

DIRECTORS' MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2013
555 S. 10th Street, Room 113
2:00 p.m.

I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR & DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

MAYOR

1. NEWS RELEASE. Public invited to reEnergize event Thursday.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Tree recycling results announced.
3. Memo from Michael Thompson, Chair of the Citizen Police Advisory Board regarding Complaint #07-12.
4. Response from Mayor Beutler to Councilman Camp regarding email of January 28, 2013. Councilman Camp's email attached.

III. DIRECTORS

CITIZEN INFORMATION CENTER

1. Cable Board meeting planned for January 31, 2013 postponed.

CITIZEN INFORMATION CENTER/ SNOW UPDATES

1. City of Lincoln snow removal update: Wednesday, January 30, 2013, 5:00 a.m.
2. City of Lincoln snow removal update: Wednesday, January 30, 2013, 10:30 a.m.
3. City of Lincoln snow removal update: Wednesday, January 30, 2013, 4:00 p.m.
4. City of Lincoln snow removal update: Thursday, January 31, 2013, 5:00 a.m.

PARKS AND RECREATION

1. Memo from Lynn Johnson, Parks and Recreation Director regarding issuance of a license agreement for art benches at 12th and P Street.

PLANNING COMMISSION

1. Memo to County Board regarding Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 10223, No. 1st and Cornhusker Highway.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

1. Administrative approvals by the Planning Director from January 22, 2013 through January 28, 2013.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

1. Letter from Cindy and Steve Harris requesting Council to vote no on the Change of Zone No. 10014A No. 84th Street and Holdrege Street.
2. Letter, with photos, from Cal and Liz Piepho giving reasons to vote against the Zone #1014A Change Proposal.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Cleaner Greener Lincoln, 555 S. 10th St., Suite 301, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7511

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: January 29, 2013

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Milo Mumgaard, Mayor's Office, 402-441-7376
402-430-1699 (cell)

PUBLIC INVITED TO reENERGIZE EVENT THURSDAY

Lincoln residents are invited to learn about financial incentives for energy efficiency upgrades at a reEnergize consumer education event Thursday, January 31. The reEnergize program provides the incentives for those who live in single-family homes or duplexes. The session is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Peoples Choice Credit Union, 2500 "N" Street.

Those attending will learn how to take advantage of the many benefits offered by the reEnergize initiative and hear from the program's community partners. Information will be available about special lending options available to reEnergize participants through the Peoples Choice Credit Union and the Lincoln Electric System Sustainable Energy Program. Information also will be presented on how to combine funding from both programs. Local contractors and energy evaluators will attend to share information on home upgrades.

Through the reEnergize "market rate" path, homeowners can receive a discounted professional energy evaluation, plus up to 50 percent off the cost of installing the recommended upgrades. Those with incomes less than 80 percent of Lincoln's median income may qualify for up to \$3,000 in energy upgrades for just \$100.

More information on the reEnergize program and the Cleaner Greener Lincoln initiative is available at green.lincoln.ne.gov.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT
Recycling Office, 2400 Theresa Street, Lincoln, NE 68521, 402-441-7043

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: January 29, 2013

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Gene Hanlon, Recycling Coordinator, 402-441-7043

TREE RECYCLING RESULTS ANNOUNCED

The City Recycling Office today announced that 4,865 holiday trees were deposited at seven tree recycling sites in the City. Hofeling Enterprises, 2200 S. Folsom Court, donated tree grinding services and has distributed close to 350 cubic yards of tree mulch to the public. Hofeling Enterprises will continue to accept holiday trees at its facility free of charge during normal business hours through the end of January.

This was the 26th year for the City's tree recycling program. During that time, about 210,500 trees have been recycled.

More information on the City's recycling programs is available at recycle.lincoln.ne.gov.



MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER
555 South 10th Street Suite 301 Lincoln, NE 68508
402-441-7511 lincoln.ne.gov

Memo

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CITY COUNCIL
OFFICE

To: Mayor Beutler
City Council ✓
Chief Jim Peschong

From: Micheal Q. Thompson
Chair of the Citizen Police Advisory Board (CPAB)

Date: January 28, 2013

Re: Complaint #07-12

On January 23, 2013, the full CPAB met and, after considering Complaint #07-12 and all relevant reports, determined that no corrective action on the part of the Mayor and/or the Police Chief was warranted as a result of this complaint.

The Complainant was advised accordingly.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "MQT".

Mary M. Meyer

Subject: AM133001

Sent: Tuesday, January 29, 2013 2:01 PM
To: Jon Camp - City Council (joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com)
Cc: Rick D. Hoppe
Subject: Message from Mayor

Jon,

I don't agree at all with your exaggerated statements. I am content to let the people decide this matter.

Chris

Chris Beutler
Mayor of Lincoln

From: Jon Camp [<mailto:joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com>]
Sent: Monday, January 28, 2013 10:31 AM
To: Mayor
Cc: Mary M. Meyer; Rick D. Hoppe
Subject: Charter Amendment

Mayor Beutler:

First, I appreciated Rick Hoppe's telephone call last Friday at 4:00 pm advising me you were considering a Charter Amendment on conflicts of interest, especially for City Council Members.

Second, I am very disappointed that you did not have the courtesy to engage a discussion with City Council members and members of the business community. Instead, today I received a copy of the proposal, which I requested last Friday afternoon, and learned that a press conference has been scheduled for noon at City Hall. Where is the transparency and collegial relationships you have promised for your administration?

