IN LIEU OF DIRECTORS’ ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
Monday, March 28th, 2022

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   2. BP220322-1 Weekly Admin. Approvals – Shelli Reid
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   4. BP220323-2 Annexation Map 21011 – Shelli Reid

II. CONSTITUENT CORRESPONDENCE
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   2. Chapter 11 – Gregory Rutledge
   3. Street Racing in city limits – Linda Irons
   4. Changes to 2.18.034 – Scott Fitzgerald
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NEBRASKA CAPITOL ENVIRONS COMMISSION

The Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission will hold a meeting on **Friday, March 25th, 2022.** The meeting will convene at **8:30 a.m.** in the **City Council Chambers,** Hearing Room 112 on the 1st Floor of the County/City Building, 555 S. 10th Street (10th & "K" Streets), Lincoln, Nebraska.

For more information, please contact the Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department at 402-441-7491.

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**AGENDA**

March 25, 2022

1. Approval of meeting record of **February 25, 2022**
   * **Memo** from Collin Christopher

**Public Hearing & Action**

2. Demolition and new construction work at **1432 N Street** *(WRK; UDR22031)*

**Discussion**

3. **521 South 14th Street Discussion** *(State Building Division)*

4. Staff updates & miscellaneous

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Memorandum

Date: March 22, 2022

To: City Clerk

From: Alexis Longstreet, Planning Dept.

Re: Administrative Approvals

cc: Shelli Reid, Planning Dept.

This is a list of City administrative approvals by the Planning Director from March 15, 2022, through March 21, 2022:

**Administrative Amendment 22018** to Change of Zone #10014A Northwoods Planned Unit Development, approved by the Planning Director on March 16, 2022, to reduce the front yard setback adjacent to N. 84th Street from 50 to 30 feet, on property generally located at North 84th Street and Holdrege Street.
Annexation by Ordinance
S Folsom St & W Old Cheney Rd
Effective: March 22, 2022

Area of Annexation
Tax Parcels
Current City Limits

0 155 310 620
Feet
Please include the attached letter with the city council’s agenda for Monday March 21st, 2022.

Thank you.

Jereme Montgomery, Business Development Manager
Stephens & Smith Construction
To: James Michael Bowers, Lincoln City Council Chairman & Lincoln City Council Members

From: Jereme Montgomery, Business Development Manager
       Stephens & Smith Construction, Co., Inc.

Date: March 18, 2022
RE: Item 6.e. 21-172 Ordinance 2.18.034

Stephens & Smith Construction Company was formed in Lincoln, Nebraska in 1971 and currently has over 225 employee owners. We consider ourselves to be the leader in the concrete construction industry in Nebraska as we have had a considerable impact on building our community over the past 50 years.

We write today to express our opposition regarding the proposed ordinance for awarding bidders with a 5% bid incentive if they ensure 10% apprenticeship utilization across the project, even with the proposed amendments. Even though Stephens & Smith Construction Company has a federally recognized apprenticeship with the USDOL, we OPPOSE this ordinance.

First, we still have not received or heard of any type of financial impact study this ordinance has on our taxpayers. At the roundtable, I believe Mr. Caldwell and Mr. Wiltgen had great points of investigating what costs this will have to the taxpayers. Knowing there will be unforeseen costs, how could any city councilmember vote to support this ordinance? Councilmembers are responsible for and responsive to the citizens who elected them. After hearing from oppositions from AGC members, ABC members, LIBA, LCOC...how can this ordinance still be on the table?

Second, as the ordinance is currently written, the language is completely discriminatory against any construction company who does not have a USDOL approved apprenticeship, creating a disadvantage to the majority of Lincoln based construction firms. Outside of electrical and plumbing trades, can anyone tell me how many other trades based in Lincoln have these federally approved programs? I can confidently tell you, after working in the construction industry over the past 30 years in Lincoln, it is extremely low. There are other great ways to invest in the skills of our workforce. Just because it is approved by the government, doesn’t mean it is the only way to train and invest in our workforce. If this ordinance gets passed, it should include other types of training such as programs from the American Concrete Institute, Concrete Foundation Association, Southeast Community College, etc.

