated a Water Safety Clinic for moms at El Centro de las Americas for 20 moms attending a Maternal Child Health class sponsored by the Literacy Council. Life jackets were distributed as incentives.

Tobacco Prevention

- Staff continue to assist businesses to create tobacco free campuses. The process to become tobacco free is typically at least six months. This allows time to educate employees and customers about the up-coming policy change. In addition, most businesses offer opportunities for their tobacco using employees to quit smoking. An

important benefit of becoming a tobacco free campus is that it promotes tobacco cessation among employees. The most recent business to become tobacco free is Sensory Effects Cereal Systems, the manufacturer of Kashi cereals, and employer of nearly 200 people. Staff have worked with the CEO and Human Resources personnel since November 2011 to assist them with the process including developing the policy, providing ideas on signage, creating the timeline, providing educational materials including information on the Nebraska Quitline, and other aspects of implementing a tobacco free campus. The CEO of this business believes in the value of implementing a tobacco free campus policy and has offered to be a business spokesperson for implementation of such a policy as well as a mentor to other businesses.



INFORMATION & FISCAL MANAGEMENT

- Fiscal Operations staff are engaged in assuring that all FY 2012 bills have been received and paid. They are monitoring our budgets to make sure we meet the City deadlines for purchase requisitions and payment vouchers.
- Information Management staff continue to provide support for all the core software in the Department. The Supervisor is working with the Dental Division to prepare for a significant upgrade of the Dentrix software scheduled for the end of August.
- Our application developer is working closely with the Department Personnel Clerk to work out remaining issues with the Time Reporting System. We plan to discontinue the paper system at the beginning of the new Fiscal year in September.

- The Division Manager is participating in a Public Health Accreditation Board Think Tank to identify accreditation standards for informatics (information competencies).



Memorandum

Date: ♦ August 14, 2012
To: ♦ City Clerk
From: ♦ Teresa McKinstry, Planning Dept.
Re: ♦ Administrative Approvals
cc: ♦ Jean Preister, Planning Dept.

This is a list of the administrative approvals by the Planning Director from August 7, 2012 thru August 13, 2012:

Administrative Amendment No. 11060 to Special Permit No. 08034, Whispering Meadows Community Unit Plan, approved by the Planning Director on August 7, 2012, requested by City Bank and Trust, to add notes 27 and 28 to the approved plan; allowing for Lots 1-10 to be either developed as single family lots, or a daycare by special permit or multi-family housing; and adding Outlot F to provide utilities, on property generally located at SW. 27th St. and West A St.

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City/County Planning Department
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Lincoln NE 68508
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Historic Preservation Commission

The City of Lincoln Historic Preservation Commission will hold a public meeting on Thursday, August 16, 2012. The meeting will convene at 1:30 p.m. in **Room 214, 2nd floor, County-City Building**, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, to consider the following agenda. For more information, contact the Planning Department at (402) 441-7491.

August 16, 2012

1. Approval of HPC meeting record of July 19, 2012.
2. Opportunity for persons with limited time or with an item not appearing on the agenda to address the Commission.

HEARING AND ACTION

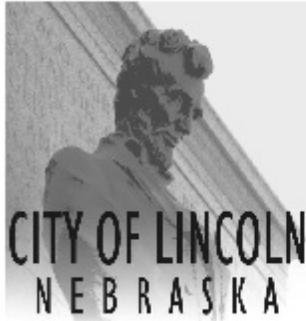
3. Applications by Kent Seacrest on behalf of NeighborWorks Lincoln, that the Dr. O. C. Reynolds House, 2530 Q Street, be granted
 - (a) landmark designation under LMC 27.57.120; and
 - (b) a special permit for historic preservation under LMC 27.63.400.
4. Application by Scott Sullivan on behalf of Engine House Café for a Certificate of Appropriateness for work at 6028 and 6030 Havelock Avenue in the Havelock Avenue Landmark District.
5. Application by City of Lincoln Urban Development Department for a Certificate of Appropriateness for improvements in the S. 11th Street right-of-way in the Everett Landmark District, from approximately Lincoln Mall on the north to A Street on the south.

DISCUSSION

6. Misc.
7. Staff Report.

The Historic Preservation Commission agenda may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/bdscom/hpc/index.htm>

For further information on Historic Preservation in Lincoln, visit <http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/hist/index.htm>



PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES ADVISORY

MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER

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August 9, 2012

Project #702666

**Traffic Signals -
South 27th Street and Randolph Street
South 27th Street and J Street**

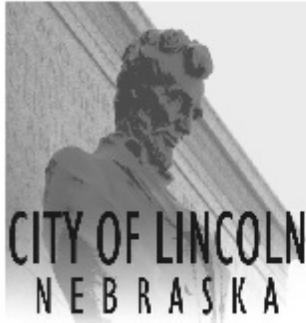
Pedestrian Signal - North of South 27th Street and M Street

Fiber Conduit - West Side of South 27th Street from Randolph Street to O Street

The City of Lincoln is re-building the traffic signals and curb ramps at South 27th Street and Randolph Street and South 27th Street and J Street. A new pedestrian signal will be built where the existing pedestrian signal was north of South 27th Street and M Street. Fiber will be buried west of the west curb line from South 27th Street and Randolph Street to 27th Street and O Street. If you have any questions, please contact one of the following people:

Curt Weber
Engineering Services, City of Lincoln
(402) 416-5345
cweber@lincoln.ne.gov

Paul Hogameyer
Commonwealth Electric
(402) 432-5906



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August 14, 2012

STORMWATER BOND PROJECT

Project #705313

Dudley Street, North 40th Street, Starr Street and Holdrege Street

The City of Lincoln has awarded a contract for stormwater improvements along Dudley Street, Starr Street, North 40th Street and Starr Street to Holdrege Street adjacent to Varner Hall at 3825 Holdrege Street. A map has been included with this advisory which highlights in red the locations impacted by construction of storm sewer improvements. H R Bookstrom Construction Company of Lincoln, Nebraska has been awarded the contract for completion of this work.

The contractor has indicated work will begin August 15, 2012. It is expected the entire project will take eight weeks to complete. The initial phase of this project will be reconstruction of inlets along Starr Street west of North 39th Street, and reconstruction of the major storm sewer pipe from Starr Street to north of East Campus Loop Road in the UNL East Campus. This work will not require the closure of Holdrege Street, but will require the closure of the East Campus Loop in early September.

