

DIRECTORS' ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Monday, December 7, 2020

555 S. 10th STREET

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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1. Discussion of future meetings, public crowd size, and safety requirements for public participation

Weed Control Authority - 2020 Assessments

Lincoln City Council

December 14th, 2020

Assessments are for Weed Abatement (mowing) only.

Noxious Weed violations inside city limits are handled by the State Noxious Weed Act.

Noxious Weed Enforcements do not require Council action.

Appeal process 8.46.045

Owner has 30 days from time of control to appeal with public works.

* No appeals filed in 2020

Notification sent to property owner's on November 5th, 2020. Ordinance requires notification to be sent 30 days prior to hearing.

2020 Season November 1st, 2019 – October 31st, 2020

Total liens:	\$50,193.75	<i>Revised 12/3/2020</i>
Paid	<u>\$17,605.00</u>	
Remaining	\$32,588.75	

Outstanding Balance 2005 – 2019	\$33,937.75
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Enforcements

2020	155
2019	270
2018	182
2017	253
2016	<u>258</u>
5-year average	223.6

Total Inspections

2020	5,515
2019	8,120
2018	5,888
2017	5,843
2016	<u>6,210</u>
5-year average	6,315

Number of parcels inspected

2020	2,481
2019	3,521
2018	2,692
2017	2,692
2016	<u>2,891</u>
5-year average	2855.4

Legal Notices Issued

2020	736
2019	1,206
2018	737
2017	849
2016	920
5-year average	889.6

Complaints received

2020	2,079
2019	3,155
2018	2,244
2017	1,745
2016	1,700
5-year average	2184.6

Noxious Weed Inspections inside City limits

In addition to our Weed Abatement inspections we did 1,028 inspections on 695 parcels for Noxious Weeds inside City Limits.

If you have any questions please contact me at BMeyer@lanaster.ne.gov or 402-441-7817

Brent Meyer
Weed Control Superintendent

Angela M. Birkett

From: John Nebelsick <jnbnebel@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 2:09 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Citizens Public Advisory Board

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Honorable Council Members; With the very limited complaints that this board has to deal with (10 Annually) plus the need to encourage our Police Force rather than harass them Lincoln does not need arbitrarily appointed additional members to this Board. .

John Nebelsick

6040 Old Farm Circle

Lincoln NE. 68512

Angela M. Birkett

From: KM McQueen <churchypeople@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 2:25 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: additional oversight in Lincoln Police Department

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Council Members

November 23, 2020

Lots of Lincoln citizens may not be aware that this proposal of oversight of police fails to take into consideration that oversight procedures have been in effect for several years, way ahead of many police departments across the country. Police Chief Bliemeister supports the various levels of insights already in place, including a well-educated and experienced victim's advocate who works closely with victims of crimes and accidents ensuring justice, their privacy and fair treatment.

The various levels of oversight in effect contains adequate transparency and proper concern for victim's safety and privacy which results in allows victims to feel safe to ask the department for help. Many criminal cases require several years of police work, releasing personal information would likely jeopardize pending cases unnecessarily.

Setting up more levels of oversight that have little or no accountability threatens the functioning of the department and would likely subject victims of crime and persons in the judicial system to scrutiny that would compromise fairness and justice. It could result unintended consequences for victims and criminals.

Rev. Kenneth A. McQueen

Rev. Mary E. McQueen

6150 Franciscan Drive

Lincoln, NE 68526

Vintage Heights

402-770-6498

Angela M. Birkett

From: Mark Freeouf <mark.freeouf@doane.edu>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 2:42 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: NO on CPAB Expansion!

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

City Council,

Do you work for us or the mayor? I'm beginning to believe the latter...

The mayor wants to expand the size of the CPAB from 7 to 9 members, in order to enable herself to appoint a majority of 5 that will be connected to the "Defund the Police" ideas we saw earlier this year. This will allow her to attack the police indirectly and not be held accountable for it.

My understanding is that the measure also allows complaints to be filed via email instead of the current process. Unless you live under a rock, you should realize that this will bring a plethora of "complaints" (legitimate or mostly not...) from activists which will bump up the statistics of "police misconduct" in the city.

