

Directors' Meeting Agenda Monday, September 23, 2024, 2 p.m. 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, NE Bill Luxford Studio

- I. Open Meetings Law Announcement
- II. Approval of Directors' Meeting Minutes from September 16
- III. City Clerk Advisories
- IV. Director Advisories
- V. City Council: Commissions, Committees, and Event Updates
- VI. Public Comment
- VII. Post-Meeting Council Members Calls to City Directors
- VIII. Adjournment

Next Directors' Meeting - October 7, 2 p.m.

City Correspondence

Jon P. Taylor	All Lincoln City Libraries Locations Closed September 20
Jon P. Taylor	Older Adults Invited to Aging Partners Events September 23

through September 29

Sherry Wolf Substitute Tax Rate Resolution

Shelli K. Reid BPC240918 - 2 PC Action

Shelli K. Reid BPC240918 - 1 PC Final Action Notice

Jon P. Taylor Temporary Jamaica North Trail Closure Begins September 20
Jon P. Taylor Wild Fall Festival and Tree Giveaway Set For September 28
Jon P. Taylor City Announces Program Partnership With CenterPointe

Jennifer T. McDonald Administrative Approvals

Jon P. Taylor South Branch Mural Art Event Set For September 22

Kimberly N. Behrens City Council Action 9/16/24

Vish Reddi The Gathering Place
Peter D. Hind FW: LES Substation Wall

Jon P. Taylor Portions of Three Streets to Close September 17, 18

Kellie Cave LES Administrative Board Agenda - September 20, 2024

Constituent Correspondence

Robert Borer comments for the government committee's hearing

on LR357 and "election security"

Hernandez, Francisco E RE: Claim Against the City of Lincoln

James Bunch Continued Unacceptable Situation at N. 48th Street

& Cornhusker

Vish Reddi The Gathering Place

Tyler Quiring Park & Go

Lisa Steiner Zipper Merging Anna Hilton #52 Bus Route

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From: Jennifer T. McDonald

To: Benjamin A. Sobel

Cc: <u>David R. Cary</u>; <u>Shelli K. Reid</u>; <u>Jennifer T. McDonald</u>; <u>Steve S. Henrichsen</u>

Subject: Administrative Approvals

Date: Tuesday, September 17, 2024 11:35:33 AM

There were no City Administrative Approvals this week.

Thank you!



Jennifer McDonald

Administrative Aide II | Administration

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555 S 10th St, Ste 213 Lincoln, NE 68508 <u>lincoln.ne.gov/Planning</u> From: <u>Jon P. Taylor</u>

Subject: All Lincoln City Libraries Locations Closed September 20

Date: Friday, September 20, 2024 11:27:37 AM

LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES

136 S. 14th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-8500

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 20, 2024

MEDIA CONTACT:

Ryan Wieber, Lincoln City Libraries Director, 402-441-8510

All Lincoln City Libraries Locations Closed September 20

All Lincoln City Libraries locations, including the Lied Bookmobile, will be closed Friday, September 20, for staff training. Regular hours will resume Saturday, September 21.

For more information about Lincoln City Libraries, visit <u>lincolnlibraries.org</u>.

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Jonathan Taylor

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555 S 10th St, Ste 301 Lincoln, NE 68508 lincoln.ne.gov/Mayor From: Shelli K. Reid
To: Benjamin A. Sobel

Cc:David R. Cary; Steve S. HenrichsenSubject:BPC240918 - 1 PC Final Action NoticeDate:Thursday, September 19, 2024 8:53:24 AMAttachments:BPC240918 - 1 PC Final Action Notice.pdf

Please see attached.

Thank you,





Shelli Reid

Administrative Officer | Administration

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PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION NOTIFICATION

TO: Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird

Lincoln City Council

FROM: Shelli Reid, Planning

DATE: September 19, 2024

RE: Notice of final action by Planning Commission: September 18, 2024

Please be advised that on September 18, 2024, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission adopted the following resolutions:

Resolution PC-01923, approving PRE-EXISTING SPECIAL PERMIT 28F, amending an existing Special Permit per the Lincoln Municipal Code Chapter 27.63.075, to modify the approved signage plan and increase the size and area allowed for directional and free-standing signs within the permit boundary on property generally located at 3800 South 48th Street; and

Resolution PC-01924, approving SPECIAL PERMIT 19006B, to amend the existing Grandview Estates 2nd Addition CUP (Community Unit Plan) by allowing waivers to the minimum lot area and average lot width for single-family dwellings, on property generally located at S 76th Street and Ambrose Drive.

The Planning Commission action on these applications is final, unless appealed to the City Council by filing a notice of appeal with the Planning Department within 14 days of the action by the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission Resolution may be accessed on the internet at www.lincoln.ne.gov (search for "PATS"). Click on "Planning Application Tracking Service (PATS)" at the top of the page, click "Selection Screen" under "PATS Tools" on the right side of the screen, type in the application number (i.e. PESP28F, SP19006B) click on "Search", then "Select", and go to "Related Documents".

From: Shelli K. Reid

To:

Benjamin A. Sobel; Planning ALL; Andrew Barness; Chad E. Blahak; David A. Derbin; Elizabeth D. Elliott; John M. Ward; Jon D. Carlson; Michaela A. Sweeney; Pamela L. Dingman; Robert K. Simmering; Ron E. Rehtus; Shelli K. Reid; T.J. McDowell, Jr.; Terry A. Kathe; Tim S. Sieh

Subject: BPC240918 - 2 PC Action

Thursday, September 19, 2024 9:48:08 AM Date:

Attachments: BPC240918 - 2 PCAction.pdf

Please see attached.





Shelli Reid

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ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE: The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers on the first floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, Nebraska. For more information, call the Planning Department, (402) 441-7491.

**PLEASE NOTE: The Planning Commission action is final action on any item with a notation of *FINAL ACTION*. Any aggrieved person may appeal Final Action of the Planning Commission to the City Council or County Board by filing a Notice of Appeal with the City Clerk or County Clerk within 14 days following the action of the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission action on all other items is a recommendation to the City Council or County Board.

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, September 18, 2024

[Commissioners Feit and Ryman Yost absent]

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held September 4, 2024. **APPROVED: 6-0 (Cruz abstained; Feit and Ryman Yost absent) **

1. CONSENT AGENDA

(Public Hearing and Administrative Action)

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONFORMANCE:

1.1 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONFORMANCE 24017, to review as to conformance with the 2050 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan, a request to declare City property as a surplus, on property generally located north of and adjacent to the East-West alley, west of 10th Street, between M and N Streets.