The contractor will complete the work in North 40th Street south of Holdrege Street and Dudley Street west of North 40th Street in late September into early October. The work in North 40th Street and Dudley Street will require the closure of the streets to through traffic while the construction work is ongoing.

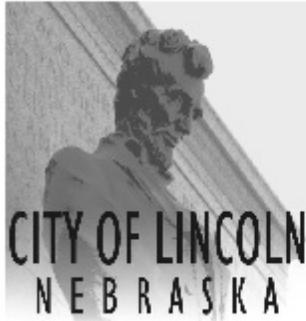
We request the patience and cooperation of residents in this area as the contractor progresses with this work. The Public Works and Utilities Department will administer this contract.

Contacts for this project are:

Project Manger
Engineering Services
Harry Kroos
402-429-4872

Contractor
HR Bookstrom Construction
Darren
402-429-7614

Project Engineer
Engineering Services
Devin Biesecker
402-937-5515



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August 15, 2012

STORM DRAINAGE PROJECT

Project #702638c

WEST SOUTH STREET AT SW 5TH STREET & SW 6TH STREET

The City of Lincoln has awarded a contract for grading and improvements on West South Street adjacent to the intersections at SW 5th Street and SW 6th Street. Valley Corporation of Valley, Nebraska has been awarded the contract for completion of this work.

The contractor has indicated work will begin August 20, 2012. It is expected the project will take two to three weeks to complete. The work will include regrading of the roadside drainage ditches west of SW 6th Street and east of SW 5th Street. A small grate inlet will be constructed on the northwest corner of SW 5th & W South Street and on the northeast corner of SW 6th & W South Street. These grate inlets will be discharged into pipes which will be constructed across West South Street and discharge into the ditch on the south side. This work will require that West South Street be closed to through traffic while the pipes are installed that the paving is restored.

There will be some inconvenience to residents and businesses in this area as the work in ongoing and West South Street is closed. This work will not require the closure of SW 5th Street or SW 6th Street. Local traffic will be allowed to access these streets on South Street from the west and east. The construction work will be limited within the right-of-way of West South Street and should not disrupt the activities of the businesses adjacent to the construction area.

We request the patience and cooperation of residents in this area as the contractor progresses with this work. The Public Works and Utilities Department will administer this contract.

Contacts for this project are:

Project Manger
Engineering Services
Harry Kroos
402-429-4872

Contractor
Valley Corporation
Robert Wells
402-359-2578

Project Engineer
Watershed Management
Ed Kouma
402-441-7018

Mary M. Meyer

From: Jim Hansbrough [jim.hansbrough@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2012 10:32 PM
To: Doug Emery; Jon Camp; Jonathan A. Cook; Carl B. Eskridge; Eugene W. Carroll; Adam A. Hornung; DiAnna R. Schimek
Cc: Miki Esposito; Mary M. Meyer
Subject: Thanks For Your Attention at the City Council Meeting - Regarding Our Children's Safety Concerns Related to the Proposed WalMart
Attachments: Map - WalMart, Adams, Apts 2.pdf; Map - WalMart - Timnath, CO.pdf

To: Members of the City Council

I want to thank each of you for the opportunity to speak this afternoon at the Open Microphone session of the City Council meeting – to address the traffic and children’s safety concerns related to the proposed Entrance/Exit for the proposed WalMart at Grainger Parkway and 27th. Upon reflecting back on my comments, I feel the need to make sure I am clear regarding one point – that the lone exit on Grainger that I am proposing be right turn only. This coupled with not allowing any entry into the proposed WalMart from Grainger will effectively eliminate the “shortcut through the neighborhood” issue. I have not yet heard of any reason why this would not make sense; and therefore, request your evaluation and support of this proposal.

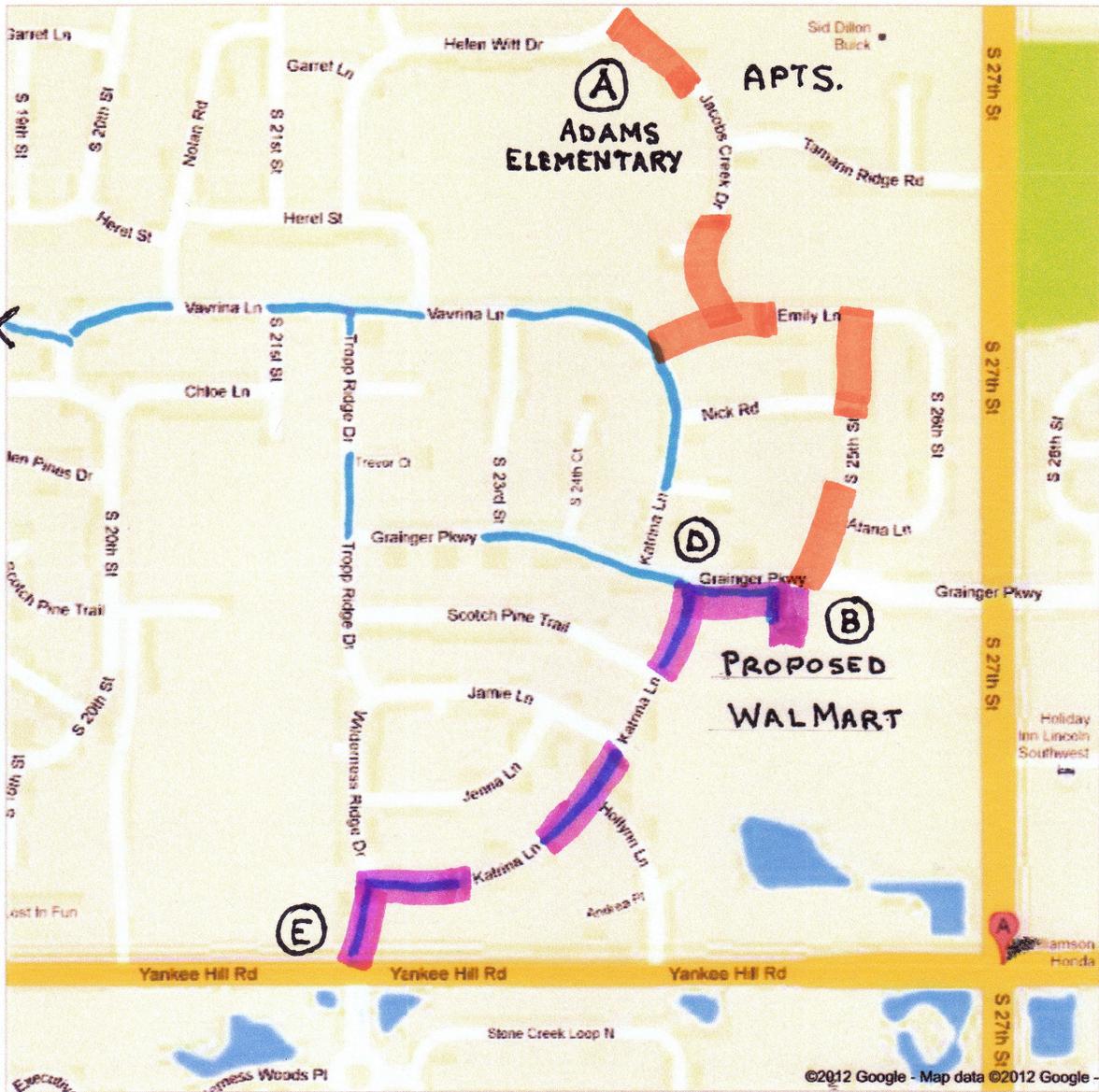
Related to the above, I’ve attached for your easy future reference a digital copy of the two maps we discussed. Thank you for your time and attention to this issue.