Lastly, it appears that your solution, incentivizing apprenticeship programs, doesn’t solve the problem, closing a widening skills gap. To me, it seems like this only gives advantage to those who have these programs. It does not incentivize the construction industry to start these types of programs. At least not to the extent that would make any significant difference to the labor force. Our problem isn’t a skill issue, it’s a people issue.
I am not just an employee of Stephens and Smith; I have been an active advocate for construction careers for the past 10 years. I am active with AGC’s workforce development committee, HBAL’s careers in construction committee, and I sit on the board of directors for Build our Nebraska which is 8 trade groups who work hard to increase construction career awareness. To help our industry, we need more awareness at younger ages that a path to construction careers can be equitable. We can’t do this with an incentive to contractors who currently have apprenticeships.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

Jereme Montgomery, Business Development Manager
Stephens & Smith Construction Co., Inc.
Dear Lincoln City Council:

I would ask that you be mindful of the history of petitions in Nebraska as you consider the very important progress that was made with proposal to change Chapter 11, and your vote in favor—which I support. What is to be made of the petition drive to challenge your vote for progress?

For me, this situation is reminiscent of the fateful day back in November 2008 when Pres. Barack Obama was nominated and Nebraska's voters, per a misleadingly named "civil rights" referendum, decided that affirmative action was an unfair advantage to minority residents of the state. One of the things I have witnessed and learned by virtue of living in the Midwest is that the nice "heartland" appearance glosses over a very astute system for maintaining cultural power. At about the same time of those November 2008 votes, I recall learning that North Omaha's poverty--obviously a legacy of official and unofficial policy--was among the highest in the nation. Similarly, just a few years before I left Madison, Wisconsin, I learned that Wisconsin had some of the highest national rates of incarceration for African Americans. I've been an associate professor at UNL since 2005, and have learned--and witnessed--how African-American professors representing change have been targeted, marginalized, and driven out, before and after the anti-affirmative action referendum. That petition drive and referendum sent a very clear message to minority students, professors, and young professionals who might consider coming to UNL, Lincoln, and Nebraska: Don't. I have seen and felt the culture change since then, as the English Department's international cadre of graduate students from Asia and Africa (most of whom pursued contemporary American literature) soon vanished. This change represents regression, and long-lasting implications for myself (professionally and personally) and so many students who are deprived of the international perspectives that we sorely need now.

As ample research has shown, groups like ALEC and dark-money interests have been backers of these efforts to prevent traditional forms of population control to be removed. I am pretty sure, based on my teaching experiences and those of others, that Nebraska has its own ways of "policing" progressive faculty members. It's a sophisticated system: One of the petitioners who collected signatures for the anti-affirmative action referendum, stationed right outside of the "liberal" English Department, was a young African-American male. At the same time, from 2005 to 2008 or so, a UNL reference librarian was leading an effort to bring Asian-American Studies to UNL--a proper thing since the Asian population was rapidly growing, Asian-American Studies was exploding in popularity, and those programs helped to boost the
national profiles of schools featuring them. That reference librarian, an Asian American, failed in her effort. She was soon gone, taking her talents elsewhere--and flourishing. There is no Asian-American Studies program at UNL. There isn't even a professor who teaches Asian-American literature, history, etc.

These self-inflicted wounds are orchestrated by elite interests. If Lincoln and Nebraska are to go forward, so should the changes to Chapter 11. I hope you remain steadfast, for posterity. Sincerely,

Gregory E. Rutledge, Ph.D., J.D./M.A.M.C.
I'm writing to find out how to get some results in enforcing car racing in city limits. I recently moved into a subdivision called northbank preserve. I work at the Air National Guard and around airplanes all day and I find this more annoying and louder than that! I'm not sure where this racing is coming from but it's somewhere close by our neighborhood. I live on 6931 North 50th place. The racing and loud cars goes on all day and into the night. I've heard many others in our neighborhood have made calls to the police in the middle of the night as late as 3 AM to try to get the noise to stop.

I'm sure all of this noise and racing in the city limits is against the city ordinance which I just downloaded and read through. What can we do to get this investigated?

Thank you for your time.
Linda Irons
The ‘roundtable’ was a grave disappointment. The represented council had a predetermined outcome with very little thought to where this may lead. What’s next? Special advantages for all vendors to the city that are Union? What a disgrace to the Free Enterprise System and what America stands for; the right to conduct your business fairly without the government’s involvement. You’re leading Lincoln down a slippery slope. Do you really want Lincoln to become the next Portland?