Staff recommendation: In Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan

Staff Planner: Ben Callahan, 402-441-6360, bcallahan@lincoln.ne.gov

Planning Commission recommendation: FINDING OF CONFORMANCE: 6-0 (Joy abstained; Feit and Ruman Yost absent). Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for Monday, October 7, 2024, 3:00 p.m.

STREET AND ALLEY VACATION:

1.2 STREET AND ALLEY VACATION 24009, vacating the remaining 142' portion of the east-west alley, east of N. 24th Street, south of Y Street, adjacent to property generally located at 24th and Y Street.

Staff recommendation: Conforms to the Comprehensive Plan Staff Planner: Ben Callahan, 402-441-6360, bcallahan@lincoln.ne.gov

Planning Commission recommendation: FINDING OF CONFORMANCE: 6-0 (Joy abstained; Feit and Ryman Yost absent). Public hearing before the City Council will be scheduled when the provisions 14.20 of the Lincoln Municipal Code have been satisfied.

PRE-EXISTING SPECIAL PERMIT:

1.3 PRE-EXISTING SPECIAL PERMIT 28F, amending an existing Special Permit per the Lincoln Municipal Code Chapter 27.63.075, to modify the approved signage plan and increase the size and area allowed for directional and free-standing signs within the permit boundary on property generally located at 3800 South 48th Street. The Planning Commission action is final, unless appealed to the Lincoln City Council. *FINAL ACTION*

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval

Staff Planner: Ben Callahan, 402-441-6360, bcallahan@lincoln.ne.gov

Planning Commission "final action": CONDITIONAL APPROVAL: 6-0 (Joy abstained; Feit and Ryman Yost absent), as set forth in the conditions of the staff report dated September 4, 2024. Resolution No. PC-01923.

SPECIAL PERMIT:

- 1.4 SPECIAL PERMIT 19006B, to amend the existing Grandview Estates 2nd Addition CUP (Community Unit Plan) by allowing waivers to the minimum lot area and average lot width for single-family dwellings, on property generally located at S 76th Street and Ambrose Drive. The Planning Commission action is final, unless appealed to the Lincoln City Council. *FINAL ACTION*

 Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval

 Staff Planner: George Wesselhoft, 402-441-6366, gwesselhoft@lincoln.ne.gov

 Planning Commission "final action": CONDITIONAL APPROVAL: 6-0 (Joy abstained; Feit and Ryman Yost absent), as set forth in the conditions of the staff report dated September 5, 2024. Resolution No. PC-01924.
- 2. REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL: None
- 3. <u>ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA</u>: <u>None</u> (Public Hearing and Administrative Action)
- 4. PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION
- 5. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT AND RELATED ITEMS:

5.1a COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT 24004, to amend the Lincoln-Lancaster County 2050 Comprehensive Plan to change the future land use designation from Urban-density Residential to Commercial, on property generally located on the northwest corner of S 70th Street and Nebraska Parkway.

Staff recommendation: Denial

Staff Planner: Stephen Henrichsen, 402-441-6374,

shenrichsen@llincoln.ne.gov

Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL: 4-3 (Cruz; Ebert and Eddins dissenting; Feit and Ryman Yost absent). The motion failed due to the lack of obtaining 5 affirmative votes. The Planning Commission will take action on this application at the October 2, 2024, hearing. The public hearing on this application was closed.

5.1b CHANGE OF ZONE 24003, from AGR (Agricultural Residential District) to O-3 (Office District) on property generally located on the northwest corner of S 70th Street and Nebraska Parkway.

Staff recommendation: Denial

Staff Planner: Stephen Henrichsen, 402-441-6374,

shenrichsen@llincoln.ne.gov

Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL: 4-3 (Cruz; Ebert and Eddins dissenting; Feit and Ryman Yost absent). The motion failed due to the lack of obtaining 5 affirmative votes. The Planning Commission will take action on this application at the October 2, 2024, hearing. The public hearing on this application was closed.

5.1c USE PERMIT 24003, to allow a use permit in the O-3 (Office District) zoning district for approximately 51,000 square feet of commercial floor area, with waivers to setbacks, on property generally located on the northwest corner of S 70th Street and Nebraska Parkway.

Staff recommendation: Denial

Staff Planner: Stephen Henrichsen, 402-441-6374,

shenrichsen@llincoln.ne.gov

Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL: 4-3 (Cruz; Ebert and Eddins dissenting; Feit and Ryman Yost absent). The motion failed due to the lack of obtaining 5 affirmative votes. The Planning Commission will take action on this application at the October 2, 2024, hearing. The public hearing on this application was closed.

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AT THIS TIME, ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK ON AN ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA, MAY DO SO.

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Adjournment: 3:10 p.m.

From: <u>Jon P. Taylor</u>

Subject: City Announces Program Partnership With CenterPointe

Date: Tuesday, September 17, 2024 11:54:35 AM

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 17, 2024

MEDIA CONTACT:

Jon Taylor, City Communications, 402-441-7547, jptaylor@lincoln.ne.gov

Link to video/audio/images:

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City Announces Program Partnership With CenterPointe

Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird today announced that Lincoln Police Department (LPD) and CenterPointe will partner to provide a Co-Responder Program that enables law enforcement and mental health professionals to jointly respond to calls for service involving people experiencing mental health crisis.

"This program is another shining example of how the City of Lincoln and our community partners work together to get our residents the care they need, when they need it. Through innovations like the Co-Responder Program, we are advancing our goal of making Lincoln the safest and healthiest capital city in America," Mayor Gaylor Baird said.

Joining Mayor Gaylor Baird at the news conference were Michon Morrow, LPD Chief; Tami Lewis-Ahrendt, CenterPointe Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer; Ben Kopsa, LPD Captain; Councilmember Sändra Washington; and John Goodwin, Malone Center Executive Director.

During calls for service involving people experiencing mental health crisis, the Co-Responder Program will allow mental health professionals to provide their expertise and resources to those in crisis, while LPD officers maintain safety and security. The program is designed to provide responders greater flexibility by allowing LPD officers to return to service while clinicians stay on site working with the individual in crisis.

Based at LPD, co-responders will work collaboratively with LPD officers and will receive calls for service through a dispatch by the Lincoln Emergency Communications Center, a request by LPD officers or by monitoring emergency radio channels. Three responders are expected to be hired, complete training and begin working

across the city by early 2025.

The initial three years of the program are funded by a \$550,000 Bureau of Justice Assistance grant with a match of \$221,278 from the City's budgeted general funds.

Nearly 85% of those funds will pay co-responder salaries.

The majority of the remaining funds will be used to provide necessary training for coresponders, work from the Malone Center to collect community feedback regarding police mental health response, and work by Dr. Richard Wiener and researchers at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Department of Psychology to evaluate the effectiveness of the program.

Chief Morrow said that development of the new program speaks to the core values of LPD that emphasize the preservation of life, the importance of problem-solving both within LPD ranks and in the community, crime prevention and human dignity.