Obviously, this ordinance change is part of the Mayor's extreme and divisive agenda. She has the gull to call those that oppose her a "small group of divisive individuals" while the real divisive moves have been made by this mayor. Some people might forget that she brought the "safe storage" attack on the 2nd amendment while she was on the council. Is that not a divisive proposal? I think she finally realized it was divisive when she decided to drop it when she learned she was going to be running for mayor and it might not be popular... (Beutler ended up taking most of the heat for this of course, on his way out, by appointing a board to "study" this idea.)

This year we saw the soft-on-crime way she handled the demonstrations/riots, by setting curfews and then breaking them and then apologizing later for setting them, even after MILLIONS of damages. Is the condoning of rioting and crime divisive?

How about spending \$97k on a "climate study" and another \$119k on a "climate czar". Is this potentially divisive?

I have realized that you all are going to do what you are going to do, regardless of what citizens- who you are supposed to represent- tell you. Keep in mind that you are helping motivate your own recall campaign by continuing to be the Mayor's "rubber stamps".

Mark Freeouf

Angela M. Birkett

From: Michael Walker <mwalker.lnk@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 2:47 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Citizen Police Advisory Board

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

As a Lincoln resident, homeowner, and registered voter, I strongly urge the City Council to not bow to the wishes of the mayor in expanding the Citizen Police Advisory Board. There are already 3 seats out of 7 for the mayor to fill, we don't need to add more. To expand the CPAB at this point is clearly an attempt at politicizing it and 'packing' it.

-Michael Walker

Angela M. Birkett

From: Mary Pat Waite <mpw@lincolfirstrealty.com>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 3:04 PM
To: Council Packet
Cc: Mayor
Subject: RE: THERE is NO reason to change the # of people on the Citizen Police Advisory Board

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To all involved,

I DO NOT agree with more people being added to the Citizen Police Advisory Board – 7 is plenty!! I do not vote for more!!



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Angela M. Birkett

From: farmland_re@windstream.net <dwford38@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 3:08 PM
To: Council Packet; Mayor
Subject: expanding the police advisory board

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I strongly oppose the plan to expand the police advisory board. It reeks of the nefarious plot to pack the supreme court of the United States.

Angela M. Birkett

From: Jerry ficke <ficke1@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 3:10 PM
To: Council Packet
Cc: Jerry ficke
Subject: THERE is NO reason to change the # of people on the Citizen Police Advisory Board

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To all involved,
I DO NOT agree with more people being added to the Citizen Police Advisory Board – 7 is plenty!! I do not vote for more!!
Gerald Ficke
1706 Devoe Drive
Lincoln, NE 68506
402-770-0258

Angela M. Birkett

From: Karolynn Mizell <karolynn.mizell@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 3:14 PM
To: Council Packet; Mayor
Subject: Lincoln Recall

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Mayor Baird seems to have a track record of government overreach such as appointing Pat Lopez to the Health Department without due process. The mayor is anxious to mandate mask wearing even though several studies show that results are questionable and may have no effect and is a long way from settled science. Governor Ricketts shows better leadership by recommending steps we can take but leaving it up to the people to use their common sense and police themselves. This is the direction Governor Noem of South Dakota has taken. Coming down on small businesses who are just trying to survive is too heavy-handed.

The Citizens Police Advisory Board already has seven members and it escapes me how any class of people could be excluded. The Police Chief is satisfied with the present number of seats and that should be sufficient to cover differing types of people. The police force is very inclusive and has a record of including all groups in its hiring practices. Mayor Baird has more than enough power as it stands to lead the city government. We need to oppose further government control of our lives.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
David and Karolynn Mizell
Lincoln, Nebraska

Angela M. Birkett

From: Talli Kratochvil <Talli.Kratochvil@homerealestate.com>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 4:07 PM
To: Mayor; Council Packet
Subject: Citizen Police Advisory Board

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Mayor Baird & City Council Members:

I am writing regarding your intention to pack the Citizen Police Advisory Board.

Appropriate checks and balances are already built into the system, and the LPD desires to hold fellow officers accountable. Serious inquiries generated through the CPAB board or internally, go to LPD Internal Affairs and the CPAB. It was mentioned during the testimony time last week during the council meeting that an average of 10 cases are brought before the board each year, so the CPAB is not overwhelmed in their work.