Scott Fitzgerald
President

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Coronavirus (COVID-19) Updates

Get information about City of Lincoln Services and Operations (https://app.lincoln.ne.gov/city/covid19/).

COVID-19 Vaccine Registration and Scheduling

Sign up and schedule your appointment (https://app.lincoln.ne.gov/aspinx/city/covidvac/default.aspx?passcode=4044e935631945448f7110a939f65fc8).

Planned LTU Projects

← Back to LTU Projects Home (https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/City/Departments/LTU/LTU-Projects)
Anticipated construction start:

2022

1st Street south of W Denton

Project Timeline
- Construction is planned for 2022.

14th from Adams to Superior
Street Improvements
This project will improve 14th Street from Adams to Superior streets through a mill and overlay of the existing surface and selected base repairs where required.

**Total Project Estimate**

$1,045,000

**Funding Sources:** Lincoln on the Move • Highway Allocation Funds

(https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/City/Departments/LTU/LTU-Projects/LOTM/Projects/Existing-Streets/14th-from-Adams-to-Superior)

### 23rd and Potter Neighborhood Street Improvements

This project will improve residential streets in the 23rd and Potter Neighborhood: 23rd from Vine to Potter • Potter from 21st to 26th.

**Total Project Estimate**

$580,000

**Funding Sources:** Lincoln on the Move • Street Improvement Vehicle Tax – Residential


### 27th Street from “O” Street to I-80 Adaptive Signal Control Technologies Project

The proposed North 27th Street, “O” Street to I-80 project would involve upgrading existing traffic signals and communication infrastructure along and adjacent to North 27th Street in the City of Lincoln, Nebraska in Lancaster County.

**Project Timeline**

Construction is planned for 2022.

(https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/City/Departments/LTU/LTU-Projects/Design/27th-Street-Adaptive-Signal-Project)
70th from Carger to Lilee
Street Improvements

Project Timeline
Construction is planned for 2022.

70th from Carger to Lilee
Water Main Distribution

This water distribution main will be installed in conjunction with a paving project in the area.

Project Timeline

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Total Project Estimate

$750,000
Funding Source: Lincoln Water System

70th Street from Salt Creek to Arbor Road
Sanitary Sewer Extension

This project extends the sanitary sewer from the northeast trunk line at Salt Creek and North 70th Street, along the west side of North 70th Street up to Arbor Road.

Project Timeline

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Total Project Estimate

$500,000
Funding Source: Sanitary Sewer Fees
(https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/City/Departments/LTU/LTU-Projects/LWWS/70th-from-Salt-Creek-to- Arbor)

84th from Oakdale to Elizabeth
Street Improvements

This project will improve 84th Street from Oakdale Avenue to Elizabeth Drive through a mill and overlay of the existing surface and selected base repairs where required.
Total Project Estimate

$3,975,000

Funding Sources: Lincoln on the Move • Highway Allocation Funds
(https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/City/Departments/LTU/LTU-Projects/LOTM/Projects/Existing-Streets/84th-from-Oakdale-to-Elizabeth)

84th and College Park
Traffic Signal Replacement

This project would replace traffic signal poles and related infrastructure at the intersection of 84th Street and College Park Drive. Curb ramps would be reconstructed to meet current standards.

Project Timeline
📅 Construction is tentatively planned for 2022.
(https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/City/Departments/LTU/LTU-Projects/Design/84th-and-College-Park)

98th from Van Dorn to “A”

Project Timeline
📅 Construction is planned for 2022.

104th Street and Holdrege Street Intersection
Intersection Improvements

This project will improve the Holdrege Street and North 104th Street Intersection with construction of a new roundabout to help serve growth in the community by improving the safety and capacity of the transportation system.

Project Timeline

Total Project Estimate

$800,000

Funding Sources: Lincoln on the Move • Developer Loan/Directed Impact Fees
West “A” Phase III Sanitary Sewer from SW 24th to SW 38th

This project will increase the size of the existing sanitary lines from Southwest 24th Street to Timber Ridge Road and install new sanitary sewer from Timber Ridge Road to approximately Southwest 38th Street.

**Project Timeline**

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**Total Project Estimate**

$2,500,000

**Funding Source:** Sanitary Sewer Fees

West “A” from West City Limits to SW 23rd Improvement Project

This project is part of a multi-phased effort to improve the West “A” Street corridor from the West City Limits to the intersection of SW 5th Street.

**Project Timeline**

The Project B schedule is under review.