Respectfully,

Jim Hansbrough

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Lincoln, NE 68512
402-488-9586
Jim.Hansbrough@gmail.com*

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To
14TH ST.





A. **Walmart Supercenter**
4500 Weitzel Street, Timnath, CO

Mary M. Meyer

From: WebForm [none@lincoln.ne.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2012 12:57 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

Name: Mike Lewis
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City: Lincoln, NE 68502

Phone: 806-368-1876
Fax:
Email: mlewis10@msn.com

Comment or Question:

This is a copy of a letter I just submitted to the Lincoln Journal Star. I also wish to express my opinion on this matter to all members of the City Council.

On Monday, several citizens urged the Lincoln City Council to support a U.S. constitutional amendment allowing government regulation of corporate campaign speech. I hope the Council will ignore this misguided plea.

If you argue that corporations don't have free speech rights, you are arguing that the Journal Star doesn't have the right to publish editorials, or that a mom-and-pop business doesn't have the right to use its resources to speak out against an unfair regulation, or that a nonprofit advocacy group doesn't have the right to organize a protest. That's crazy. In addition, I have never heard an emptier slogan than "money is not speech." Sure, money isn't technically speech. Neither is a loudspeaker. Neither is a word-processing program. Neither is the canvas used to make a banner. They are all tools used to enable speech. And if you regulate or ban the use of any of them, you of course regulate or ban speech.

Yes, we should be concerned about how "big money" is influencing our electoral process, and yes, we should be discussing possible solutions, including public financing and tougher disclosure requirements. But denying corporations' rights to participate in public debate is deeply unwise and dangerous.

Mary M. Meyer

From: WebForm [none@lincoln.ne.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2012 9:23 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

Name: Greg L. Votava
Address: 7601 Brummond Dr.
City: Lincoln, NE, 68516

Phone: 402-730-7601
Fax:
Email: paistyg@gmail.com

Comment or Question:
Dear city Council Members:

I was troubled to see that the City of Lincoln has such a restrictive interpretation of a "lodging house" and the city zoning code, and has yet again put a stop to something positive in our community by not allowing homeowners to rent their properties to weekend football fans.

Homes on www.lincolnfootballrentals.com are listed between \$1,500 and \$2,500 per weekend, plus a \$1,000 deposit. The people that can afford to pay those kind of rates include, older established couples and corporations sending their jetsetters on a weekend outing. They are not your typical college, party crowd. Yet, I am being singled out because I don't live close enough to downtown?

Before putting my home on this site, I checked with my insurance company and they said OK. My home is 8 miles away from the downtown party scene and provides a quite comfortable place for those people to enjoy their time in Lincoln following and before the game. It provides close access to SouthPointe Pavilions and other attractions.

I am a responsible homeowner. When building my house I was required to pass all your inspections and pay for all your regulations and taxes. I'm just looking for a way to offset \$39K evaluation increase on my property this year. You just took \$10,000-\$14,000 out of my pocket.

I am asking for a temporary change in your interpretation for this year. A permitting option can be addressed for future years so you can collect more tax money.

How can I get on your agenda to present my case?

Sincerely

Greg L. Votava
Homeowner

Message from Anne Tapley Gasper and Russ Gasper.

08.15.12

In support of renting out homes for Husker home games. The revenue would be good for the City. People renting out homes may pay a fee to the City. Would like to see City wide.

Mary M. Meyer

From: WebForm [none@lincoln.ne.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 16, 2012 1:25 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

Name: Norman and Patricia Carlson
Address: 6501 W. Remington Dr.
City: Lincoln, NE 68532

Phone: 505-716-3907
Fax:
Email: normpatricia@gmail.com

Comment or Question:

This letter is in regards to your decision to not allow home owners to rent their homes to people here for football games. I feel this is an infringement on my rights and prevents me from using something that belongs to me in a way that I choose and is not causing problems to others or those in my neighborhood. My husband and I have recently retired and moved here to Lincoln and would greatly appreciate the revenue earned in order to pay bills. We sincerely hope that you will reconsider this decision. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.
Norm and Patricia.

**DIRECTORS' AGENDA
ADDENDUM
MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 2012**

I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR & DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

MAYOR

1. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler's public schedule for the week of August 8, 2012 through August 24, 2012.
2. NEWS ADVISORY. City officials will announce next steps in City's water conservation efforts at a news conference Sunday, August 19th, 3:00 p.m., at 4940 Bear Creek Road.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Capital City ready for game-day traffic.
4. NEWS RELEASE. No criminal wrongdoing found in golf investigation.
5. NEWS RELEASE. Water restriction violators will be ticketed beginning Monday, August 20th. City officials to consider more stringent restrictions Thursday.

III. DIRECTORS

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

1. Lincoln MPO Officials Committee meeting agenda for August 23, 2012.
2. Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission meeting agenda for August 23, 2012.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. Letter from Seacrest & Kalkowski requesting delay of Change of Zone 12018. (Each Council member received individual letter)

JON CAMP

1. Mark Fleharty correspondence to Councilman Camp on his frustrations with Wal Mart and their stand of ignoring residents and Lincoln citizens on neighborhood concerns.

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

1. Cindy Elder's InterLinc correspondence in support of the water restrictions, with a caveat of watering vegetable gardens which provide food for citizens.

Date: August 17, 2012

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

Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule
Week of August 18 through 24, 2012
Schedule subject to change

Monday, August 20

- Mayor's Award of Excellence - 3 p.m., Council Chambers, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.