If the current board is working well and formal complaints are minimal, there seems to be no reason to increase the size of the board from 7 to 9. Changing this ordinance is a solution looking for a problem. If the Mayor wanted to improve the diversity of the board, she should have done it this week when three current board members' terms expired on November 17, 2020. For good reason, the board members terms are staggered. Unless a mayor serves multiple terms, the board can only be replaced gradually. The Mayor should not be able to pack the board by adding two additional members.

Instead of ensuring that a cross-section of the city is represented on the board, legitimate concerns exist that partisan and anti-cop/defund members will be appointed by the Mayor. The last thing our police department needs is an adversarial board instead of an advisory board. As a citizen, I want LPD to be given a fair shake with reasonable oversight that works with them, one that does not undermine their work in keeping Lincoln safe. Also, since body cams will be used by all police officers soon, this will provide another level of oversight to their work.

My second concern with the proposed ordinance is the ability to file a formal complaint via email/electronic means. The ease of making a formal report may result in many more complaints, some possibly not truthful, so there should also be a counter amendment penalizing false reporting just as there is when filing a false police report. If the system becomes flooded, possibly with erroneous claims, the statistics alone could cause a firestorm of supposed systemic problems within the LPD. We've been told many times over the last decade that "it is the seriousness of the allegation that matters." Undoubtedly, confidence will be eroded within the system, and the very purpose of the CPAB, designed to build trust with the community, will be turned on its head.

The LPD has the overwhelming support of this city, but what they often lack is support of the Lincoln City Council and the Mayor both in word and deed. For example when you, our mayor, were out protesting with the very same people who attempted to destroy our city and attack our police officers later that night. Packing the CPAB will be perceived as adversarial, undermining the effectiveness of our stellar police force. Allowing ease of submitting formal complaints via electronic means, may encourage false

reporting. I urge the Council to oppose changing this CPAB, and in doing so, showing support of the Lincoln Police Department.

Sincerely,

Talli Kratochvil
Lincoln Business Owner

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. Psalm 19:14

Talli Kratochvil - Realtor

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Angela M. Birkett

From: Rozanne Snoberger <rsnoberger@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 5:51 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Objection

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

As a citizen of Lincoln for many years, I object to the Mayor's request to add additional members to the Citizen Police Advisory Board. Please leave the number at 7 members. If not, it would appear that the mayor is making this a politically based board which it is not meant to be.

Citizens are watching. Citizens care in this community. There is no good and logical reason to add members to this board.

Rozanne ;Snoberger

Angela M. Birkett

From: Dave Kasl <dave.kasl@doane.edu>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 7:37 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Citizen Police Advisory Board

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I am writing to voice my opposition to expanding the Citizen Police Advisory Board. The board is already diverse and functioning well. We do not need it to become splintered and fragmented and potentially create greater problems that would distract law enforcement and police from their core functions.

I believe the board is working well and does not need change. Therefore, I urge you to leave the Board as it is.

In full disclosure, I do not live in Lincoln proper, but live nearby. However, I work in Lincoln, do almost all of my shopping in Lincoln, and attend numerous functions and activities. Therefore I feel as if I am a part of Lincoln and have a right to express my opinion on this matter.

David Kasl
6500 SW 91st St.
Denton, NE



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Angela M. Birkett

From: Cheryl Miller <ckmiller44@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 1:03 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Council & police

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Marty & cheryl miller stand supportive of lincoln police and their service to lincoln community and NEIGHBORHOODS.we favor the management of police to continue by the chief of police and Commanding officers

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Cheryl Miller <ckmiller44@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 22, 2020 9:22 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Lincoln police

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

We are grateful to Lincoln police for being available on our behalf at a moments notice while their lives Are constantly at risk..DEFINITELY SHOULD NOT CUT...if anything increase in police and adequate time off after varying shift changes They need support and respect from Lincoln citizens and ADEQUATE TIME for rest ..

GOD BLESS OUR POLICE for service to the community We stand grateful to you and your families..Thankyou for helping keep Lincoln residents safe.Appreciate the wake up warning as to my exceeding speed ..easy to become Complacent...and the warning on My dash clear reminder DRIVE SAFE..