Third, this issue was decided several years ago by the City Council with Council Member Doug Emery's leadership. Readdressing this issue will be divisive to the community and disrespectful to Mr. Emery's legislation.

Your fast-paced actions are reflective of an affront on members of the business community and, if successful, will deprive the citizens of Lincoln the opportunity to have successful, experienced and dedicated business people serve on their behalf. This Charter Amendment will further "chill public service by members of the business community."

If you believe there is a problem, which I do not believe exists, then fine-tune the procedures to ensure full disclosure and an independent oversight?

Sincerely,

Jon

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

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

Check our reception and event venues at:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Apothecary-Lofts-Ridnour-Room/173175799380032>

Mary M. Meyer

From: Council Packet
Subject: Cable Board meeting postponed

Sorry for the lateness of this notice. **We are postponing the Cable Board meeting that was planned for January 31st.** Schedules have not allowed us to do the advance work we need to do on the cable rules before we meet.

Please check your calendars to see which of these three dates works best -- **Feb. 14, 21 or 28.** **We will meet at 4 p.m. here at the County-City Building.** I look forward to hearing from you.

With Shandi's departure, we now have three vacancies on the board, so if you have suggestions for new members, you can e-mail them to me or we can discuss at the meeting.

THANKS, everyone!

Diane

Diane Gonzolas
Manager, Citizen Information Center
Office of the Mayor
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Lincoln, NE 68508
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dgonzolas@lincoln.ne.gov



Mary M. Meyer

From: Council Packet
Subject: snow removal update

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CITY OF LINCOLN SNOW REMOVAL UPDATE

A complete voice report is available at 402-441-7783. This number is for news media use only.

For more information:

Public Works Snow Center - 402-441-7644

Diane Gonzolas, cell 402-525-1520, work 402-441-7831

Date: Wednesday, January 30, 2013

Time: 5 a.m..

About six inches of snow fell overnight in Lincoln, and streets are very slick this morning. Drivers are advised to leave early and take it slow. Parking bans are not in effect at this time. City crews began material spreading about 7 last night, and about 54 plows have been out since midnight on emergency snow routes and arterials. Another 18 plows will join them about 6 a.m. to work on bus routes. Crews will begin spreading salt once the snow stops to help melt the snow during the warmer daytime temperatures. Again, parking bans are not in effect at this time, but streets are very slick for the morning commute.

Please stay informed on the status of snow operations in Lincoln. Additional information is available on the City website at lincoln.ne.gov and in the blue pages of your phone directory. If you have questions, you may call the Public Works Snow Center at 402-441-7644.

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For more information:

Public Works Snow Center -- 402-441-7644

Citizen Information Center -- 402-441-7547

Date: Wednesday, January 30, 2013

Time: 10:30 a.m.

City crews continue plowing and material spreading following a six-inch overnight snowfall in Lincoln. A total of 72 plows and material-spreaders continue to push back blowing and drifting snow and spread salt on all of the city's major arterials, snow routes and bus routes.

Parking bans are not in effect at this time.

At about noon, crews plan to begin work in residential areas. **Residential parking bans are not in effect at this time, but City officials are asking for the public's help by getting their cars off the street so they can be cleared.** When addressing residential areas later today, crews plan to plow the streets and follow-up with salt spreading.

Lincoln Police Department has reported 22 accidents as of 10 a.m. today. Streets are slick and caution is advised when driving. StarTran reports that buses are running about five to 10 minutes late.

Please stay informed on the status of snow operations in Lincoln. Additional information is available on the City website at lincoln.ne.gov and in the blue pages of your phone directory. If you have questions, you may call the Public Works Snow Center at 402-441-7644.

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Date: Wednesday, January 30, 2013

Time: 4 p.m.

City crews continue plowing and material spreading operations following the overnight snowfall with 72 plows and material spreaders working on Lincoln's streets.

Parking bans are not in effect at this time. Crews began plowing and spreading salt in residential areas at about noon. **Residential parking bans are not in effect at this time, but City officials are asking for the public's help by getting their cars off the street so they can be cleared.**

A snow removal district parking ban will be in effect from 12:01 to 7 a.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday in the city's eight snow removal districts. In these areas, snow is plowed into windrows, loaded into trucks and hauled out of the area between midnight and 7 a.m. To assist with snow removal, parking is prohibited on both sides of the street in the districts, which include streets in Downtown/Haymarket, University Place; Havelock; Bethany, College View; 11th and "G"; 17th and Washington; and 25th and Sumner. Maps can be found at lincoln.ne.gov.

According to Public Works officials, street crews plan to address the Downtown/Haymarket snow removal district from 12:01 to 7 a.m. Thursday and will work in the remaining seven snow removal districts from 12:01 to 7 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

Lincoln Police Department reports 63 accidents as of 4 p.m. today. Motorists are urged to use caution when driving. StarTran reports that buses are running about five to 10 minutes late.

Please stay informed on the status of snow operations in Lincoln. Additional information is available on the City website at lincoln.ne.gov and in the blue pages of your phone directory. If you have questions, you may call the Public Works Snow Center at 402-441-7644.

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Public Works Snow Center -- 402-441-7644

Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center -- 402-525-1520, 402-441-7831

Date: Thursday, January 31, 2013

Time: 5 a.m.