Friday, August 24

- "Creature Comforts Gala" – Habitat for Humanity fundraiser - 6 p.m., Country Club of Lincoln, 3200 S. 24th St.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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

DATE: August 17, 2012

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831
Cell 402-525-1520

City officials will announce the next steps in the City's water conservation efforts at a news conference at **3 p.m. Sunday, August 19** at **4940 Bear Creek Road.**

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 17, 2012

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831
Scott Opfer, Public Works and Utilities, 402-441-7711
Ken Smith, City Parking Manager, 402-441-4617

CAPITAL CITY READY FOR GAME-DAY TRAFFIC

Mayor Chris Beutler welcomes visitors to Lincoln for Husker football games and says Nebraska's Capital City is ready to accommodate fans and game-day traffic. The Huskers home season begins Sept. 1. Drivers and pedestrians will notice freshly paved downtown streets as well as the completion of the six-lane Antelope Valley Parkway from the Devaney Center to Capitol Parkway. Other projects are under way in the downtown and Haymarket areas:

- Construction continues in the West Haymarket area for the new Pinnacle Bank Arena and related redevelopment. Work is under way west of 7th Street, and construction zone signs are posted. Do not enter areas marked with either orange fence or chain link fence.
- Fencing will be in place on the south side of "R" Street from 8th to 9th streets because of the new hotel construction, and the street may be closed for the first two games.
- The renovation of Nebraska's Centennial Mall has closed the roadway (the equivalent of 15th Street) from "N" to "O" streets. That segment is expected to re-open in late September, and at that time, the roadway will close from "O" to "P" streets. In the construction zone, pedestrians are protected by fencing that creates walkways along the east and west perimeters of the Mall.

The Mayor encourages fans to check the City website at lincoln.ne.gov for the latest information on street construction and on City programs to help beat game-day traffic and parking challenges:

- Travel to and from games on StarTran's Big Red Express (startran.lincoln.ne.gov).
- Reserve pre-paid event parking at City garages (parkandgo.org).
- Purchase a \$9 tag for all-day, on-street parking in metered stalls from any City parking employee wearing a Park & Go shirt at City-operated parking facilities.

The Mayor also encourages fans to enjoy Lincoln by arriving early and lingering downtown after games. (*More information on the Big Red Express and parking follows this release.*)

Those traveling downtown need to be aware that parking violations and towing are now more expensive. Meters are enforced Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and the following fine system is in effect:

- If the ticket is paid online within seven days from when it is written, the fine is \$9.
- If the ticket is paid in person or through the mail within seven days, the fine is \$10.
- If the ticket is paid after seven days, the fine is \$25 (in person or by mail) or \$24 (online).

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The City also has implemented a \$50 towing fine for vehicles towed by order of the Police or a Parking Control Officer. The fine is charged in addition to the \$49.53 required to get a vehicle out of the impoundment lot. The towing fine does not apply to cars towed from a private lot.

On football game days, Interstate 80 exits at I-180/Downtown and 27th Street can be very congested, so visitors are encouraged to use other routes into Lincoln:

- From the east, take the Hwy. 6/Cornhusker Hwy. exit (409). Turn south at State Fair Park Drive and west on Salt Creek Roadway to reach Memorial Stadium, the Champion's Club and parking facilities east of the stadium and in the Haymarket.
- From the west, exit I-80 at Homestead Expressway/Hwy. 77 South, then go east on Rosa Parks Way.
- Those using I-80 who plan to park in the Haymarket Park lots will experience less congestion if they enter Lincoln using the airport exit (399).

Work continues on the North 14th Street project. Fans wishing to enter Lincoln from the north using 14th Street will be detoured to North 27th Street. All other highways will be open, and Interstate I-80 will have at least two lanes open in each direction.

Other traffic reminders:

- After games, 10th Street is one-way northbound from Military Avenue to Sun Valley Boulevard.
- Stadium Drive west of the stadium will be closed to all vehicular traffic. Passenger drop-off and pick-up will not be allowed in front of the stadium before or after the game. Fans can be dropped off and picked up at 10th and Charleston streets and 12th and "R" streets.
- Only StarTran buses and those using UNL lots 12, 22 and 23 or handicapped parking will be allowed west of 16th Street on Vine.
- Charter buses will park on "W" Street between 14th and 16th streets.
- The taxi stand is at 14th and Vine streets.
- Downtown bike lanes are on 14th Street from "L" to "R" streets and on 11th Street from "Q" to "K" streets.

Other general reminders:

- Alcohol is prohibited on City streets, parking lots, garages and sidewalks including the trail between Haymarket Park and 8th Street.
- The sale of tickets, souvenirs or other items is not allowed on City streets or sidewalks. Officers will issue citations for violations that inhibit the use of the street or sidewalk.
- Lock your vehicle and put valuable items out of sight to prevent theft.
- Backpacks and umbrellas are not allowed in Memorial Stadium.

BIG RED EXPRESS

In addition to its regular routes, StarTran will provide its Big Red Express service on Husker game days starting two hours before kickoff from six locations:

- **NEW LOCATION** - N.W. 12th and West Bond (Airport exit 399). Turn right just north of McDonald's Restaurant
- Gateway Mall, 61st and "O." Buses load north of Penney's
- North Star High School, 5801 N. 33rd St. (six blocks east of N. 27th Street and Folkways Blvd.)
- Holmes Lake, 70th and Normal, north end of the lake
- Southeast Community College, 8800 "O" St., parking lot on south side
- SouthPointe Pavilions, 27th and Pine Lake Road, south side of Von Maur

Due to east stadium construction at UNL, buses will drop-off and depart from a new location on "R" Street between 12th to 14th streets. The cost is \$4 each way for adults and \$1 each way for children age 12 and under, and passengers will need exact change. Electronic signs will help direct fans to the Big Red Express locations. Big Red Express season tickets, good for round-trip travel for all home games, are available for \$40 at StarTran, 710 "J" Street; the SouthPointe Pavilions office; or at the lots on game day. For more information, call 402-476-1234 or visit startran.lincoln.ne.gov.