"Research has shown that co-responder programs lead to better outcomes, reduce use of control by officers, decrease future contacts with callers and provide quicker access to the help people need," Morrow said.

Morrow said LPD prioritized adding licensed clinical social workers and independent mental health professionals to the CenterPointe team to guarantee that the mental health professionals involved were not just qualified, but deeply experienced and compassionate.

"Our goal is to meet people where they are and provide them with the support they need, whether that's law enforcement intervention, mental health care or simply ensuring they have the basic necessities to live with dignity," Morrow said.

Captain Kopsa said that since tracking began in May, LPD has responded to more than 5,000 mental health-related calls for service, out of nearly 47,000 total calls received during that time. Officers make this determination on scene when they believe the mental health condition of a person directly involved caused or contributed to the incident, regardless of the initial call for service classification.

Because people typically call 911 for both public safety concerns and mental health crises, Kopsa said, the co-responder program will allow officers to request assistance when they believe mental health is a contributing factor to the call for service.

"This independence will allow the clinicians to maximize availability across the city as they will not be limited to a single police cruiser or geographic area during their shifts," Kopsa said.

To help create a safer, more compassionate city where everyone receives the care and support they need, Kopsa noted that the Malone Center will conduct community conversations to gather feedback from people who either personally experienced or know those who have had interactions with police during a mental health crisis.

Lewis-Ahrendt said the Co-Responder Program is a needed expansion of CenterPointe's crisis response programs that includes the Alternate Response Program launched last year to serve Lincoln's unsheltered community.

"The need for behavioral health interventions, especially those like this program is significant. We are proud to partner with the City to continue to develop and provide innovative solutions to better meet the needs of our community," Lewis-Ahrendt said. "By embedding behavioral health professionals within law enforcement response teams, we aim to de-escalate situations and connect individuals with the services they need."

Washington said public safety partnerships like the co-responder program, help place Lincoln at the forefront of compassionate, community-based policing.

"The Co-Responder Program is an innovative solution to the complex challenge of mental health," Washington said. "By integrating the expertise, background, and abilities of our dedicated law enforcement professionals at LPD with CenterPointe's mental health practitioners, we will connect our residents to the mental health care that most appropriately and effectively meets their needs."

John Goodwin, Malone Center CEO, said the Malone Center is proud to support a critical initiative to enhance mental health services and improve the collaboration between law enforcement and community organizations.

"Through this partnership, we are committed to refining law enforcement practices and providing crucial mental health support to those in need. Together, we aim to create safer, healthier communities by addressing mental health challenges with compassion and coordinated care," Goodwin said.

For more information on CenterPointe, visit <u>centerpointe.org</u>. For more information on LPD, visit <u>police.lincoln.ne.gov</u>.

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555 S 10th St, Ste 301 Lincoln, NE 68508 lincoln.ne.gov/Mayor From: Kimberly N. Behrens

To:

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Liza A. Alderman; Chad D. Mohr

Subject: City Council Action 9/16/24

Date: Tuesday, September 17, 2024 8:15:16 AM

Attachments: Action091624.pdf Action091624.docx

Hi All,

Please see the attached for the action from the City Council meeting of 9/16/24.

Thank you,



Kimberly Behrens

Office Specialist | City Clerk

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ACTION FROM THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024 AT 3:00 PM

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT

PUBLIC HEARING - CONSENT AGENDA

Anyone wishing to address an item on the Consent Agenda may do so at this time.

1. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

1.a. 24R-391

Reappointing Blake Anderson and Michelle Petersen to the Community Health Endowment Board of Trustees for terms to expire September 1, 2027. (ADOPTED, 7-0; A-94777)

1.b. 24R-392

Approving Red Zone Sports Bar & Grill LLC located at 3111 NW 12th St as a keno satellite. (ADOPTED, 7-0; A-94778)

1.c. 24R-393

Approving a Professional Services Agreement Supplement No. 1 for preliminary engineering services between the City of Lincoln and JEO Consulting Group, Inc., for the Cotner Blvd. from O Street to Starr Street Rehabilitation Project, Project No. LCLC-5237(4), CN 13498, City Project No. 705387. (ADOPTED, 7-0; A-94779)

1.d. 24R-394

Approving a Professional Services Agreement Supplement No. 1 for environmental services between the City of Lincoln and HDR Engineering, Inc., for Cotner Blvd. from O Street to Starr Street Rehabilitation Project, Project No. LCLC-5237(4), CN 13498, City Project No. 705387. (ADOPTED, 7-0; A-94780)

1.e. 24R-395

Approving a LPA Program Agreement between the City of Lincoln and State of Nebraska Department of Transportation for the use of Federal State Transportation Council (STIC) for Phase 2 of the Standardizing Lincoln's Integrated e-Construction, Project No. STIC-STWD(208), State Control No. 01074. (ADOPTED, 7-0; A-94781)

1.f. 24R-398

Approving a Professional Services Agreement Supplement No. 1 for construction engineering services between the City of Lincoln and Olsson, Inc., for the Fletcher Landmark Trail, Project No. TAP-55(186), Control No. 13442. (ADOPTED, 7-0; A-94782)

1.g. 24R-399

Approving a LPA Program Agreement between the City of Lincoln and the State of Nebraska Department of Transportation for use of Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funds for the widening of the Rock Island Trail, from A Street to Boosalis Trail, Project Number CRP-55(197), Control Number 13581. (ADOPTED, 7-0; A-94783)

1.h. 24R-400

Approving a LPA Program Agreement between City of Lincoln and Nebraska Department of Transportation for the use of Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funds for the Rock Island Trail, from A Street to Boosalis Trail, Project Number CRP-55(198), State Control Number 13583. (ADOPTED, 7-0; A-94784)

2. PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS

2.a. 24R-402

Setting the hearing date of Monday, September 30, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. on the Application of Pickle Family, LLC dba Let's Pickle for a Class CK Liquor License located at 5601 South 59th Street, Suite B2. (ADOPTED, 7-0; A-94785)

2.b. PLACED ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

Administrative Amendment #24051 to Change of Zone #09011 for the Southlake Planned Unit Development (PUD), was approved by the Planning Director on August 29, 2024, to modify the roadway alignment and change the permitted use on Block 2, Lot 2 to "Place of Religious Assembly", generally located east of S. 91st Street and north of Nebraska Parkway.

2.c. REFERED TO THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

Special Permit 19006B, to amend the existing Grandview Estates 2nd Addition CUP (Community Unit Plan) by allowing waivers to the minimum lot area and average lot width for single family dwellings, on property generally located at S 76th Street and Ambrose Drive. The Planning Commission action is final, unless appealed to the Lincoln City Council.