SUPPORT LINCOLN POLICE and LAW ENFORCEMENT

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Nate Lowry <nate.lowry@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 4:01 PM
To: Terri Storer; Council Packet
Subject: Remote city meetings

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

City Attorney Yohance Christie and City Council Members,

When Covid first started, the legal office informed us that due to the city's bylaws or charter or whatnot we were unable to discuss issues with, count votes of, or count for quorum any meeting members calling in via video conference on city meetings . Is there an easy way to either get that clause removed or temporarily suspended? I'm lucky to serve on the Pedestrian Bike Advisory Committee and it would be much easier/safer if we could have members give input over a video call. I'd bet other committees would say the same.

I'm sure none of you wrote that statute, but wanted to voice my preference for updating that to reflect the new normal if at all possible.

Thanks for your time.

Nate Lowry
nate.lowry@gmail.com

Angela M. Birkett

From: Jennaya Arias <divusthoma@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 9:42 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Police

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

We are newer to Lincoln, having moved here from California 4 years ago, with our children to escape the increase in violence and liberal mentality that was taking over the Golden State. We had a drive by shooting behind our house in CA which was in a pretty safe family neighborhood but was quickly becoming overtaken by crime and gangs. We support the LPD and are very thankful for their hard work and sacrifice for the Lincolniters and don't feel it is necessary to shake up the current board or "make it more diverse". Our police and all law enforcement need to be supported and fully funded, not more radicalized, so they can continue to protect and serve. We back the blue and do not support our mayor's wanting to change LPD in any way, unless it is adding to the funding for better equipment and training. Thank you!

Jennaya Arias

Angela M. Birkett

From: braskabar@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2020 9:22 AM
To: Council Packet
Cc: Lisa Winchester
Subject: DHM

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Good morning,

I am a local bar & grill owner. The new DHM will force me to close my doors and my employees, along with myself, will be out of jobs. We've been struggling since the first shut down, but we made it. My capacity is 259 people, so I am a fairly large venue. 10 people will not pay my bills. You know as well as I do, carry out will not do it. You're killing us little guys, while the Wal-Marts and big chains will be just fine. They cram people in these businesses and that's not a problem. Stores are still having Black Friday sales and that's ok. I bought my business in November, 2018. 2 years and I'm being forced to close my doors. People go to bars because they want to, it's a choice. I have 4 employees, plus my daughter and myself. 6 people done!!
If we are only allowed 10 people in a 259 capacity bar & grill, the big stores should also have to limit.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Angela M. Birkett

From: Cindy Skiles <skilescindy@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 26, 2020 9:29 PM
To: Mayor; Council Packet
Subject: Citizens police advisory Board

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I oppose the expansion of the Citizen Police Advisory Board from seven (7) to nine (9) members. I implore you to vote against this proposal and overreach.

Cindy Skiles

Angela M. Birkett

From: Robert Borer <robert.borer@doane.edu>
Sent: Friday, November 27, 2020 9:46 AM
To: Robert Borer; pete.ricketts@nebraska.gov; Mayor; Council Packet
Subject: Liberty being suppressed by criminal fear-mongering/restrictions

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Elected and Appointed Officials- Here's your "pandemic," by the numbers.

Deaths in Nebraska after 46 weeks for 2014 to 2020: 2014 - 13718

2015 - 14691 (973 more than 2014)

2016 - 13908

2017 - 14683

2018 - 14833

2019 - 14747

2020 - 15776 (943 more than 2018)

Notice the difference between 2018 and 2020 is less than the increase from 2014 to 2015, and that's after all the very unhealthy behavior people have been induced to engage in this year through fear-mongering. Bottom line? There is no pandemic. This is all a scam. You have been and are being manipulated by elected and appointed officials who have sold out. They are traitors.

Death determination has been politicized. That is, deaths are being assigned to a cause (of death) that has a political, fear-mongering, community-dividing, small business- and middle class-destroying agenda behind it. That's why we must resort to all cause mortality (death from all causes) to tell the true story....and context/comparison is everything.