City crews have been out all night plowing snow and spreading salt on residential streets. Most of the streets had been cleared by 5 a.m., and 10 plows remain in the residential areas to finish up. About 19 crews also are working on the arterial streets, spreading sand for the morning commute.

The only parking ban in effect at this time is the snow removal district parking ban, which remains in effect until 7 a.m. Three crews have been working overnight removing snow in the downtown area. The snow removal district parking ban is scheduled to be in effect again from 12:01 to 7 a.m. Friday and Saturday. In these districts, snow is plowed into windrows, loaded into trucks and hauled out of the area. To assist with this operation, parking is prohibited on both sides of the street in the districts. You'll find a map of the snow removal districts at lincoln.ne.gov.

Please stay informed on the status of snow operations. Additional information is available on the City website at lincoln.ne.gov and in the blue pages of your phone directory. If you have questions, you may call the Public Works Snow Center at 402-441-7644.

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Memorandum

January 31, 2013

TO: Lincoln City Council
FR: Lynn Johnson, Parks and Recreation Director
RE: Issuance of a License Agreement for Art Benches at 12th and P Streets
Cc: Mayor Chris Beutler
Chris Connolly, Assistant City Attorney

Pursuant to Section 14.56.070(n) of the Lincoln Municipal Code, the purpose of this memo is to inform that a license agreement for continuing display of five art benches at the intersection of North 12th and P Streets. The art benches are owned the Downtown Lincoln Association and are placed on the public sidewalks at three corners of the intersection. An initial license agreement was issued in 2012 for a one-year period. The current license agreement extends approval of display of the art benches for an additional two-period through October 31, 2014. A copy of the license agreement is on file in our office and is available for review. Please phone me at 402-441-8265 if you would like to review a copy of the license agreement.

Photos of SlaveFree Nebraska Art Benches



Artist: Deb Bridges



Artist: Amber Kronz



Artist: Sara Leimbach



Artist: Lindsey Weber



Artist: Ann Williams

MEMORANDUM

TO: Lancaster County Board

FROM: Marvin Krout, Director of Planning 

SUBJECT: **Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 12003**
(Future Land Use Plan - N. 1st Street and Cornhusker Highway)

DATE: January 29, 2013

COPIES: City Council (w/o attachment)
Mayor Chris Beutler
Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, County Board
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Aide, County Board
David Cary, Planning
Brandon Garrett, Planning

Attached for your information is a copy of the Factsheet for Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 12003, which is scheduled for public hearing before the Lincoln City Council on Monday, February 11, 2013, at 3:00 p.m.

This proposed amendment is within the regulatory jurisdiction of the City Council and is being routed to the County Commissioners for information purposes only; no County Board hearing or action is required.

If you have questions on this amendment, please feel free to contact Brandon Garrett in the Planning Department at 402-441-6373 or bgarrett@lincoln.ne.gov.

q:\fs\cb\2013\CPA12003 Memo to County Board



Memorandum

Date: ♦ January 29, 2013
To: ♦ City Clerk
From: ♦ Jean Preister, Planning Dept.
Re: ♦ Administrative Approvals
cc: ♦ Teresa McKinstry

This is a list of the administrative approvals by the Planning Director from January 22, 2013 thru January 28, 2013:

Administrative Amendment No. 12071 to Change of Zone No. 2531U, Williamsburg Village Planned Unit Development, approved by the Planning Director on January 22, 2013, requested by Olsson Associates, to add 2 lots, reduce the setback from 40 feet to 20 feet abutting the north outlot, reduce the front yard setback from 60 feet to 20 feet along S. 34th Street and the eastern side of Faulkner Drive and to increase the assisted care units from 44 to 95, on property generally located at S. 34th Street and Faulkner Drive.

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



RE: Change of Zone No. 10014A N 84th Street & Holdrege Street

Dear Council Member,

Just was looking out the north window today and pondering the new zoning approval for the Northwood's area just southwest of 84th and Holdrege. We objected to the increased housing limits with the planning commission and again will say that we are not in favor of those additional units being built.

When we built it was to be only commercial business. That we decided we could live with. The area to the west was not going to be developed either. Then due to a mistake made by the church and a builder who saw dollar signs that too is developed.

What have we lost in this process. We have lost many trees that had been here for 50 plus years, We have lost the wildlife that once visited the area. We have seen a decrease in the birds at the feeders due to the change in habitat. And now we want to add 300 - 900 people at a minimum living in this small area. Not what we signed up for.

The traffic into and out of this area is already dangerous at best. We ask you to come experience this for yourself. Travel through the area during one of the busy times of day. We do not go north due to the danger in the business area already there. You do not want to try to turn west off of Northwoods Drive onto Holdrege. That is an accident waiting to happen with cars coming west over the hill at a high rate of speed. Never mind getting on to 84th street can be somewhat challenging going south. Add 150 plus cars at 7:30 in the morning. I will wait to hear the sirens as we are sure that we will hear many more with the additional cars added to the area. And no traffic lights cannot regulate the area to make it safe. The silence in our area will become another noise hub of Lincoln.

We would ask you to vote no on this zoning change. We believe that the zoning in place is adequate and that the living units planned with the previous request will bring return to the builders.