Alley Between 9th and 10th, “L” and “M” Sanitary Sewer Replacement

This project will replace the sanitary sewer located in the alley between 9th and 10th streets and “L” and “M” streets.

**Project Timeline**

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Total Project Estimate

$350,000

Funding Source: Sanitary Sewer Fees

(https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/City/Departments/LTU/LTU-Projects/LWWS/Alley-9th-10th-L-M)

Arbor from Alvo to 40th

Project Timeline

📅 Construction is planned for 2022.

Belmont Neighborhood Street Improvements

This project will improve residential streets in the Belmont Neighborhood: Furnas from 9th to 14th · 9th from Nance Avenue to Adams · 10th from Adams to Judson · Nelson from 9th to 14th · Judson from 12th to 14th · 12th from Knox to Judson · Lewis from Knox to Elba · Manatt from 11th to 14th.

Project Timeline

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Total Project Estimate

$1,265,000

Funding Sources: Lincoln on the Move · Street Improvement Vehicle Tax – Residential

(https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/City/Departments/LTU/LTU-Projects/LOTM/Projects/Existing-Streets/Belmont-Neighborhood)

Clinton Neighborhood Street Improvements

This project will improve residential streets in the Clinton Neighborhood: Hitchcock from 28th to 33rd · Potter from 27th to 33rd · 31st from Holdrege to Leighton · 29th from Holdrege to Potter · Clinton from 27th to Alley · Fair from 27th to 33rd.

Project Timeline

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Total Project Estimate

$1,250,000

Funding Sources: Lincoln on the Move • Street Improvement Vehicle Tax – Residential
(https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/City/Departments/LTU/LTU-Projects/LOTM/Projects/Existing-Streets/Clinton-Neighborhood)

College View Neighborhood
Street Improvements

This project will improve residential streets in the College View Neighborhood: Sherman from 52nd to 56th • 52nd from Sherman to Van Dorn • Pawnee from west of 52nd to 53rd.

Project Timeline

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Total Project Estimate

$445,000

Funding Sources: Lincoln on the Move • Street Improvement Vehicle Tax – Residential
(https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/City/Departments/LTU/LTU-Projects/LOTM/Projects/Existing-Streets/College-View-Neighborhood)

Country Club Neighborhood
Street Improvements

This project will improve residential streets in the Country Club Neighborhood: Bradfield Drive from Sheridan Blvd to South Street • Winthrop Road from Van Dorn to South Street • Colonial Drive/Plymouth Avenue from Winthrop to Colonial.

Project Timeline

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Total Project Estimate

$825,000

Funding Sources: Lincoln on the Move • Street Improvement Vehicle Tax – Residential
(https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/City/Departments/LTU/LTU-Projects/LOTM/Projects/Existing-Streets/Country-Club-Neighborhood)

W Denton from S Folsom to 1st

https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/City/Departments/LTU/LTU-Projects/Planned?sortYear=2022
Project Timeline
- Construction is planned for 2022.

"G" from 7th to 20th

Project Timeline
- Construction is planned for 2022.

W Holdrege from NW 48th to Chitwood

This water distribution main will be installed in conjunction with a paving project in the area.

Project Timeline

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Total Project Estimate

$400,000

Funding Source: Lincoln Water System

Holdrege from 98th to Cessna
Water Main Distribution

This water distribution main will be installed in conjunction with a paving project in the area.

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Total Project Estimate

$650,000

Funding Source: Lincoln Water System

Kahoa Elementary Neighborhood
Street Improvements
This project will improve residential streets in the Kahoa Elementary Neighborhood: Leighton from 70th to Dorothy • Leighton from 76th to 78th • Garland from 70th to 78th • Dorothy from Garland to Adams • 76th from Garland to Baldwin • Willard from Dorothy to 78th.

**Total Project Estimate**

**$1,140,600**

**Funding Sources:** Lincoln on the Move • Street Improvement Vehicle Tax – Residential

[https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/City/Departments/LTU/LTU-Projects/LOTM/Projects/Existing-Streets/Kahoa-Elementary-Neighborhood](https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/City/Departments/LTU/LTU-Projects/LOTM/Projects/Existing-Streets/Kahoa-Elementary-Neighborhood)

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**Lincoln High Neighborhood Street Improvements**

This project will improve residential streets in the Lincoln High School Neighborhood: 19th from “A” to “F” • 20th Street, “A” to “D” • 24th Street, “A” to Randolph • 25th Street, “A” to “E”.