You ought to be fuming mad. It's time to resist this tyranny. It's time to shut these evil-doers down. The Unicameral needs to convene an emergency session and act in the interests of all Nebraskans. It's time for personal responsibility. Actually, it's way past time. Those who are afraid can stay home.

If any further restriction/s, based on "covid," are imposed upon otherwise lawful assembly and business activity, including the ludicrous pseudoscientific face-covering, all officials involved, from the state on down, must forfeit their taxpayer-funded wages, in their entirety, for the duration of the restriction/s. No exceptions. Robert J. Borer

Angela M. Birkett

From: From Nebraska Gift Shop <gifts@fromne.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 29, 2020 6:40 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Scooter program
Attachments: IMG_3413.jpg; IMG_3412.jpg; IMG_3411.jpg; IMG_3104.jpg; IMG_3047.jpg; IMG_3013.jpg; IMG_3007.jpg

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

November 29, 2020

Lincoln City Council Members,

I am respectfully asking that you discontinue the scooter program for the Lincoln Haymarket. I own the From Nebraska Gift Shop at 803 Q St in the Haymarket. The attached pictures will demonstrate the serious problems with allowing the scooters to be abandoned in public and privately owned spaces.

I have been snapping pictures before I personally move these out of the public right of way, as well off of the dock at 8th and Q that I rent from the Bayer Family Partnership.

The pictures that are shown by my front door demonstrate that the rider could only have gotten the scooter up the dock using the handicap ramp. We can only assume that the rider was riding the scooter up and down the large ramp after business hours. My main concern is what happens if the rider is injured or injures someone else on this private property? Am I responsible?

Is the building owner? Is the city? I clearly have "No Trespassing" signs posted that state the dock is off limits after business hours.

Again, I am taking my time to move these out of the public right of way, as well as away from the main entrance of my business. However, my main concern is the liability we bear if an accident occurs on the business property. This dock is not city property, it is owned by the Bayer family.

The council has asked for public input concerning the scooter trial, and as such I implore you to discontinue the program.

Thank you,
Barb Ballard
Owner
The From Nebraska Gift Shop
803 Q St.
Lincoln, NE 68508
Cell: 402-430-6559















Angela M. Birkett

From: ritchie65 <ritchie65@outlook.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 03, 2020 9:12 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: May 30, 2020 riot incident

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

The report of shots being fired during the riot is extremely disturbing. The lack of your response to the riots was more disturbing.

I would like a reply to the following question by ALL City council members:

When did each member of the council learn that shots were fired during the riot?

Please respond by December 12, 2020.

Thank you.

Richard Esquivel
733 W Cuming St.
Lincoln, NE 68521

Angela M. Birkett

From: Robert Borer <robert.borer@doane.edu>
Sent: Thursday, December 03, 2020 11:27 AM
To: stopthemedicaltyranny@thisisamerica.com
Subject: The Real Emergency

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Senators-

The real emergency is all the small businesses going under. They cannot wait until January. The legislature must act now. A "case" is not a diseased person. It's a positive result to a test that's being used under emergency use authorization (EUA). In other words, it's never been vetted. It's not a definitive test, by any stretch. As long as we continue testing at the current rate, this thing (this "emergency") will NEVER END, because the results will always be the same—that is, they will always be "indicative" of a certain sequence of genetic material found in many people *that has more than one source*. The genetic material may come from bacteria for all we know, or some other source. Quoting the CDC: "Positive results are **indicative** of active infection with 2019-nCoV but do not rule out bacterial infection or co-infection with other viruses. The agent detected may not be the definite cause of disease."

The idea that politicians can manage our lives better than we can is ludicrous. The idea that We the People can elect our leaders but can't recognize danger when we see it, and manage our own lives accordingly, especially after being fear-mongered over it nonstop for eight long months, is also ludicrous.

This is America. Our "leaders" have laid hold of unwarranted power and now they are drunk with it. Our inherent God-given rights are being trampled on. The Constitution is being trampled on. It's been trampled on from day one. These so-called leaders need treatment. Our legislature needs to give it to them. Our legislature needs to send them to rehab.

How many more small businesses and livelihoods are you going to allow to be destroyed???? Pray tell.

Robert J. Borer

P.S. The idea that healthy people are endangering others simply by breathing is the biggest scam in the history of the world.

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