PARKING

The City recommends reserving reduced-price, pre-paid, event parking through the City Web site, lincoln.ne.gov, and through parkandgo.org. Football parking locations and fees are:

- **City-County**, 10th and "K" streets - \$10 on site and \$6 online
- **South City-County**, 701 S. 10th St. and **West City-County**, 802 "J" St. - \$5 on site and online
- **Carriage Park**, 1120 "L" St. and **Cornhusker Square**, 1220 "L" St., and **Center Park**, 1100 "N" St. - \$17 on site, \$13 online
- **Haymarket**, 9th and "Q" streets; **Iron Horse** (on site only), 7th and "Q" streets; **Market Place**, 10th and "Q" streets; **Que Place**, 1111 "Q" St.; **Lumberworks** (on site only), 711 "O" St.; **Lincoln Station South**, 7th and "P" streets; **University Square**, 101 N. 14th St.; **Larson Building**, 1317 "Q" streets - \$20 on site, \$16 online
- **Sun Valley and Charleston St.** (near Oak Lake Park) vehicle parking - \$5 on site and online

Grills are not allowed in City garages. RV parking is available at Sun Valley and Charleston for \$10, and at the North Bottoms lot, 14th and New Hampshire, for \$20. Grills are allowed at these locations. RV parking may be purchased online. Fans planning to stay Friday night on City property **must** purchase their parking online and display the permit in their RV overnight. Unlike last year, RV parking will not be allowed at the Haymarket Park baseball/softball complex.

A number of private lots are available. Rates vary, and some offer season passes. Vehicles blocking drives, parked too close to the intersection, parked on public right of way or interfering with vehicle and pedestrian traffic will be towed.

UNL parking lots will be available for use six hours prior to kick off. Game-day parking information and maps are available at <http://parking.unl.edu/> (keyword: football). Parking also is available at the following University areas for \$15:

- 17th and “R” garage
- 19th and Vine Street garage
- 1150 N. 14th St.
- 15th and Vine streets
- 1410 “Q” St.
- Harper Schramm Smith Food Service, 14th and “Y” streets
- 16th and “X” streets
- 1700 “Y” St.
- Anderson Hall, 16th St. between “P” and “Q” streets
- 18th and “R” streets
- Beadle Center, 19th St. north of “S” St.
- 1820 “R” St.
- 900 North 22nd St.
- Business Services Complex, 17th St. north of “Y” St.
- 22nd and Vine streets
- 23rd and “W” streets
- 14th and Court streets
- 16th and Court streets
- North Antelope Valley Roadway and Military Avenue

Wheelchair accessible parking is available at UNL Lot 5, Stadium Drive and Holdrege, for \$15 per vehicle. Handicapped parking is available at:

- Mabel Lee Hall (vans only) - \$15
- 14th and R streets - \$15
- 14th and Avery garage - \$15, with free cart shuttle
- 14th and “U” streets, east of Morrill Hall - \$15
- 14th St. between Vine and “W” streets, free on-street parking where available
- 17th and “R” garage - \$15 with bus service

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 17, 2012

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

NO CRIMINAL WRONGDOING FOUND IN GOLF INVESTIGATION

No further financial issues discovered

Mayor Chris Beutler today announced that the Lincoln Police Department found no criminal wrongdoing in the actions of a golf program employee regarding soft drink contracts. Golf Manager Dale Hardy signed contracts between the City's Ager Junior Golf Course and a national soft drink company without the proper authorization. The contracts also resulted in personal benefit to Hardy. The existence of the contracts was discovered by the City Purchasing Division, and the Mayor announced the investigation and audit July 18.

A separate "agreed upon procedures engagement" of the golf program by HBE Becker Meyer Love LLC, a local CPA firm, also found no further financial impropriety beyond the inappropriately signed contracts originally identified by City staff.

Under the contracts Hardy signed, a portion of the proceeds from sales went into a retirement account for him with the PGA of America in partnership with the soft drink company, an acceptable practice when Hardy was an independent contractor for the City. Confusion about whether the practice could continue once Hardy became a City employee led to about \$800 being deposited into Hardy's retirement account from these contracts. The Police investigation found there was no intent to unlawfully receive funds.

"Despite the lack of criminal charges, this situation represents a serious violation of City policy and warrants appropriate consequences," said Parks and Recreation Director Lynn Johnson. "City employees cannot benefit personally from the terms of a City contract."

Hardy received a suspension with no pay, will pay restitution for the retirement funds designated for him, and is required to take training in the City procurement process. He has returned to work. The restitution will be paid into the Jim Ager Golf Marathon Fund in the Parks and Recreation Foundation.

Hardy was an independent contractor for the City until 2001 when he became a City employee. While an independent contractor, he had the authority to enter into contracts with vendors. The City contract approval process requires authorization by a department head or the Mayor.

Johnson said Hardy's supervisor approved signing the contracts and the private retirement fund arrangement. Personnel action was not taken with Hardy's supervisor because he recently retired from City employment.

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“I apologize for my part in the situation,” Hardy said. “I’m glad to put the matter to rest and get back to work supporting the City’s excellent public golf program.”

“I want to thank Lincoln Pepsi for their cooperation in the investigations,” Johnson said. “Lincoln Pepsi is a well-respected vendor in our community and did nothing wrong in offering the contracts. Department staff should have assured that proper contracting procedures were followed. This has be a challenging time for the Ager staff and customers. Despite the recent challenges, Ager pro Scott Wiehe has done an outstanding job managing the facility. Because of his efforts, the Jim Ager Golf Course remains a well managed and popular municipal golf facility.”

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 19, 2012

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-525-1520
Tom Casady, Public Safety Director, 402-430-5044
Jerry Obrist, Lincoln Water System, 402-416-5315

WATER RESTRICTION VIOLATORS
WILL BE TICKETED, BEGINNING MONDAY
City officials to consider more stringent restrictions Thursday

Public Safety Director Tom Casady said today that the Lincoln Police Department (LPD) will begin issuing tickets Monday, August 20 for any violations of the City mandatory water restrictions. LPD will no longer issue warnings. Since the mandatory restrictions went into effect August 9, LPD has responded to about 475 reported violations. Only two citations have been issued.

Because of historically flows in the Platte River basin, all water customers are now **REQUIRED** to follow the designated day schedule for all outdoor watering, including the washing of vehicles:

- ***Properties with street addresses ending in even numbers (0, 2, 4, 6 and 8) must limit outdoor water use to Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays.***
- ***Properties with street addresses ending in odd numbers (1, 3, 5, 7 and 9) must limit outdoor water use to Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.***
- ***No watering is allowed on Mondays, except for designated uses.***
- ***Property owners with more than one street address at the same location can choose either schedule and must notify the Lincoln Water System (LWS) of their decision.***

“This year, a tan yard is a sign of good citizenship,” Casady said at a news conference in his front yard, where he has allowed his grass to go dormant. “We desperately need more people to think twice about the importance of lush lawns in comparison to the critical water needs of the community. Ten days has been plenty of warning. I think we've been quite patient with people who have claimed that they were unaware of the restrictions or hadn't reset their timers.”