**Total Project Estimate**

**$850,000**

**Funding Sources:** Lincoln on the Move • Street Improvement Vehicle Tax – Residential

[https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/City/Departments/LTU/LTU-Projects/LOTM/Projects/Existing-Streets/Lincoln-High-Neighborhood](https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/City/Departments/LTU/LTU-Projects/LOTM/Projects/Existing-Streets/Lincoln-High-Neighborhood)

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**Oak Creek Trunk Line Extension**

This project will extend the Oak Creek trunk line from West Adams Street to West Mathis Street.
Near South Neighborhood
Street Improvements

This project will improve residential streets in the Near South Neighborhood: 14th from South Street to “A” • Mulberry from 14th to 15th.

Northridge Manholes Access
Access and Improvements

This project will improve a series of manholes located in the wetland area north of Northstar High School, from North 27th Street to North 33rd Street.
Park Manor Neighborhood
Street Improvements

This project will improve residential streets in the Park Manor Neighborhood: Rexford Drive from Twin Ridge Road to easternmost end · Rogers Circle at Twin Ridge Road · Meeker Circle at Twin Ridge Road · Twin Ridge Road from Sumner Street to “A” Street · 58th Street from South Street to “A” Street · Sumner from 56th to 70th · Monterey Drive from Bermuda Drive to Pacific Drive.

Project Timeline

Total Project Estimate

$1,385,000

Funding Sources: Lincoln on the Move • Street Improvement Vehicle Tax – Residential (https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/City/Departments/LTU/LTU-Projects/LOTM/Projects/Existing-Streets/Park-Manor-Neighborhood)

Piedmont Neighborhood
Street Improvements

This project will improve residential streets in the Piedmont Neighborhood: 52nd from Sumner to “A” · 50th from “A” to “C” · Fall Creek Road from “A” to Randolph · Valley Road from Fall Creek Road to 56th · 52nd from Randolph to “O”.

Project Timeline

Total Project Estimate

$244,400

Funding Sources: Lincoln on the Move • Street Improvement Vehicle Tax – Residential (https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/City/Departments/LTU/LTU-Projects/LOTM/Projects/Existing-Streets/Piedmont-Neighborhood)

“Q” from 14th to Antelope Valley Parkway

Project Timeline

Construction is planned for 2022.
Randolph from 40th to 56th
Street Improvements

This project will improve Randolph Street from 40th Street to 56th Street through a mill and overlay of the existing surface and selected base repairs where required.

Project Timeline

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Total Project Estimate

$800,000

Funding Sources: Lincoln on the Move • Highway Allocation Funds
(https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/City/Departments/LTU/LTU-Projects/LOTM/Projects/Existing-Streets/Randolph-from-40th-to-56th)

Rokeby from 40th to Snapdragon
Paving Project

This project will pave Rokeby Road from 40th Street to Snapdragon Road to help serve growth in the community by improving the safety and capacity of the transportation system.

Project Timeline

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At the earliest, construction could begin in spring of 2022

Total Project Estimate

$1,000,000

Funding Sources: Lincoln on the Move • Developer Loan/Directed Impact Fees
(https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/City/Departments/LTU/LTU-Projects/LOTM/Projects/Growth/Rokeby-from-40th-to-Snapdragon)

Rokeby from 40th to Snapdragon
Water Main Distribution

This water distribution main will be installed in conjunction with a paving project in the area.

Project Timeline
**Total Project Estimate**

**$500,000**

**Funding Source:** Lincoln Water System

**Salt Creek Neighborhood Street Improvements**

This street improvement project will resurface the following roadway sections in the Salt Creek Neighborhood: “B” from 1st to 8th streets, 8th from “C” to “J” streets, 8th from “N” to “O” streets, “E” from 8th to 9th streets, “F” from 8th to 9th streets.

**Southwest Trunk Line Extension**

This project will extend the southwest sanitary sewer trunk line along Highway 77 from Old Cheney Road to the lift station at Denton Road.