Please do not pass this multiple housing project. We will be no less than a stones throw with limited shield from the addition. We cannot only believe that the value of our property will suffer from the addition. The tree line in place is not what I will call a shield from the 3 story complex that will be able to look over onto my property. It may meet code, but they are pines that will be gone in the near future due to pine wilt. We would at least ask for another row of conifers on the south side of the property.

The watershed that is in place now will be in harms way. The run off will not be handled in a safe way with heavy rains. We know that the claim from studies is that cement will shed no more water than dirt, but we know coming from an agricultural background that this is untrue. There will be water issues for homes on the south side of the proposed construction.

Then we must consider the increase in crime. We have none at this point, but will be sure to see an up tick in that too.

We believe that this is not an addition to our area that will increase any value or worth for anyone. Yes these buildings will be clean and nice for maybe 5 years, but then it is all downhill. No one will want to purchase a home that abuts apartment buildings for a premium. Would you? If this passes we might as well write \$50,000 off the value of our home.

Please vote no on this zoning change.

Cindy and Steve Harris
1141 N 81st Street

To: Lincoln City Council

Re: Zone#1014A Change proposal.

Who does this proposal benefit?

Does it benefit the Northwoods Business Association?

I recently went to a meeting with the association along with the developer, the owner/seller and the architects and other than those involved with the apartment complex proposal, the consensus was against the apartments and the additional traffic, but that “we can’t stop it so let’s try to work with them.” The comment was also made to compare this to the Walmart on South 27th Street. I believe this to be totally different in that they weren’t arguing against a zoning change, they were arguing against a business that was operating within the limits of the existing zoning.

Does it benefit the homeowners on Rainy River Road or any of the many homeowners in the development?

Most certainly not. Having 150-170+ apartments on our back door would devalue our home

if we needed to sell them and would probably prevent us from selling unless we were willing to lose a lot of money on our homes. If someone were to argue against this statement, like I believe someone from the bank did, I would ask them if they had 2 identical houses, 1 with apartments looking out over the deck and 1 not, would you pay the same price for both. I think not and in fact this statement is ludicrous. The other issue is the access to either Holdrege Avenue or 84th Street would become much more cluttered. This is inevitable with 3 times the households it would become a logistical nightmare. It is already dangerous getting onto Holdrege, heading West, with the steep incline toward 84th Street hiding oncoming Westbound traffic and the amount of

traffic on that street.

Does it provide a needed service to the local community?

Is there a need for 150 apartments at this location. There again, I say no. I would say there are better locations to build them where the traffic could be diverted and better suit the whole community. A good example of this would be the property between Leighton and Holdrege where there are lights on both streets and exits to the South on 84th Street on Northwoods Drive. Another consideration is the amount of parents of school age children apartments would bring in and again the traffic generated by them. What's the traffic flow to the elementary school and Mickle Middle School? Once again they would be crossing Holdrege. The only reason to build them there is to offload a non-liquid asset which is not generating revenue and get the quickest buyer, whatever the purpose. I don't believe that this is the council's purpose, to aid or facilitate in this type of proposal. I would hope that it could consider the good of the community as it's greatest calling and not for the good of just a couple of entities.

If not, then who benefits from this proposal?

The only people that I see benefiting from this change is the developer, the owner/sellers and architects. I really don't see this affecting them after the deed is done and their contractors pull out of the area. They may say that these apartments are going to be top notch, high end, but we all know what happens to top notch and high end 5-10 years down the road.

When all of the current homeowners in this area invested in their homes and this community, the property was zoned for commercial with some buildings proposed residential on the second level. Since then, developers have

proposed numerous changes, one of which was sold as a possible 3 story nursing home along with a hotel at the Northeast of the development. This was approved by the council but the development never occurred, but the changes in the zoning never reverted back to the prior zoning, which opened the door for 3-story apartments for 80 units. Now they once again are coming back to double the number of apartments. I would rather the zoning to revert back to the original intent and not go through these progressive changes which brings neither progress nor improves the community. I understand the saying “when the genie is already out of the bottle” but it is the council’s purpose to determine the best way to handle the genie once she’s out.

In closing, I would like to point out that in the proposal it states *“the proposed*

apartments will create a buffer between the commercial and single family residential to the south. The existing tree mass will help screen the apartments from the single family.

” I would like to point out that the trees would provide very little buffer to screen the single family homes from the apartments. I have added a couple of pictures that were taken from about 6 ft. high at the end of the existing parking, which is down-grade from the proposed apartment and about 150 ft. Can you imagine what the views would be from 35-50 ft. high with only a 50 ft. green space between?



I urge you vote against this proposal and minimize any further detriment to the development.

Sincerely,

Cal and Liz Piepho
8110 Rainy River Rd.

**DIRECTORS' AGENDA
ADDENDUM
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2013**

I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR & DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

MAYOR

1. NEWS ADVISORY. Representatives of the City, County, local health and hospital community, and Senator Kathy Campbell to discuss Medicaid expansion at a news conference at 12:45 p.m., Friday, February 1, 2013 at 555 S. 10th Street, Room 303.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor Beutler's response to Whitehead news release and letter.
3. NEWS RELEASE. City, County, Health and Hospital Community support Medicaid expansion.
4. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler's public schedule for the week of February 2, 2013 through February 8, 2013.
5. NEWS RELEASE. Free Genealogy Workshops offered at Libraries.