Violators who are convicted may be punished by a fine of up to \$500 dollars or up to six months in jail or both. Each day that a violation continues is a separate offense. Violations can be reported to the LPD non-emergency number - 402-441-6000.

Jerry Obrist, Utilities Coordinator for the Lincoln Water System (LWS), said City officials will meet again Thursday August 23 to review water use and river flow. He said the next step could be limiting outdoor watering to two days a week.

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Obrist said water use the first eight days of first of August averaged 65.1 million gallons per day. Since mandatory restrictions went into effect, water use has averaged about 56.9 million gallons per day. Flows in the Platte River are averaging about 332 cubic feet per second (cfs) this month. That compares to an average of 1,192 cfs in the same time period in 2002, the last time the City issued mandatory water restrictions.

Under the mandatory water restrictions, washing sidewalks, driveways and other paved areas is prohibited unless necessary to prevent imminent danger to health or safety. Re-filling or adding water to private swimming pools and wading pools may occur only between midnight and 6 a.m.

Those with questions on the water restrictions can contact LWS at 402-441-5918. The City website at lincoln.ne.gov also includes the daily usage totals, the City's Water Management Plan and tips on water conservation.



Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization

County-City Building
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Lincoln, Nebraska 68508
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TO: Officials Committee Members
FROM: Miki Esposito, Chairman of Technical Committee
SUBJECT: Officials Committee Meeting

An Officials Committee meeting is scheduled as follows:

DATE: August 23, 2012
TIME: 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
PLACE: Mayor's Conference Room
County-City Building

Meeting Agenda:

Roll call and acknowledge the "Nebraska Open Meeting Act"

1. Review and action on the draft minutes of the **June 21, 2012** Officials Committee meetings. (*enclosure*)
2. Review and action on *revisions* to the **FY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program**. The approved TIP report is located on the Lincoln MPO web page, www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/mpo/. (*Staff report enclosed*)
3. Review and action on *revisions* to the proposed **FY 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program**. The approved TIP report is located on the Lincoln MPO web page, www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/mpo/. (*Staff report enclosed*)
4. Report on Technical Committee discussion on the possibility of initiating Biennial MPO Programs for the **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)** and **Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)** to match the local two-year budgeting cycle. (*Staff report enclosed*)
5. Other topics for discussion.

Next MPO Officials Committee Meeting: September 27, 2012



**City of Lincoln
Planning**

**Nebraska Capitol Environs
Commission Agenda**

The Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission will hold a scheduled public meeting on Thursday, August 23, 2012. 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 August 23, 2012

1. Approval of meeting notes of [July 26, 2012](#)

* [Memo from Ed Zimmer](#)

Public Hearing & Action

2. Certificate of Appropriateness for [Fuzzy's Tacos](#) for a sidewalk café on Centennial Mall North (adjacent 1442 O Street) in the Capitol Environs District.
3. Certificate of Appropriateness for McMaster Enterprise Inc. for demolition at 1236 H Street in the Capitol Environs District.

Discussion

4. Update on Centennial Mall
5. Miscellaneous

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August 17, 2012

City Council Members
555 South 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

RE: Request for Delay of Change of Zone 12018

Dear City Council Members:

Our law firm represents Kinport Corporation, who is the developer of the property generally located at North 35th Street and Holdrege Street and applicant for a planned unit development that is scheduled for Public Hearing on August 20, 2012. We would like to respectfully request a two week delay on the above referenced project that would extend the public hearing to September 10, 2012.

We will be filing an appeal to City Council regarding a requirement for a right turn lane into the proposed development. City staff members have been very cooperative on our PUD Application and the extra time will allow us to solidify a win-win situation. We are also working with the City Administration on the Redevelopment Agreement. We anticipate the hearing for the Redevelopment Agreement to be scheduled for September 10th, as well as the appeal. Consequently, we would like to have all three items scheduled for public hearing on the same date, making it more convenient for all parties, including the neighbors.

Please note, this request does not include item 12R-190 on the Agenda regarding the Redevelopment Plan as that is a different applicant. If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Very truly yours,



KENT SEACREST
For the Firm

cc: Jordan Berger, Kinport Corporation
City Clerk
Marvin Krout
Miki Esposito
David Landis
Ann Bleed, ECHO

Mary M. Meyer

Subject: Walmart Frustrations

Sent: Sunday, August 19, 2012 3:05 PM

To: dschimek@lincoln.ne.gov; Jon Camp

Subject: Walmart Frustrations

To whom it may concern:

Now that Walmart has decided to go forward with their plans to build a Walmart, I would like to voice my frustration AGAIN. It seems to me that this process has been entirely one sided. It's been the homeowners, concerned residents and some select leaders within the city council who have made any efforts at all to convince Walmart to change it's mind. Walmart has stood by with absolutely no intentions of listening to any of concerns or doing anything about it. As I stated in a previous e-mail this is quite infuriating to me as a citizen and resident. Walmart says they are doing everything possible to be a "Good Neighbor". A good neighbor doesn't ignore another neighbor's concerns. A good neighbor doesn't act the way Walmart has. Recently, I heard about the denial of the liquor license for the Sam's Club that is being built. Unfortunately, I don't think the city council took this far enough. Why go back and re-vote? Who cares if it delays Sam's Club. I know...times aren't great and the city needs the jobs and the "growth". But do you really think that after they have built a huge building that they really wouldn't go forward with opening the store? Even if it was delayed...who cares. You will ultimately still get the jobs added and you will ultimately get another store in Lincoln. Sometimes you have to make a stand against big business and I feel like we fell short on this one. Liquor license aside, I think what bothers me more than anything is that no big business should be able to dictate to a community what it is going to do. The community should be able to dictate what it wants in the community. And while I can exercise my feelings, Walmart is probably right in that there will be enough people that come support their business that they will build there anyway. Problem is, no one is going to admit this is a mistake in a year or two when someone's kid is killed by a semi-truck that takes a wrong turn through the neighborhood. Or when a car goes speeding through the neighborhood to get their shopping done....no one is going to record that the reason they were speeding through the neighborhood and a child was killed was because Walmart built there. Those type of stats will not be kept and no one is going to bother to tie those stats together. Walmart will deny they are to blame and maybe they won't be directly. But indirectly, they will be to blame, but no one will care. It's frustrating to me, how Walmart has acted. At least if they would have come with open ears and actually made an effort to address 2 or 3 of our concerns, it would have made me feel like they listened. Instead, I feel like they slapped us in the face AGAIN (reminder of the 4 million we've had to pay for the site they were going to occupy on highway 77 and West Denton).