**Total Project Estimate**

**$1,700,000**

**Funding Source:** Sanitary Sewer Fees


**Salt Valley Trunk Line Pipe Upgrades 48" Corrugated Metal Pipe Rehabilitation**

This project will rehabilitate the old salt valley trunk line installed in the early 1960s, through an assortment of new rehabilitation technologies.
Total Project Estimate

$4,000,000

Funding Source: Sanitary Sewer Fees
(https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/City/Departments/LTU/LTU-Projects/LWWS/Salt-Valley-Trunk-Line-Rehab)

Union College Neighborhood
Street Improvements

This project will improve residential streets in the Union College Neighborhood: South 52nd Street Pioneers Boulevard to Calvert Street • South 51st Street from Pioneers Boulevard to Prescott • Prescott Avenue from South 48th to South 56th streets • Meredith Street.

Total Project Estimate

$1,050,000

Funding Sources: Lincoln on the Move • Street Improvement Vehicle Tax – Residential
(https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/City/Departments/LTU/LTU-Projects/LOTM/Projects/Existing-Streets/Union-College-Neighborhood)

Van Dorn from 91st to 103rd

Project Timeline

Construction is planned for 2022.

Wedgewood Neighborhood
Street Improvements

This street improvement project will resurface the following street sections in the Wedgewood Neighborhood: Wedgewood Drive from '70th to "O" streets Lakewood Drive from Englewood to Wedgewood drives • Aspen Lane • Cypress Lane • Glenwood Circle

Project Timeline
Wedgewood Sanitary Sewer Realignment

This project consists of a realignment of the existing sanitary line just north of Wedgewood Lake near 84th and “O” streets.

Total Project Estimate

$700,000

Funding Source: Sanitary Sewer Fees

Westgate and Saunders Street Improvements

This project will improve the following streets: W Saunders from N Main to N 1st • Westgate Boulevard from Sun Valley Boulevard to W Industrial Lake Drive.

Total Project Estimate

$600,000

Funding Sources: Lincoln on the Move • Street Improvement Vehicle Tax – Residential

Witherbee Neighborhood Street Improvements
This project will improve residential streets in the Witherbee Neighborhood: Frost Drive from Randolph to "J" · 37th from Lenox to "O" · 38th from "J" to "L" · 42nd from Randolph to "N" · 45th from Randolph to "O" · 47th from "J" to "O" · "M" from 47th to 48th.

**Total Project Estimate**

*Bold: $1,030,000*

**Funding Sources:** Lincoln on the Move • Street Improvement Vehicle Tax – Residential

(https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/City/Departments/LTU/LTU-Projects/LOTM/Projects/Existing-Streets/Witherbee-Neighborhood)

\[ \$40M = \$2M (5\%) \]

Extra cost to taxpayers
I'm a lifelong resident of North Lincoln, and a graduate of Northeast High School. I'm a social worker at Dawes Middle School, a small business owner in Havelock, and your City Councilman for Northeast Lincoln.

On the City Council, I've worked hard to lead us through difficult times as a city. I introduced and passed a ban on price gouging in the pandemic, supported the families of first responders who are killed in the line of duty, and have been a strong voice for equality. I was proud to introduce and pass a ban on so-called conversion therapy, and reduce regulations on businesses serving working families. During a budget crunch, I focused on keeping our libraries open and accessible to all.

Working families are why I got involved in politics. As the son of a single mom, I know what it's like to struggle to make ends meet. At 14, I got my first job at Burger King in Havelock, and learned the value of hard work. I've put those values into action serving my community.

As current President for the Lincoln-Lancaster County Board of Health I work with city and county partners to guide us out of the pandemic and advocate for a healthier Lincoln.
Lincoln City Council Members

Re: Opposition to the proposed changes to 2.18.034

Dear Council Members,

I agree with and support the OPPOSITION statements of LIBA, ABC, AGC Building, AGC Heavy Highway and NUCA.

WHY?

WHY is Councilman Bowers proposing changes to the ordinance that negatively impact construction contractors as well as other businesses? Bowers proposed these changes without openly discussing the proposal with businesses first. There are several large construction companies in his district that were not ask for input on these changes.

WHY is Councilman Bowers proposing changes that negatively impact 93% of Nebraska construction contractor’s employees? These changes would be a disadvantage to these businesses, eliminate new project opportunities and add more limitations to an already tight job market. (See attached file)

WHY is Councilman Bowers proposing paying a 5% premium for City of Lincoln goods and services? This proposed change will cost Lincoln taxpayers millions of dollars. The planned 2022 LTU projects are approximately $40M alone, which could cost taxpayers an extra $2M (5%). (See attached file)

WHY is Councilman Bowers proposing changes that impact our Free Enterprise System for free and open competition among businesses? Government should not dictate how we run our businesses or how we train our people.