WEST HAYMARKET JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY

1. The West Haymarket Joint Public Agency will meet on Friday, February 8, 2013, 3:00p.m., 555 S 10th Street, Room 303.

III. DIRECTORS

CITIZENS INFORMATION CENTER

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IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP

1. Councilman Camp's correspondence to Dave Landis, Urban Development Director, regarding questions and answers on the new parking meters.

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

1. Lisa Peterson correspondence regarding lawn mower damage claim.
2. InterLinc correspondence received from Samantha Webster regarding her claim for mold. (Sent to Assistant City Attorney Marcee Brownlee)
3. Action filed for the City Council regarding Smooth advertising.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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

DATE: January 31, 2013

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

Representatives of the City, County and the local health and hospital community will join State Senator Kathy Campbell to discuss Medicaid expansion at a news conference at **12:45 p.m. Friday, February 1 in Room 303, third floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street.**

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: January 31, 2013

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

**MAYOR BEUTLER'S RESPONSE TO
WHITEHEAD NEWS RELEASE AND LETTER**

“It is difficult to understand the intent of Mr. Whitehead’s letter. It appears he is attempting to use his contract to leverage the Mayor of the City into reversing a policy position that I believe is in the best interests of the City. What’s best for the citizens has to be the basis on which I make my decisions. I shouldn’t abandon the people’s interests simply because a potential City Council candidate has a contract with the City. This is exactly the conflict of interest I am trying to end with this proposal. Mr. Whitehead’s letter clearly demonstrates why we need a City ban on contracts with elected officials.

“I have tried to be reasonable with Mr. Whitehead. I spoke to Mark personally on Monday. I offered to try to exempt his contract from the ban because he fairly entered into the contract and entered the race unaware that we had been working on this issue for several years. Mr. Whitehead is now demanding the contract be voided before the voters have even spoken on the Charter Amendment or his candidacy. This is strong evidence that he is now using his contract to try to influence matters that should be left to the voters.

“In the end, it is up to Mr. Whitehead to decide if his contract is a conflict of interest with his Council campaign. The contract includes a 30-day termination clause, and it is his legal option to exercise it. Mr. Whitehead can choose to keep the contract and stay in the race.”

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: February 1, 2013

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

Judy Halstead, Health Director, 402-441-4603

CITY, COUNTY, HEALTH AND HOSPITAL COMMUNITY
SUPPORT MEDICAID EXPANSION

Mayor Chris Beutler, Lancaster County Commissioner Deb Schorr and representatives of the health and hospital community today gave their support to LB 577, the Medicaid expansion bill introduced in the Nebraska Legislature by State Senator Kathy Campbell of Lincoln. The federal Affordable Care Act gives states the options to expand Medicaid coverage. The federal government will pay 100 percent of the cost from 2014 through 2016, and the percentage gradually decreases to 90 percent in the following years.

“This is our opportunity to make a smart investment in our State’s economy and workforce, to make our State’s health system stronger and more cost-effective, and to ensure that hard-working Nebraskans will be healthier,” said Campbell.

Mayor Beutler said the federal Medicaid dollars generated by Nebraskans should be spent on Nebraskans and not on people in other states. In Lancaster County, it’s estimated that at least 18,000 more individuals would be eligible for Medicaid under the proposed expansion. Beutler said Medicaid expansion would be another step toward making sure everyone in the community has access to a medical home, an issue he has worked on since taking office.

“It’s time to bind up the wounds of a long and heated national debate and move forward,” Beutler said. “With federal funds available to pay for these services, we would cause a huge injustice to our citizens by not using these funds to give them the ability to have medical care. The most important reason to expand Medicaid is that it’s the right thing to do for our families, friends and neighbors and for the overall health of our City and State.”

The Mayor said local taxpayers would benefit from the expansion because the City pays hundreds of thousands of dollars annually for services to the uninsured. That includes emergency medical services provided by Lincoln Fire and Rescue and services provided through the Health Department’s medical and dental clinics.

“Expanding Medicaid eligibility will virtually eliminate all General Assistance medical costs for Lancaster County, a potential savings of \$2.8 million to our property tax payers,” said Schorr.

Also expressing support for LB 577 at an early afternoon news conference were the leaders of the City’s two largest hospitals.

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Medicaid Expansion
February 1, 2013
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“Bryan Health supports Medicaid expansion,” said Kimberly A. Russel, President and CEO of Bryan Health. “Expanding access to coverage will enable more individuals in our State to establish a medical home and follow preventive medicine guidelines. This will lead to a reduction in using the expensive resources of our State’s emergency departments for primary care.”

“Catholic Health Initiatives - Nebraska provided over \$40 million in charity care in our fiscal year 2012,” said Kim Moore, President of St. Elizabeth Regional Medical Center. “Under LB 577, more individuals will become aligned with a primary health care provider, which will help reduce the number of emergency room visits used for primary care. The cost of caring for the uninsured must be absorbed by the hospital eventually affecting the cost of care for all.”

Date: February 1, 2013

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

Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule
Week of February 2 through 8, 2013
Schedule subject to change

Monday, February 4

- City-County Common meeting - 12:45 p.m., Council Chambers, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.

