

DIRECTORS'/ORGANIZATIONAL AGENDA ADDENDUM

Monday, August 2, 2021

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Angela M. Birkett

From: dmcintosh@neb.rr.com
Sent: Friday, July 30, 2021 11:59 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Increased Fees

Good Day,

I would like to speak toward the proposed increase of water/sewer, trash and fee increases.

Inflation is going rampant, the worse it has been in years, currently around the 6% level. The average family is feeling this hard on ever essential item they need. Fuel, food, services.

The average retiree is struggling to get by on Soc. Sec. and what savings they have that is supposed to last them for decades.

We have had consistent increases in trash fees for years now. Water/Sewer has gone up. I've seen the jump the last few years every time I pay a bill.

I ask of you to put the people first. Keep the essential services cost down.

Thank you,
Dale McIntosh



Lincoln City Council

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Dear Lincoln City Council Members

I am writing on behalf of the Lancaster County Medical Society [LCMS] the membership organization for actively practicing physicians in Lancaster County. Many of our members have been working closely with the staff of the Lincoln Lancaster County Health Department [LLCHD] over the past year addressing issues related to the COVID 19 pandemic. We have been extremely appreciative of the efforts of the entire LLCHD staff to protect our residents and would like to compliment them on achieving a high COVID vaccination rate.

We recognize their work is not complete as they continue to provide vaccination clinics as well as monitor COVID 19 cases in our community. We feel strongly without the commitment of the LLCHD leadership and staff the COVID 19 pandemic would have had a greater impact in Lincoln. Decisions such as mandating masks and limiting the number of people at gatherings, were extremely difficult, but clearly provided additional protection to our residents.

LCMS looks forward to our continued partnership with LLCHD as we continue to address this very unprecedented pandemic.

Eric Avery MD

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Eric Avery MD', written in a cursive style.

President of Lancaster County Medical Society

Angela M. Birkett

From: Hans Gilde <hmg2@allophone.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 01, 2021 9:02 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Fwd: swimming meets in Woods Pool

Dear members of the City Council,

We have again endured a swimming meet at Woods Pool. We live two houses from the corner of 32nd and J Streets. The most serious problem is how some people attending the meet park on our street, i.e. often they park much too close or even right on top of our driveway. We think the city should be more proactive in enforcing the city ordinances regarding parking on neighborhood streets in connection with such events. Since the meets are an imposition on our neighborhood, the least the city could do is make an effort to mitigate their impact on us.

Sincerely,

Hans Gilde,
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Angela M. Birkett

From: RJCurd <rjcurd@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, August 02, 2021 12:34 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Sidewalk Cafe' Ordinance Changes

Dear Council members:

I'd like to add my voice in favor of the proposed ordinance change removing the food/kitchen requirement for sidewalk cafe' eligibility.

After reading the article in the Lincoln Journal Star it seems to me the current ordinance is too restrictive. The new ordinance under consideration would provide relief to local businesses that have been hurt most by past Covid 19 closures.

The new ordinance, by providing for an open air environment, would also help mitigate against spread of the virus.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
RJCurd

Angela M. Birkett

From: Diane Walkowiak <dwalkowiak2@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 02, 2021 7:23 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: 2021-22 Budget Parks & Recreation

Dear Council Members:

In regards to the proposed 2021-22 city budget, I want to express my support for increasing funding for positions in the forestry division of Parks & Recreation.

From what I read in the budget document, a FTE Community Outreach Forester is proposed. I'm not exactly sure what this position entails, but we need more people getting rid of dead and dying trees in this city, as well as being proactive about canopies in our parks, some of which have a lot of aging trees and need not only maintenance but planting of new trees. So I urge you to do whatever moves us closer to that goal.

As you're aware, emerald ash borer issues have created quite a backlog of other trees to take care of. However, at the same time, the city appears to have resources to remove healthy trees in order to discourage the homeless, and would have removed a huge magnificent cottonwood tree from a golf course had the plan not been altered. At the same time, citizens are experiencing property damage from deteriorated trees which they reported to the city months ago. Perhaps a hard look at priorities is also warranted.

Thank you for your support of Parks & Recreation.

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