Quite honestly, this sounds almost childish, but I really wouldn't mind seeing something like what I'm about to suggest implemented. When you have business who behave like Walmart has, I would like it if it was possible, to pass a city ordinance that required any future Walmarts had to get express written consent from the city council to build. Maybe it is a list of "businesses" that don't act in good faith that in order to build within our city limits, they would be required to get express written consent. It probably also points to the fact that I think our zoning in our city is messed up.

Regardless, thank you for listening to my frustrations and for any efforts you have made. I would support any last ditch efforts that could be made to stop Walmart at this point...or at the very least, get them to listen.

Thanks.

Mark Fleharty, 7709 Tropp Ridge Drive, Lincoln, NE 68512

Mary M. Meyer

From: WebForm [none@lincoln.ne.gov]
Sent: Sunday, August 19, 2012 9:41 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

Name: Cindy Elder
Address: 2801 South St
City: Lincoln, NE 68502

Phone:
Fax:
Email: cindyelder@gmail.com

Comment or Question:

Hello,

I wanted to let you all know that I am greatly in favor of more water restrictions. There is really no good reason for any green grass in this city when there is a drought.

If you do decide to have further water restrictions, PLEASE include an exception for gardens with edible food for humans. People may garden into late fall, depending on the temperatures, so it is essential that people be able to water them, so they can eat.

Thanks,
Cindy Elder

**MINUTES
DIRECTORS' MEETING
AUGUST 20, 2012**

Present: Adam Hornung, Chair; Carl Eskridge, Vice Chair; Jon Camp; Gene Carroll; Doug Emery; and DiAnna Schimek

Others: Joan Ross, City Clerk; Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff; Steve Hubka, Finance Director; Marvin Krout, Planning Director; Rod Confer, City Attorney; and Miki Esposito, Public Works & Utilities Director

Chair Hornung opened the meeting at 2:01 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

I. CITY CLERK

Ross stated first is the Mayor's Award of Excellence. Then reports of City Officers. Items 1 and 2 have Motions to Amend to correct the effective date of their appointments.

Ross named the items to be called together, #'s 8/9, 10/11, 12/13, and 14/15. All applicant and manager applications. Under Ordinances; Items 16/17/18 related and will call together. Ross questioned if Items 19/20, Interlocal Agreements between the City and LPS should be called together? One for Sherman Field and the other associated with Belmont Elementary. Hornung suggested doing separately. Ross stated Items 21/22 would have been called together but received a letter from Seacrest Law to delay Item 22. Carroll commented to extend the public meeting until September 10th. Krout stated as part of the overall development plan an issue on how Holdrege may want some additional off street parking, and a concern on the right of way, separate, but related, to the PUD. They want the testimony. They have to file a separate appeal for a deviation request, and it's been denied in part by Public Works. The Council will have a hearing, and to schedule as a related issue. Council can discuss the PUD and the appeal of the deviation.

Esposito stated when we discussed hearing together, received a deviation form, which is filed when people want certain criteria or standards. This basically for the removal of an existing right turn lane. Public Works has exceeded their authority in granting the deviation for the removal of the right turn lane. Not allowed, unlike Council, to look beyond at whether the neighborhood wants. Council has unconditional approval authority over deviation requests, Public Works does not. Esposito stated she is asking Council to look at the request on the removal of an existing right turn lane, going to 35th Street off Holdrege, weighing all interests and making a decision. Hornung reiterated Item 22 will have the public hearing delayed. Krout stated will be heard on September 10th as a deviation request.

Ross stated under Public Hearing Resolutions, #'s 24/25/26 related and will call together. Under Third Reading Ordinance, Item 30, has Motion to Amend, No. 1, to accept the substitute annexation agreement.

Hubka covered a few changes. Page 5, paragraph 23, number for the Social Security fund went from 2,348,842 to 2,348,170. Page 9, paragraph 41, Parks and re-appropriated funds from 52,319 to 52,409. Page 10, Parks and Recreation, paragraph 41, drinking foundation, from 6,234 to 6,324, \$90. On Schedules 2 and 3 classified 2,012 fire renovation at the MSC. Page C7 and D5, from C7 to C4, D5 to D3, reclassified the funds. These are the changes from the resolution emailed. The most important was the numbers from the County Assessor's statement which stay the same. As indicated, our base went from what was in the budget of 3 ½ % to 4.88%, per direction received from the Council, and was shifted to the Police and Fire Pension Fund in the amount of \$625,063. A significant boost in the Fund funding. Did point out this caused the level of spending to show an increase in the budget.

Camp asked for the total increase in spending. Hubka replied 5.46. From a little under 5, close to 5 ½. Camp inquired about the second year. Hubka stated they left evaluations the same as the first year. Increased approximately 125,000, a much lesser impact. Camp asked if evaluations left the same as the first year, at 3 ½ %? Hubka replied the first year is 4.88%. Initially projected 3 ½% plus an additional 1%. We had high increases this year and thought prudent to leave the second year the same. Will be back next year for approval of the tax rate, and thought we should leave them.

Hoppe said a 13% or 14% increase over '12-'13. Camp asked, in the 2nd year looking at a hundred and some thousand? Hubka said \$125,000 additional to Police and Fire Pension Fund, good news. We had sales tax increases, plus a boost in the property tax base. He stated LES wanted us to inform Council that because of the return on equity ordinance there will be a slight electric increase, starting September 1. Appears it will be ten cents, or less, per bill. With their equity up a little from the prior year they have to raise money to meet the 2.4% in the ordinance. Citizens will see starting September 1. Camp stated the \$2 on our residential might go to \$2.10? Hubka stated the overall impact on their revenues is .20%. Camp asked about other meters, which are \$9.80? Hubka thought it would be proportional. Pretty insignificant being .2% average with some variations. Camp said was looking at \$6.7 million, and now? Hubka replied we were at about \$6.3 million, now will be at \$6.7 or \$6.8 million. After it hits \$7 million, it's capped.

Eskridge inquired to the total amount of increase to StarTran? With the route from the University? Hubka said about \$1 million. The first year it's only in effect from January until August. And the full implication is over \$1 million. Eskridge asked about the increased cost of health care coverage? Hubka stated will be 21%. Roughly about \$2.4 million in tax funds. City wide it is probably \$4 million.