Tuesday, February 5

- Joint City Council-Lincoln Public Schools meeting on school security - 7:30 a.m., room 113, County-City Building
- KFOR - 12:30 p.m. (*previously recorded*)
- FMA Realty fifth annual Lincoln Market overview - 4 p.m., Lied Center's Johnny Carson Theater, 12th and "R" streets

Thursday, February 7

- KFOR - 7:45 a.m.
- News conference, topic to be announced - 10 a.m., room 303, County-City Building
- Mayor's Environmental Task Force meeting - noon, Mayor's Conference Room, County-City Building

Friday, February 8

- Proclamation signing for Engineers Week, Gambling Awareness Month - 9 a.m., Mayor's Conference Room
- West Haymarket Joint Public Agency (JPA) public meeting - 3 p.m., room 303, County-City Building

Mary M. Meyer

From: Council Packet
Subject: West Haymarket JPA Meeting February 8, 2013

The West Haymarket Joint Public Agency will meet on Friday, February 8, 2013 at 3:00 P.M. in the County-City Building Room 303.

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

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From: Council Packet
Subject: snow report

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CITY OF LINCOLN SNOW REMOVAL UPDATE

A COMPLETE VOICE REPORT IS AVAILABLE AT 402-441-7783. THIS NUMBER IS FOR NEWS MEDIA USE ONLY.

For more information:

Public Works Snow Center -- 402-441-7644

Citizen Information Center -- 402-441-7547

Date: Thursday, January 31, 2013

Time: 4 p.m.

City crews continue to spread salt and sand this afternoon as they wrap up their work on Lincoln's residential streets. Crews will be out on city streets all night, monitoring outlying areas for freezing trouble spots that may develop on major streets due to the continuing cold and wind.

Snow Emergency and residential parking bans are not in effect at this time.

A snow removal district parking ban remains in effect from 12:01 to 7 a.m. Friday and Saturday in the city's eight snow removal districts. In these areas, snow is plowed into windrows, loaded into trucks and hauled out of the area between midnight and 7 a.m. To assist with snow removal, parking is prohibited on both sides of the street in the districts, which include streets in Downtown, University Place; Havelock; Bethany, College View; 11th and "G"; 17th and Washington; and 25th and Sumner. Maps can be found at lincoln.ne.gov.

Lincoln Police Department reports 32 accidents as of 3 p.m. today. StarTran reports that buses are running on time. Motorists are urged to continue to use caution when driving. Cold and wind may cause refreezing on arterial streets this evening.

Residents are urged to call the Public Works Snow Center at 402-441-7644 to report any additional problem areas.

Please stay informed on the status of snow operations in Lincoln. Additional information is available on the City website at lincoln.ne.gov and in the blue pages of your phone directory. If you have questions, you may call the Public Works Snow Center at 402-441-7644.

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MAYOR LIFTS SNOW REMOVAL DISTRICT PARKING BAN

Mayor Chris Beutler has announced that the **snow removal district parking ban has been lifted**. Parking is again permitted on both sides of the street in the City's eight designated snow removal districts.

Parking bans are not in effect at this time.

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Mary M. Meyer

From: Jon Camp [joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com]
Sent: Friday, February 01, 2013 3:02 PM
To: David Landis; 'DiAnna Schimek'; Carl B. Eskridge; Jonathan A. Cook; Eugene W. Carroll; Doug Emery; City Council Chambers
Cc: Mary M. Meyer
Subject: RE: Parking Meters

Thanks, Dave.

I am concerned over just how much “net” extra revenue will be generated. On the single meters, at \$7.50 per month for 1300 meters, the annual internet fee will total \$117,000. Additionally are the other swipe, etc. fees.

I am rather concerned that our citizens will see a doubling of parking meter rates with an initial cost of \$865,000, which is higher than what I recall was budgeted, but also higher than the \$750,000 that Mayor Beutler wants for the City’s general fund each year.

The bottom line is that we are taxing our citizens heavily and possibly hurting our downtown businesses by adding another expensive reason not to patronize downtown, all in the name of getting more money for the City of Lincoln’s General Fund.

I would appreciate your comments.

Jon

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Sent: Friday, February 01, 2013 12:02 PM

To: Jon Camp; 'DiAnna Schimek'; Carl B. Eskridge; Jonathan A. Cook; Eugene W. Carroll; Doug Emery; City Council Chambers

Subject: FW: Parking Meters

I was asked a series of questions about the coming parking meter installation. My staff provided me the info that I now pass onto all of you on the Council. I hope this information is helpful as you analyze the plans for credit card meters.

Dave Landis

From: Scott N. Vrbka

Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2013 4:29 PM

To: David Landis

Cc: Dallas A. McGee

Subject: RE: Parking Meters

Here you go.

Scott

From: David Landis

Sent: Tuesday, January 29, 2013 4:20 PM

To: Scott N. Vrbka

Subject: FW: Parking Meters

Help.

From: Jon Camp [mailto:joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com]

Sent: Monday, January 21, 2013 9:40 AM

To: Terry Uland (tuland@downtownlincoln.org); David Landis

Cc: layne-exch2@ellipse.net; DiAnna Schimek (dschimek7@gmail.com)

Subject: Parking Meters

Terry:

What is the status of new meters? EO85673 approved the contract for \$865,453 for the purchase of single and multi space parking meters with web based management systems.