<u>Pre-existing Special Permit 28F</u>, amending an existing Special Permit per the Lincoln Municipal Code Chapter 27.63.075, to modify the approved signage plan and increase the size and area allowed for directional and free standing signs within the permit boundary on property generally located at 3800 South 48th Street. The Planning Commission action is final, unless appealed to the Lincoln City Council.

<u>Change of Zone 24003</u>, from AGR (Agricultural Residential District) to O 3 (Office District) on property generally located on the northwest corner of S 70th Street and Nebraska Parkway.

<u>Use Permit 24003</u>, to allow a use permit in the O 3 (Office District) zoning district for approximately 51,000 square feet of commercial floor area, with waivers to setbacks, on property generally located on the northwest corner of S 70th Street and Nebraska Parkway.

3. MISCELLANEOUS REFERRALS – NONE.

- VOTE ON CONSENT ITEMS -

4. PUBLIC HEARING - LIQUOR RESOLUTIONS

4.a. 24R-403

Manager Application of Ross L. Gorham for On the Rise Lincoln, LLC dba Blaze Pizza located at 1317 Q Street, Suite 170. (ADOPTED FOR APPROVAL, 7-0; A-94786)

(ADUPTED FOR APPROVAL, 7-0; A-94/80)

4.b. 24R-404

Manager Application of Rachel McGill for Heinegill Inc. dba Dish Restaurant located at 1100 O Street. (ADOPTED FOR APPROVAL, 7-0; A-94787)

- VOTE ON LIQUORS -

5. PUBLIC HEARING - RESOLUTIONS

5.a. 24R-396

Accepting and approving the report of new and pending claims against the City for August 16 through August 31, 2024. (VERBAL MOTION TO REMOVE THE CLAIMS OF JUSTIN DUBAS AND ASHLEY BEETUM FROM DENIED AND PLACED ON PENDING FOR TWO WEEKS TO 9/30/24, 7-0, ADOPTED AS AMENDED, 7-0; A-94788)

5.b. 24R-397

A resolution declaring September 21st as Otoe Missouria Day. (ADOPTED, 7-0; A-94789)

5.c. 24R-401

Comprehensive Plan Conformance 24016 - Application of the Urban Development Director to review as to conformance with the 2050 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan, a proposed amendment to the Antelope Valley Redevelopment Plan to add the Constellation Studios Expansion Redevelopment Project, to include the expansion of the existing Constellation Studios Building and associated streetscape enhancements, on property generally located at 2055 O Street. (ADOPTED, 7-0; A-94790)

- VOTE ON RESOLUTIONS -

6. PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCES 2ND READING & RELATED RESOLUTIONS (ITEMS 6.a. THROUGH 6.g. HAD 2ND READING)

6.a. 24-108

Approving the lease agreement between the City of Lincoln and Larry Wulf for the lease of space by Aging Partners for its Personal and Family Services at 137 North 8th Street, Geneva, NE from September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2026.

6.b. 24-109

Approving the lease agreement between City of Lincoln and the County of Polk, Nebraska for the lease of space by the Aging Partners for its Personal and Family Services program at 400 Hawkeye Street, Osceola, NE from September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2026.

6.c. 24-110

Approving the lease agreement between City of Lincoln and City of Hickman for the lease of space by Aging Partners for its Senior Program, at 115 Locust Street, Hickman, NE from September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2026.

6.d. 24-111

Approving the lease agreement between the City of Lincoln and Americans Legion Post # 280 for the lease of space by Aging Partners for its Senior Center program at 970 Monroe, Bennet, NE from September 1, 2024 and August 31, 2026.

6.e. 24-112

Approving the lease agreement between City of Lincoln and Village of Firth-Firth Community Center for lease of space by Aging Partners for its Senior Center Program located at 311 Nemaha Street, Firth, NE from September 1, 2024 and August 31, 2026.

6.f. 24-113

Approving the lease agreement between the City of Lincoln and Rex and Jane Rehmer for lease of space by Aging Partners for its Personal and Family Services located at 370 N. 5th St., David City, NE from September 1, 2024 and August 31, 2026.

6.g. 24-114

Approving the lease agreement between the City of Lincoln and Village of Malcolm, for the lease of space by Aging Partners for its Senior Center program at 137 137 East 2nd Street, Malcolm, NE from September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2026.

- END PUBLIC HEARING -

7. ORDINANCES - 3RD READING & RELATED RESOLUTIONS

7.a. 24-106

Amending Lincoln Municipal Code Section 3.24.080 Telecommunication Occupation Tax by amending the applicable tax rate from 6% to 4% pursuant to state law. (PASSED, 6-0; ABSENT: BOWERS; #21656)

7.b. 24R-373

Approving the N. 26th & U Street Redevelopment Agreement between the City and Maureen Development, LLC., relating to the redevelopment of property generally located at 2517, 2521, 2525, and 2529 Vine Street, and 2540, 2546, 2552, and 2558 U Street. (Related Items: 24R-373, 24R-374, 24-107)(Action Date: 9/16/24) (MTA#1 ADOPTED, 6-0; ADOPTED AS AMENDED, 6-0; ABSENT: BOWERS; A-94791)

7.c. 24R-374

Amending the FY 23/24 CIP to authorize and appropriate \$357,706. in Tax Increment Financing (TIF) for the N. 26th & U Redevelopment Project. (Related Items: 24R-373, 24R-374, 24-107)(Action Date: 9/16/24) (MTA#1 ADOPTED, 6-0; ADOPTED AS AMENDED, 6-0; ABSENT: BOWERS; A-94792)

7.d. 24-107

Authorizing the issuance of Tax Allocation Bonds for the N. 26th & U Street Redevelopment Project. (Related Items: 24R-373, 24R-374, 24-107) (PASSED, 6-0; ABSENT: BOWERS; #21657)

8. RESOLUTIONS - 1ST READING (ITEMS 8.a. THROUGH 8.g. HAD 1ST READING)

8.a. 24R-405

Approving a Health Insurance Agreement between the City and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska. (Related Items: 24R-405, 24R-414)

8.b. 24R-414

Approving a Pharmacy Insurance Agreement between the City of Lincoln and Employers Health Purchasing Corporation. (Related Items: 24R-405, 24R-414)

8.c. 24R-406

Special Permit 24026 - Application of Unitarian Church of Lincoln to allow for an Early Childhood Care Facility for up to 35 children with associated waivers on the property generally located at 6300 A Street.

8.d. 24R-407

Approving the natural gas supply contract with Heartland Natural Gas.