WHY is Councilman Bowers proposing these changes that directly conflict with his campaign website that states, “reduce regulations on businesses serving working families”? Small businesses are already burdened with costly government regulations that directly impact profitability and wage increases.  https://bowersfornebraska.com/about-james/

WHY?

Respectfully,
Scott Fitzgerald
President

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Please include in 3-21-22 Council Packet. Thank you!

Jean Petsch, Director of Advocacy & Industry Affairs  
Associated General Contractors-Nebraska Building Chapter  
402-641-3855

NOTE: NEW EMAIL ADDRESS  jeanpetsch9@gmail.com
TO: James Michael Bowers, Lincoln City Council Chair and City Council Members

FROM: Jean Petsch, Director of Advocacy & Industry Affairs

RE: Ordinance 21-172 - Amendment adopted 2-28-22

DATE: March 18, 2022

City Council Members:

Once again, I am writing on behalf of the members of the Associated General Contractors-Nebraska Building Chapter. The Building Chapter represents member firms in commercial construction that build vertically in the state, regional and national markets.

During the past three months many phone calls, emails, letters, conversations in-person and via phone have taken place, along with a public hearing and small-group meeting. I do feel a lot of learning on all sides has happened. However, at this point we still oppose the amendment adopted by the Council on February 28, 2022 after the public hearing. We appreciate Council Member Raybould’s efforts, however:

- We still do not see this ordinance accomplishing the goal of being a workforce development tool as we are continually told. We fail to see how giving “use of apprentices” a preference in awarding a bid for a job/project will recruit more qualified people into the industry. Most industry folks have been doing workforce development for many years. They will tell you it is not bidding and contract procurement that influences people decision to seek a career in construction.
- We believe that every employer has the right to procure, train and develop employees as they see best to fit their specific business model and specialized skill, service, and product situation. It is not the role of governments to “preference” one training method over another when all methods are known acceptable industry standards.
- We believe this ordinance will place unnecessary burden on city, state and companies’ staff resources to implement the program. No fiscal analysis appears to have been done, nor is a part of any process.
- In the end, this ordinance will cost taxpayers more. It is concerning that no one seems to care about this.

Facts We Know:

The good construction employers (union and non-union firms alike) invest major dollars per year on training their employees.

The good construction employers (non-union and union firms) invest major dollars every year supporting apprenticeships, sponsorship programs, internship programs, and funding for multiple recruitment programs focused on construction education, leading people to construction careers.
The good construction employers (non-union and union firms) all have competitive wages/salary, benefits, and compensation plans. If they didn’t, they would not get anyone hired or retain their workforce.

The good construction employers (union and non-union firms) win their hard-bid work in a fair and competitive way based on qualifications and ability to do the job, estimate, schedule and execute the project. Not via business development by legislation.

The good construction companies and their employees (non-union and union) have updated and changed the landscape and roadways of Lincoln over the past 20 years without preference bidding.

**The good construction companies are the companies that belong to the associations opposing this ordinance.** They are the top quality, premier firms. The Council has heard from many major LOCAL stakeholders, construction associations, business associations and businesses that this ordinance is not in the best interest of Lincoln. Why is it still under consideration?

Please vote NO on this ordinance.

Thank you for your consideration and your service.

Jean Petsch, Director of Advocacy and Industry Affairs

402-641-3855
Please keep Woods Park green!

Thank you!

Nancy M. Shelley
cell (402) 802-8401
Hello Lincoln City Council members,

I hope you are all doing well. My name is Hanna Christensen, and I am a news writer for the Nebraska News Service through the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. I am currently working on an article about a petition that is going around to remove anti-homeless architecture in the city. I would love to have a conversation with someone from the City Council about this. Please let me know if this works, and what times you would be available for quick meeting over zoom or phone. Thank you for your help.

Best,

Hanna Christensen/ she/her/hers
News Writer
Hannarc2001@gmail.com / 402-484-1173
Dear Members of the Council,

I hope the recent results of the Public Religious Research Institute (PRRI) strengthens your resolve to put your revisions of the Municipal Code to a city-wide vote.

https://www.prri.org/research/americans-support-for-key-lgbtq-rights-continues-to-tick-upward/

George Wolf