1. Style? Single space meters are Duncan Liberty, and multi space will be the Duncan MX meter.
 - a. How many meters? First phase is 1,300 single space meters, and approximately 7 multi space meters. The multi space meters are being further reviewed to see if they make sense fiscally/aesthetically.
 - b. What is the total # of meters In Downtown Lincoln? Approximately 2,350.
 - c. Total # in Lincoln All of the city's meters are downtown. UNL does have some of their own private meters.
2. Where will they be installed? The core area of downtown, including the Haymarket will receive these meters. This area is roughly bounded by 16th Street to the East, and "M" Street to the South. An area near 14th & "W" will also receive new meters.
 - a. New areas that will receive old meters? Discussions are still taking place on this, such as the Antelope Valley area.
3. Payment method? Coins/bills/credit cards? The new meters will accept coin, credit/debit cards, and prepaid "smart" cards. A pay by cell option will also become available.
 - a. If credit cards

- i. What is cost of wi-fi/internet connections? \$7.50 per month per single space credit card meter, and \$55.00 per month per multi space machine.
 - ii. Cost of swipe fee? The gateway fee is 3 cents. The processing fee is 3 cents. The interchange fee is dependent on the card type, such as Visa, Mastercard, etc, and varies widely depending on card type, approximately 2.5% of the transaction.
 - iii. Other costs associated with credit cards? See swipe fee.
- 4. Single heads? Double heads? Cluster? The existing single/double housings will be used.
- 5. Cost of meters? See below for per meter cost. In addition, there is a \$6,000 Project Set up Fee/Training cost.
 - a. Total? The first phase of single meters will be approximately \$645,600. (1,300 Meters * \$492, + \$6,000 Project Setup/Training)
 - b. Per meter? Single Space-\$490 plus approximately \$2 shipping, Multi Space pay by Display Machine \$9,505 plus shipping
- 6. Power source? Solar
- 7. Life expectancy? 10 Years
- 8. When are they expected to arrive? Be installed? Single Space Meters have been ordered and should be delivered soon. Installation of Single Space meters is expected to be complete by March 1.

Did you see the correspondence from DiAnna Schimek and ideas shared by Layne Sup?

Thanks.

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Mary M. Meyer

From: Lisa Peterson [lpeterson23@neb.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2013 10:27 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Lawn mower damage claim

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

This is in response to a claim I have filed for damage to a mower during the Pioneers Boulevard widening project. We reside on the corner of 43rd and Pioneers.

On Sunday October 21st, 2012 at approximately 4:00pm in the afternoon, I began mowing the leaves in our yard. I was on the South side of our home (Pioneers Blvd. side) when two pieces of an object shot out from under the right and left side of our mower and died. These pieces were the cast iron cap on the pipe that leads to the water shutoff valve in the yard, which I have since learned is called a stop box.

We have owned our home for 14 years and there has never been a cap on the stop box and it was never hit by the mower. Sometime during the Pioneers Boulevard Widening Project, someone improperly placed a cap, with blue paint on it, on top of that pipe. I didn't know it was there because it was covered with leaves and not visible. However, it was sticking out of the ground so far that the blade of the mower hit it half way up the cap, cut it almost in half and rendered the mower totaled, per the technician at Honest Engines. The mower had just received a \$101.58 tune-up on October 17th and this was the first time it was being used after the tune-up.

I was mowing leaves again on November 10th, 2012 and noticed a new, properly installed cap at ground level. I spoke with Ron Edson, who is the City of Lincoln Construction Project Manager, on January 16th or 17th and he informed me he instructed Dodson Construction to install the stop box cap properly after learning this claim had been filed.

I also spoke with Ms. Marcee Brownlee, Assistant City Attorney, on the 16th or 17th of January and she stated, that after her investigation, allegedly there was no work done in the area of the stop box. However, on several different days, workers were in that area doing what appeared to be-for lack of a better term-"vacuuming" that area. Also, there were three sections of sidewalk replaced in the same area of the the stop box.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Lisa Peterson

4234 S. 43rd Street
Lincoln, NE 68506
402-525-2334

Mary M. Meyer

From: WebForm [none@lincoln.ne.gov]
Sent: Saturday, February 02, 2013 9:37 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

Name: samantha webster
Address: 70 sandsfield lane,gainsborough.dn21 1dd
City: Lincolnshire

Phone: 07514173980
Fax: 447514173980
Email: samwebster3@gmail.com

Comment or Question:

hi i put a claim in as my belongings was destroyed by the mould in my old property. (45 shuttleworth house.lincoln. ln2 5dx) i took photos of all the damage and handed a claim form in along with the pictures. this was well over a month ago and i still havnt heard a thing.i am no longer at the address were the claim was put in for i am now at co/ (70 sandsfield lane.gainsborough.DN21 1DD) could you please help me with this situation. my email address is samwebster3@gmail.com and my address is above. my contact number is 07514173980. thankyou for ur time and hope you can help. samantha webster.

Mary M. Meyer

From: Action Center [action@lincoln.ne.gov]
Sent: Sunday, February 03, 2013 11:26 AM
To: Mary M. Meyer
Subject: Action for City Council - General received

An action has been filed for City Council - General

Tracking Number: 31774

Problem: Location 17th and O street, Business is called "Smooth". My kids and I were walking downtown to check out the new wonderful constructions of the haymarket area. As we were walking past a business called "Smooth" I notice a banner above its saying Melissamidwest.com, thinking it was a new business replacing "Smooth". As my 3 kids and I arrived to our house, I decided to check the site on the internet. As my 3 kids who are all under 8 years old were standing next to me. As the Melissamidwest.com screen appeared it turned out to be porn from a female that is supposedly from Lincoln having sex with men and women. I think this is not appropriate advertising and wish to have the banner removed. My community church were shocked about this. Now I have to explain to my kids what they saw.