8.e. 24R-408

Approving the Constellation Studios Expansion Redevelopment Project Redevelopment Agreement between the City and Constellation Studios, LLC, relating to the redevelopment of the property generally located at 2055 O Street and adjacent rights of way. (Related Items: 24R-408, 24R-409)

8.f. 24R-409

Amending the FY 2024-2025 CIP to authorize and appropriate \$230,000 in TIF funds for the Constellation Studios Expansion Redevelopment Project. (Related Items: (Related Items: 24R-408, 24R-409)

8.g. 24R-410

Establishing the property tax levy to fund the adopted budget for the City's 2024-25 fiscal year.

9. ORDINANCES - 1ST READING & RELATED RESOLUTIONS (ITEMS 9.a. THROUGH 9.f. HAD 1ST READING)

9.a. 24-115

Annexation 24008 - Application of Medallion Custom Homes to annex 4.6 acres of property generally located at S. 56th Street and Cavvy Road.

9.b. 24-116

Approving an Agreement for Tower Space and Appurtenances between the City and Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, to occupy and use certain city-owned parcel of real property and Tower generally located at 7401 S. 56th Street.

9.c. 24R-411

Approving the Center Terrace Redevelopment Agreement between the City and CT Redevelopment, LP., relating to the redevelopment of the property generally located at D Street on the south, S. 13th Street on the west, and E street on the north. (Related Items: 24R-411, 24R-412, 24R-413, 24-117)(Action Date: 9/30/24)

9.d. 24R-412

Amending the FY 24/25 CIP to authorize and appropriate \$2,476,000 in Tax Increment Financing (TIF) for the Center Terrace Redevelopment Project. (Related Items: 24R-411, 24R-412, 24R-413, 24-117)(Action Date: 9/30/24)

9.e. 24R-413

A resolution declaring the official intent of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska, to issue a multifamily housing revenue bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$24,000,000 to finance a portion of the construction and acquisition of a multifamily housing facility generally located at 1000 S. 13th St. (Related Items: 24R-411, 24R-412, 24R-413, 24-117) (Action Date: 9/30/24)

9.f. 24-117

Authorizing the issuance of Tax Allocation Bonds for the Center Terrace Redevelopment Project in the amount not to exceed \$2,476,000. (Related Items: 24R-411, 24R-412, 24R-413, 24-117)

10. PENDING LIST (EXTENDED ONE WEEK)

10.a. 24R-18

Comprehensive Plan Conformance 23019 - Application of the Urban Development Department to review as to conformance with the 2050 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan, and to adopt the "NW 48th & W Vine Redevelopment Plan", including the "Falcon Corner Redevelopment Project," for the construction of a large retail building and associated commercial uses, on property generally located at NW 48th Street and Interstate 80. (1/22/24 – Action delayed to 1/29/24) (1/29/24 - Verbal Motion to move item to Pending List - No Date Certain)

10.b. 24R-35

Approving the Falcon Corner Project Redevelopment Agreement between the City and FFF, LLC., relating to the redevelopment of the property generally located in the northeast corner of NW 48th Street and Interstate 80. (Related Items: 24R-35, 24R-36, 24-10) (1/29/24 - Verbal Motion to move item to Pending List - No Date Certain)

10.c. 24R-36

Amending the FY 2023-2024 CIP to authorize and appropriate \$4,290,090.00 in TIF funds for the Falcon Corner Redevelopment Project. (Related Items: 24R-35, 24R-36, 24-10) (1/29/24 - Verbal Motion to move item to Pending List - No Date Certain)

10.d. 24-10

Authorizing the issuance of Tax Allocation Bonds for the Falcon Corner Redevelopment Project in an amount not to exceed \$4,290,090.00. (Related Items: 24R-35, 24R-36, 24-10) (1/29/24 - Verbal Motion to move item to Pending List - No Date Certain)

10.e. 23R-638

Comprehensive Plan Amendment 23005- Application of FFF, LLC to amend the Lincoln-Lancaster County 2050 Comprehensive Plan to revise the Future Land Use Map by changing the designation from Industrial Use to Commercial Use, on property generally located at the northeast corner of NW 48th Street and Interstate 80. (Related Items: 23R-638, 23-158, 23R-639, 23-159) (Action date: 1/22/24) (1/8/24 – Public hearing continued to 1/22/24) (1/22/24 – Action delayed to 1/29/24) (1/29/24 - Verbal Motion to move item to Pending List - No Date Certain)

10.f. 23-158

Annexation 23005- Application of FFF, LLC., to annex approximately 52 acres, more or less, on the property generally located at the northeast corner of NW 48th Street and Interstate 80. (Related Items: 23R-638, 23-158, 23R-639, 23-159) (1/8/24 – Public hearing continued to 1/22/24) (1/22/24 – Action delayed to 1/29/24) (1/29/24 - Verbal Motion to move item to Pending List - No Date Certain)

10.g. 23R-639

Approving the Conditional Annexation and Change of Zone Agreement between the City, FFF, LLC., and Helen Belle Kitzel Farms, LLC., for property generally located near NW 48th Street and Interstate 80. (Related Items: 23R-638, 23-158, 23R-639, 23-159) (Action date: 1/22/24) (1/8/24 – Public hearing continued to 1/22/24) (1/22/24 – Action delayed to 1/29/24) (1/29/24 – Verbal Motion to move item to Pending List - No Date Certain)

10.h. 23-159

Change of Zone 23019 - Application of FFF, LLC., to change the zoning designation of 15 acres more or less, from AG Agricultural District to H-4 Highway Commercial District, on property generally located at the northeast corner of NW 48th Street and Interstate 80. (Related Items: 23R-638, 23-158, 23R-639, 23-159) (1/8/24 – Public hearing continued to 1/22/24) (1/22/24 – Action delayed to 1/29/24) (1/29/24 - Verbal Motion to move item to Pending List - No Date Certain)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Anyone wishing to address the council on a matter not on this agenda, and not planned to appear on a future agenda, may do so at the open microphone session. Individuals are allowed a total of 5 minutes to speak regardless of the number of topics. For the month of September, open microphone sessions will be held on September 16 & 30, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT 4:34P.M.

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 From:
 Peter D. Hind

 To:
 Council Packet

 Cc:
 Jon D. Carlson

Subject: FW: LES Substation Wall

Date:Monday, September 16, 2024 5:02:58 PMAttachments:2023-12-19 Telegrah LES Substation Updated.pdf

Dear Chair Washington and Members of the City Council:

Today, councilman Duden inquired about the fence around the LES Substation during the discussion about Constellation Studios to the north. Please see the attached images showing the character of the fencing and the sign for the Telegraph District. This should be installed this winter and completed in summer of 2025. This is in partnership with LES, the City, and the Developer as part of their Redevelopment Agreement.

Thank you for your time. Please let me know if you have further questions.