Hoppe added the first year of the StarTran/UNL contract is about \$1.3 and the second year about \$1.9. Plus about 3% the years after. Hubka added it didn't increase the tax budget, as the money is in the StarTran fund, but increased the StarTran budget. Didn't increase the subsidy, which you see in the budget.

Confer stated on Item 27 probably need to ask for a delay. Hoppe asked if we could go to September 10th? The County Sheriff's office has a couple of questions on the interlocal they want to work out with the Public Safety Director. Leave Public Hearing open on September 10th and finish up at that point.

II. MAYOR

1. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor presents June Award of Excellence to Chris Myers, Northeast District Park Supervisor, Parks and Recreation Department.

2. NEWS RELEASE. Volunteers needed for "No Coast Coastal Cleanup".

No comments

Hoppe stated everyone probably saw Director Casady on air Sunday announcing the change of policy with tickets issued for water restrictions violations. No longer would be issuing warnings. This morning had approximately 80 tickets, with Monday the no water day. We try to reassure people that we're not bad citizens but need a standard to enforce the law. Camp asked if a \$500 fine? Hoppe replied up to \$500, not sure how a judge will set. Now not a set amount, a misdemeanor. Camp asked with a ticket, they go to court where the judge determines how much? Confer replied that is the procedure we will follow, as there is no fee schedule established. We asked the County Court to establish a fee. Hopefully will give us a fee schedule so a citizen could pay, not go to court. Camp asked if anticipating \$500? Confer replied no. Camp asked how is determined? Confer answered with a trial. The judge determines the reason, and any circumstances and fine accordingly. Camp thought with a fee schedule, citizens could plead guilty. Would they plead guilty to \$500? Confer replied no, with a fee schedule possibly could plead guilty without appearing before a judge. Camp asked to avoid litigation isn't there a category, to have discretion and save the Court time? Confer replied they're working on now.

III. DIRECTORS

FINANCE DEPARTMENT/BUDGET

1. August sales tax reports reflecting June activity:
 - a) Actual Compared to Projected Sales Tax Collections;
 - b) Gross Sales Tax Collections (with refunds added back in) 2007-2008 through 2011-2012;
 - c) Sales Tax Refunds 2007-2008 through 0221-2012; and
 - d) Net Sales Tax Collections 2007-2008 through 2011-2012.

No comments

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

1. Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department meeting minutes of July 10, 2012.
2. Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department Report for July, 2012.

No comments.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

1. Administrative approvals by the Planning Director from August 7, 2012 through August 13, 2012.
2. Lincoln Historic Preservation Commission meeting agenda for Thursday, August 16, 2012 at 555 S. 10th Street, Room 214, at 1:30 p.m.

No comments

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES/ENGINEERING

1. ADVISORY. Project #702666. Traffic signals: South 27th Street and Randolph Street, South 27th Street and J Street. Pedestrian signal - north of South 27th Street and M Street. Fiber conduit - west side of South 27th Street from Randolph Street to O Street.
2. ADVISORY. Stormwater Bond Project. Project #705313. Dudley Street, North 40th Street, Starr Street and Holdrege Street.
 - a) Stormwater Bond Improvements, Project #705313, map.
3. ADVISORY. Storm Drainage Project. Project #702638c. West South Street at SW 5th Street and SW 6th Street.

No comments

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

Schimek No comments

Carroll No comments

Hornung On the water restriction, where are we on the averages? Esposito stated Lincoln did good over the weekend, in the 57, 58 range. Sunday at 60. The river flows are up, and temperatures continue to break. Seeing good trends with the mandatory restrictions. We could supply water for the next 90 days if we stay at these levels, with usage between 50 and 65. Hoppe added, also depends on the river flow. If river flow gets down to 200 square cubic feet per second, then need to be like 55, making sure of the 90 days supply. Now 60 is fine, but if we continue to have a reduced flow, would need to go lower. Esposito added the river keeps fluctuating. The middle of last week it went way down because of irrigation. Up and down and hasn't been predictively at a level we need. Hornung stated with reference to 90 days, it's based on 90 days if the water completely stops? Or, a minimum, assuming every day we get another 90 days? Esposito replied with mandatory restrictions modeled for 90 days, 30, 60 and 90 days, at 200 CFS and levels of 55-60 usage. Camp asked if regular flow is 200 cubic feet? Esposito said a regular flow of 200 CFS. Hornung asked what was the river flow today?

Esposito replied today above 400, but last week was back down in the 200 range. Hoppe added 400 sounds great, but the last time with water restrictions it was like 600 CFS. Even 400 not a really good standard. Owen thought normal flow was in the range of 1200 or 1500. Hoppe added we're preparing for the worst case scenario. Hornung asked if projection based on 90 day period? Hoppe replied when the flow was at the lowest level. Hornung asked if water continued to flow at that rate for 90 days, what would happen at the 90 day end? Esposito replied, we'd hope for rain in September, October, with water increases. Confer added we're taking it out faster than we're recharging. Hornung said at the end of that period essentially no water. Esposito agreed, adding, in September irrigation will decrease.

Camp Stated we did have the Commons report on the future potential RTSD situation. Are we going to have other discussions? Or limited to the RTSD representatives? Emery stated he's not sure why we had the discussion, as there is no money in the RTSD for the project. That was voted out of the budget. Not much to discuss until such time they decide they want to come back with the RTSD. Camp has received 2 calls making suggestions. One is straight forwarded and wondered what the process would be? Emery stated you can send to us and we's take to the RTSD, will put in the file, until we get enough money.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

None

VI. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

1. Jim Hansbrough's memo thanking Council for attention during open microphone when speaking of the proposed WalMart and neighborhood safety concerns.
 - a) Map outlining proposed WalMart and neighborhood including Adams Elementary; and
 - b) Map of WalMart Supercenter, and neighborhood, in Timnath, Colorado.
2. InterLinc correspondence from Mike Lewis commenting on the City Council open microphone session of the formal Council meeting. Denying corporations rights to participate in public debate is unwise and dangerous.
3. InterLinc correspondence from Greg Votava. Presenting case why renting homes out during the Husker homegames would benefit everyone.
4. Message from Anne Tapley Gasper and Russ Gasper. In support of renting out homes for Husker home games. Would like to see City wide.
5. InterLinc correspondence from Norman and Patricia Carlson. In favor of allowing home owners the right to rent their homes out for football game weekends.

No comments

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hornung adjourned the meeting at 2:24 p.m.