Comments:

Go to your list of actions: https://intra.linc.lincoln.ne.gov/asp/City/action/default.aspx?action_num=31774

Please do NOT reply to this message.

MINUTES
DIRECTORS' MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2013

Present: Carl Eskridge, Chair; Jon Camp, Vice Chair; Gene Carroll; Jonathan Cook; Doug Emery; and Lloyd Hinkley

Absent: DiAnna Schimek

Others: Joan Ross, City Clerk; Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff; Marvin Krout, Planning Director

Chair Eskridge opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

I. CITY CLERK

Ross stated on today's agenda, Items #10 & #11 are related and could be called together. One Motion to Amend, No. 1, under Public Hearing, Item #10 is in your packets. On the Pending List, a notice on page 6 to see Bills Nos. 10-4 and 10R-26, page 7. The applicant's attorney has requested to withdraw and remove from Council agenda the Items #38, #39 under Pending. Could do with one vote.

Eskridge stated several other items to call together. Ross commented, all under First Reading.

II. MAYOR & DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

MAYOR

1. NEWS RELEASE. Public invited to reEnergize event Thursday.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Tree recycling results announced.
3. Memo from Michael Thompson, Chair of the Citizen Police Advisory Board regarding Complaint #07-12.
4. Response from Mayor Beutler to Councilman Camp regarding email of January 28, 2013. Councilman Camp's email attached.

No comment

III. DIRECTORS

CITIZEN INFORMATION CENTER

1. Cable Board meeting planned for January 31, 2013 postponed.

No comment

CITIZEN INFORMATION CENTER/ SNOW UPDATES

1. City of Lincoln snow removal update: Wednesday, January 30, 2013, 5:00 a.m.
2. City of Lincoln snow removal update: Wednesday, January 30, 2013, 10:30 a.m.
3. City of Lincoln snow removal update: Wednesday, January 30, 2013, 4:00 p.m.
4. City of Lincoln snow removal update: Thursday, January 31, 2013, 5:00 a.m.

No comment

PARKS AND RECREATION

1. Memo from Lynn Johnson, Parks and Recreation Director regarding issuance of a license agreement for art benches at 12th and P Street.

No comment

PLANNING COMMISSION

1. Memo to County Board regarding Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 10223, No. 1st and Cornhusker Highway.

No comment

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

1. Administrative approvals by the Planning Director from January 22, 2013 through January 28, 2013.

No comment

MARVIN KROUT - PLANNING DIRECTOR

Hoppe stated Marvin Krout, Planning Director, will speak on an item on the Pending List, and other items in progress.

Krout stated he and Councilwoman Schimek recently discussed items on the Pending List, 4 items but 3 different cases, with different plan facts. They have been on for more than 3 years and Planning made another effort to talk. An effort to look into, and let them know that after 3 years Council might not be interested in keeping. If Council brought up to Public Hearing, and Council denied, they wouldn't be able to reapply for a year. They have an option of proceeding with approval or withdrawing and then reapplying when they feel they have a developer ready. Two thought they had a plan, developer, but it fell through and they didn't know where they were going. We contacted two owners with development plans. One received a letter on withdrawing the use permit and zoning of Waterford Estates, and have asked to withdraw. Expecting a similar letter on the property at 84th Street and Yankee Hill Road. A third case was an administration decision appeal on impact fees. The applicant thought, and don't believe we questioned, that they needed to appeal in a timely way to the City Council, which is the way the zoning ordinance is written. They did ask the City Attorney if they withdrew their request for an appeal if they would still have the right, at a future time, to make the same request of the administrator of impact fees, with the same right to appeal in the future? The City Attorney had responded yes. We're expecting a letter to withdraw the appeal and when the time comes with their decision that they don't want to pay impact fees, which may or may not be in their best interest depending on the kind of development they get, they would then have the opportunity to appeal.

Cook asked on other items where someone paid a fee in order to put through the process, if they withdraw the fee is gone, requiring them to pay a fee to come back. Krout stated a new fee to reapply and have the Planning Commission review again. Cook stated if they believe it's best it stay on, would be fine with them doing. If they don't want to re-file, but believe it's unlikely to ever go forward the way it is it would make sense. Krout added it's a combination of if they don't want the approval, and because it may affect how they're taxed until they sell or develop the land. In 3 to 5 years sometimes cases get stale. We may have new standards, new access to management standards. Probably a new review. Cook commented they wouldn't want us to vote if they weren't ready.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

COOK stated the magazine, Auto Week, February 4, 2013, has the drive through pizza order picture from here in Lincoln. The Associated Press reports a Lincoln, NE man crashed his Honda through the front of a pizza store, found himself trapped in the car, and while awaiting help ordered a pie. Fire officials took his order and said it was a good sign the man was alert.

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

1. Letter from Cindy and Steve Harris requesting Council to vote no on the Change of Zone No.

10014A No. 84th Street and Holdrege Street.

2. Letter, with photos, from Cal and Liz Piepho giving reasons to vote against the Zone #1014A Change Proposal.

No comment

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Eskridge adjourned the meeting at 2:08 p.m.