Best,

Peter



Peter Hind, AIA

Director of Urban Development | Administration

City of Lincoln | Urban Development Office: 402-441-7126 | Fax: 402-441-8711

555 S 10th St, Ste 205 Lincoln, NE 68508 lincoln.ne.gov/Urban





From: Kellie Cave
To: Council Packet

Subject: LES Administrative Board Agenda - September 20, 2024

Date: Friday, September 13, 2024 12:48:43 PM

Attachments: ZLES091324.pdf

Good afternoon,

The full agenda and support materials can be found at www.les.com.

Thank you,

Kellie

Kellie Cave | Senior Executive Assistant



Office: 402-473-3382 Mobile: 402-802-0749

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AGENDA LES ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

Friday, September 20, 2024 9:30 a.m. Kevin Wailes Operations Center 9445 Rokeby Road

Virtual Access Information

Virtual access: The meeting may be accessed virtually at the Microsoft Teams link or by phone via the number listed below.

Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 402-979-7656 United States, Omaha (Toll); Conference ID: 119 229 112#

9:30 A.M.

- 1. Call to Order & Safety Briefing
- 2. *Approval of Minutes of the August 16, 2024, Regular Meeting of the LES Administrative Board
- 3. Comments from Customers
- 4. Committee Reports
 - A. Finance Committee
- 5. CEO Reports
 - A. 2025 Proposed Operating & Capital Budget and Rates Overview
 - B. Strategic Planning Update
- 6. Other Business
 - A. Monthly Financial and Power Supply Reports
 - B. Miscellaneous Information
- 7. Adjournment
 - *Denotes Action Items

Note: Resource Adequacy Workship immediately following board meeting for educational purposes only. No action will be taken.

Next Regular Administrative Board Meeting Friday, October 18, 2024.

From: <u>Jon P. Taylor</u>

Subject: Older Adults Invited to Aging Partners Events September 23 through September 29

Date: Friday, September 20, 2024 10:20:09 AM

AGING PARTNERS

600 S. 70th St., Building Two, Lincoln, NE 68510, 402-441-7070

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 20, 2024

MEDIA CONTACT: David Norris, Aging Partners, 402-441-6156

Older Adults Invited to Aging Partners Events September 23 through September 29

Aging Partners invites older adults and the public to a variety of activities and classes in Lincoln and Lancaster County from September 23 through 29:

Monday, September 23

- Games, cards, exercise room and walking track, Belmont Senior Center 9

 a.m.
- Computer and exercise rooms, Northeast Senior Center 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Card club (card games), Northeast Senior Center 9 a.m.
- Cards and games, Washington Street Senior Center 9 a.m.
- Art books, games and cards, Firth Senior Center 9 a.m.
- Aging Partners foot clinic (appointments required by calling 402-416-7693), Firth Senior Center – 9 to 11:30 a.m.
- Computer lab, Victory Park Senior Center 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Living Well with Chronic Conditions workshop, Victory Park Fitness Center 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- Sit and Be Fit exercise class (video), Northeast Senior Center 10 a.m.
- Bingocize[®], Victory Park Senior Center 10 a.m.
- Tai Chi Level II for Arthritis and Fall Prevention, American Lutheran Church 10 a.m.
- Lincoln Arts presentation by Troy Gagner, Victory Park Senior Center 10 a.m.
- Medicare update presentation by Colleen Ozanne/SHIP, Washington Street Senior Center – 10:15 a.m.
- Stretching and toning exercises with Kelle, Washington Street Senior Center 10:30 a.m.
- Physical fitness activity, Firth Senior Center 12:15 p.m.
- Dance for Life, American Lutheran Church 1:30 p.m.

- Games, cards, exercise room and walking track, Belmont Senior Center 9

 a.m.
- Computer and exercise rooms, Northeast Senior Center 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Card club, Northeast Senior Center 9 a.m.
- Games and cards, Bennet Senior Center 9 a.m.
- Qigong Refresh and Recharge, American Lutheran Church 9:30 a.m.
- "Making Your Money Last in Retirement" presentation by David Muff/Edward Jones, Belmont Senior Center 10 a.m.
- Gardening presentation by the Grateful Growers, Northeast Senior Center 10

 a.m.
- BINGO, Washington Street Senior Center 10:15 a.m.
- Painting demonstration by Garry DeFreece, Victory Park Senior Center 10:30

 a.m.
- Simply Fit exercise class (video), Belmont Senior Center 11 a.m.
- Entertainment by pianist Jim Bauer, Northeast Senior Center 11:15 a.m.
- Trivia and mind games, Bennet Senior Center 12:15 p.m.
- Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention (Level I), Eastridge Presbyterian Church
 1 p.m.
- Pitch, Mahjong and Pinochle, Victory Park Senior Center 2 to 4 p.m.

Wednesday, September 25

- Games, cards, exercise room and walking track, Belmont Senior Center 9

 a.m.
- Computer and exercise rooms, Northeast Senior Center 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Art books, games and puzzles, Hickman Senior Center 9 a.m.
- Senior Walking Warriors, Hickman Senior Center 9 a.m.
- Chair yoga, Eastridge Presbyterian Church 9:30 a.m.
- BINGO, Northeast Senior Center 10 a.m.
- Musical performance by Bill and Friends, Washington Street Senior Center 10

 a.m.
- Health presentation and blood pressure checks by Bryan nursing students,
 Washington Street Senior Center 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Tai Chi Level II for Arthritis and Fall Prevention, American Lutheran Church 10 a.m.
- Dance for Life class, Auld Pavilion 10 a.m.
- Nutrition BINGO with Aging Partners Nutrition, Hickman Senior Center 10:15 a.m.
- BINGO, Belmont Senior Center 10:30 a.m.

 "Medicare Open Enrollment" presentation by SHIP, Hickman Senior Center – 12:15 p.m.

Thursday, September 26

- Games, cards, exercise room and walking track, Belmont Senior Center 9

 a.m.
- Computer and exercise rooms, Northeast Senior Center 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Card club, Northeast Senior Center 9 a.m.
- Games and cards, Bennet Senior Center 9 a.m.
- Senior Health Promotion Clinic (foot care only), Victory Park Fitness Center (appointments required by calling 402-441-7506) 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Musical performance by Mike McCracken, Victory Park Senior Center 10 a.m.
- "Make the Most of Your Healthcare Provider Visit" presentation by Bryan nursing students, Belmont Senior Center 10:30 a.m.
- Medicare update and Medicare BINGO with SHIP, Northeast Senior Center 10:30 a.m.
- Table hockey, Washington Street Senior Center 10:30 a.m.
- Nutrition BINGO with Aging Partners Nutrition, Belmont Senior Center 10:45

 a.m.
- Joke sharing, Washington Street Senior Center 11 a.m.
- Aging Partners foot clinic (appointments required by calling 402-441-6590), Bennet Senior Center – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Blood pressure checks by Connected Care, Bennet Senior Center 10:15 a.m.
- Armchair travels: Iceland, Bennet Senior Center 12:15 p.m.
- Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention (Level I), Eastridge Presbyterian Church
 1 p.m.
- Qigong Refresh and Recharge, Auld Pavilion 1:30 p.m.
- Bridge and Canasta, Victory Park Senior Center 2 to 4 p.m.

Friday, September 27

- Games, cards, exercise room and walking track, Belmont Senior Center 9

 a.m.
- Computer lab, Victory Park Senior Center 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Computer and exercise rooms, Northeast Senior Center 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Card Club, Northeast Senior Center 9 a.m.
- Priscilla the Comfort Dog, Northeast Senior Center 9 a.m.
- Chair Yoga, Eastridge Presbyterian Church 9:30 a.m.
- Health presentation and blood pressure checks by Bryan nursing students,
 Washington Street Senior Center 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

- Fix-it Friday, Victory Park Senior Center 10 a.m.
- Musical performance by Tim Javorsky, Northeast Senior Center 10 a.m.
- Popcorn and a movie, Victory Park Senior Center 10 a.m.

Senior Center Meal Schedule (reservations required two working days in advance by noon):

Belmont Senior Center (402-441-7990): Monday – Friday at 11:30 a.m. Bennet Senior Center (402-416-7693): Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. Firth Senior Center (402-416-7693): Mondays at 11:30 a.m. Hickman Senior Center (402-416-7693): Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. Northeast Senior Center (402-441-7151): Monday – Friday at 11:30 a.m. Victory Park Senior Center (402-441-7154): Monday – Friday at 11:30 a.m. Washington Street Senior Center (402-441-7157): Monday – Friday at 11:30 a.m.

Location addresses:

Aging Partners Fitness Center, 600 S. 70th St.
American Lutheran Church, 4200 Vine St.
Auld Pavilion, 1650 Memorial Dr.
Belmont Senior Center, 1234 Judson St.
Bennet Senior Center, 970 Monroe St., in Bennet
Eastridge Presbyterian Church, 1135 Eastridge Dr.
Firth Senior Center, 311 Nemaha St., in Firth
Hickman Senior Center, 115 Locust St., in Hickman
Northeast Senior Center, 6310 Platte Ave.
Victory Park Fitness Center, 600 S. 70th St.
Victory Park Senior Center, 600 S. 70th St.
Washington Street Senior Center, 2225 Washington St.

For information on classes or to register, call 402-441-7575. Roundtrip transportation is available for senior center meals and activities in Lincoln only by calling the centers directly (phone numbers listed in meal schedule). For more information on senior center events and activities, visit lincoln.ne.gov/MyCenterNews or call 402-441-7158.

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Aging Partners programs are made possible by funding from Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. These agencies provide 42 percent of annual program costs, or \$3,564,260. In addition, nongovernmental sources provide 8 percent of annual program costs, or \$647,112.



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555 S 10th St, Ste 301 Lincoln, NE 68508 <u>lincoln.ne.gov/Mayor</u> From: <u>Jon P. Taylor</u>

Subject: Portions of Three Streets to Close September 17, 18

Date: Monday, September 16, 2024 2:21:52 PM

LINCOLN TRANSPORTATION AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

949 West Bond Street, Lincoln, NE 68521, 402-441-7711

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 16, 2024

MEDIA CONTACT:

Nicole Ramirez, LTU Communications and Public Affairs, 402-441-8469

Portions of Three Streets to Close September 17, 18

Lincoln Transportation and Utilities (LTU) today announced that portions of three streets will temporarily close beginning September 17 and 18. The closures are as follows:

- A southbound lane of Ninth Street between Van Dorn and 14th streets will be closed beginning Tuesday, September 17 for pavement repair. The closure will temporarily reopen at noon Friday, September 20 through Sunday, September 22. This work is scheduled to be completed by September 27.
- Eastbound "A" Street between 40th Street and Sunburst Lane will be closed daily from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. beginning Wednesday, September 18 for utility work. This work is scheduled to be completed by Friday, September 20. Local access to homes and businesses will be maintained. The recommended detour is 40th Street to Randolph Street to 48th Street to "A" Street. StarTran Route 54-Veteran's Hospital will be detoured during this work.
- Northwest 12th Street between West Upland Avenue and West Commerce Way will be closed beginning Wednesday, September 18 for railroad track removal. This work is scheduled to be completed by the end of October. Local access to businesses will be maintained. The recommended detour is West Highland Boulevard to Superior Street to North First Street to Cornhusker Highway. StarTran Route 52-Gaslight will be detoured during this work.

Travelers are encouraged to seek an alternate route and exercise caution around these closures. LTU appreciates the public's patience during these closures and reminds residents that project dates are subject to change due to weather and unforeseen circumstances.

For more information on StarTran routes and detours, visit <u>lincoln.ne.gov/transit</u> or call 402-476-1234.

For more information on street closures, contact Shane Dostal, LTU, at 402-525-7852 or sdostal@lincoln.ne.gov. Current information on street closures is available at lincoln.ne.gov/closures or through the Waze mobile app.



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555 S 10th St, Ste 301 Lincoln, NE 68508 <u>lincoln.ne.gov/Mayor</u> From: <u>Jon P. Taylor</u>

Subject: South Branch Mural Art Event Set For September 22

Date: Tuesday, September 17, 2024 10:40:44 AM

LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES

136 S. 14th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-8500

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 17, 2024

MEDIA CONTACT:

Ryan Wieber, Lincoln City Libraries Director, 402-441-8510

South Branch Mural Art Event Set For September 22

Lincoln City Libraries (LCL) today announced Chloe Burgett as the winning artist for the South Branch Mural Contest and invited residents to meet the artist and help start the project Sunday, September 22, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Westminster Church parking lot, 2110 Sheridan Blvd.

This community art event is free and participants of all ages and skill levels are encouraged to attend. All materials will be provided. In the event of inclement weather, the event will be canceled.

The South Branch Mural Project, set for completion in early October, was developed through a competitive selection process administered by the Lux Center for the Arts in August and September.

"The LUX is thrilled to celebrate and support local artists, and to bring opportunities for arts engagements to everyone in the community," said Andy Peterson, Director of Programs and Operations at Lux Center for the Arts.

The mural will transform the west exterior wall of South Branch Library into a lively, colorful space that celebrates the creativity of the Lincoln community and the surrounding neighborhoods, said Ryan Wieber, LCL Director.

"The South Branch Mural Project is more than just a piece of art; it's a reflection of the community," Wieber said. "We are thrilled to have Chloe Burgett lead this effort, and we look forward to seeing Lincoln residents take part in the creation process."

Burgett is a children's book illustrator and lives in Lincoln with her husband, Seth, and their cat, Pencil.

"I feel honored to get to paint my neighborhood library. This mural is inspired by the wonder and discovery of reading, and the front porch culture of my neighborhood in the Near South. Look closely to spot more connections to the surrounding area," Burgett said.

For more information about this event, visit <u>lincolnlibraries.org</u>



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555 S 10th St, Ste 301 Lincoln, NE 68508 <u>lincoln.ne.gov/Mayor</u> From: Sherry Wolf

To: Sandra J. Washington; Justin P. Carlson; Bennie R. Shobe; James M. Bowers; Tom J. Beckius; Tom Duden;

Brodey B. Weber

Cc: <u>Benjamin A. Sobel; Steve D. Hubka; Jon D. Carlson</u>

Subject: Substitute Tax Rate Resolution

Date: Thursday, September 19, 2024 6:15:49 PM

Council Members.

There was an error in the document linked in the 9/16/24 Council agenda item:

8.g. 24R-410 Establishing the property tax levy to fund the adopted budget for the City's 2024-25 fiscal year. 24R-410 Resolution.pdf

The percentage budget increase of 71% in the last line of the last text paragraph is an error and accidently used a calculation that reflected all funds including capital projects like Water 2.0 (which has nearly \$200 million in state funds), the wastewater treatment plant expansion (\$56M), and others. Utility projects of that size don't happen very often and they skew the percentages significantly if they are included. The calculation should actually be based on the tax-funded operating budget and CIP – which is what we have shown in previous years' tax rate resolutions. That is 8.2% for FY 2024-25.

We have corrected the error, and the 9-23-24 agenda Item #5.g now includes a link to the substitute resolution with the correct percentage. We would ask that you move the substitute and we will be there to explain if there are questions. I apologize for the mistake.

As a general reminder, the resolution to set the tax levy is a "ministerial duty" required by the City Charter and State Law by which Council is required to approve a levy that funds the budget you passed in August. That levy rate in the resolution is \$0.29533 per \$100 of valuation, That rate is unchanged from last year and provides the funding necessary to balance the budget

Thank you again for all your work on the budget.

Sherry



Sherry Wolf-Drbal Budget Officer | Budget

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Office: 402-441-8305 | Fax: 402-441-8325

555 S 10th St, Rm 103 Lincoln, NE 68508 lincoln.ne.gov/Budget From: Jon P. Taylor

Subject: Temporary Jamaica North Trail Closure Begins September 20

Date: Wednesday, September 18, 2024 4:21:58 PM

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

3131 "O" Street, Suite 300, Lincoln, NE 68510, 402-441-7847

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 18, 2024

MEDIA CONTACT: Allison Speicher, Trails and Natural Resources Coordinator, 402-

441-1652

Temporary Jamaica North Trail Closure Begins September 20

Beginning Friday September 20, the Jamaica North Trail about one-half mile north of Pioneers Boulevard will close daily between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. for debris removal at the bridge over Beal Slough. The trail is expected to reopen by Thursday, September 26.

The trail will remain open during evenings and weekends. Trail users are advised to plan alternate routes and to follow signs at the worksite.

Trails adjacent to the work area within Wilderness Park will remain open, but connections from Wilderness Park to the Jamaica North Trail in this area will be closed. The Jamaica North Trail south of Pioneers Boulevard, and north of the intersection of the Jamaica North Trail and Salt Creek Levee Trail junction will remain open.

For more information about Lincoln trails, visit <u>lincoln.ne.gov/trails</u>.

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555 S 10th St, Ste 301 Lincoln, NE 68508 <u>lincoln.ne.gov/Mayor</u> From: <u>Vish Reddi</u>

To: Bennie R. Shobe; Justin P. Carlson; Brodey B. Weber; Tom Duden; Tom J. Beckius; Sandra J. Washington; James

M. Bowers

Cc: <u>Council Packet</u>; <u>Planning</u>; <u>Mayor</u>; <u>Cathy Wilken</u>

Subject: The Gathering Place

Date: Tuesday, September 17, 2024 8:01:00 AM

Dear Council Members,

Thank you for attending the Near South Neighborhood Association (NSNA) board meeting last Monday evening. Your presence and willingness to listen to the discussions that strengthen our neighborhoods are greatly valued. During the meeting, the NSNA board resolved to ask the Community Action Partnership (CAP) to postpone their zoning action and to conduct a comprehensive analysis of alternative buildings and sites throughout the neighborhood. I have sent this request to Heather at CAP and am including you in that correspondence.

The NSNA Board is ready and willing to assist with this analysis, and we are confident that City staff would also contribute. There seem to be several options for finding a location and building type that would not only operate more efficiently but also conserve essential housing in our neighborhood. While we recognize the CAP board's preference for a house setting to create a certain ambiance, we believe such an environment can be achieved in a well-designed space, with the warmth and care provided by the dedicated staff and volunteers at the Gathering Place, who will be present regardless of the location.

We await Heather's response from CAP and trust that you, as Council members, will remain engaged as we seek solutions.

Sincerely,

Vish Reddi



From: <u>Jon P. Taylor</u>

Subject: Wild Fall Festival and Tree Giveaway Set For September 28

Date: Wednesday, September 18, 2024 4:01:45 PM

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 18, 2024 **MEDIA CONTACTS:**

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Wild Fall Festival and Tree Giveaway Set For September 28

The Parks and Recreation Department today invited residents to the Wild Fall Festival and Tree Giveaway Saturday, September 28. The free event will be from 1 to 4 p.m. at the west end of Pioneers Park, 3201 S. Coddington Ave.

Visitors are asked to park in the main Nature Center parking lot or the overflow parking lot located east of the Nature Center gates. A portion of the road past the Nature Center gates and the Bison Loop will be closed during the event to accommodate pedestrians.

Wild Fall Festival activities include:

- Wagon rides will depart every half hour starting at 1:30 p.m. Each 20-minute ride will tour the prairie and provide a behind-the-scenes view of the bison pasture and grazing area. Tickets are \$5 per person and can be purchased at the front desk in the Prairie Building.
- Guided woodland explorations will depart from the Chet Ager Building every half hour starting at 1:30 p.m.
- Tours of the historic Hudson Cabin and Cunningham School house
- Presentations about plants, including a variety of uses, pollinators, and more at the Louise Evans Doole Herb Garden and Native Prairie Garden
- Digging and discovery in the Natural Play Area with Nature Preschool teachers
- Art activities presented by the LUX Center for the Arts and the Guild of Natural Science Illustrators
- Discussion with Parks staff about the animals that live at the Nature Center
- A presentation about local insects and conservation by the UNL Insect Science Club
- A display about amphibians and reptiles by UNL Herpetology, Snakes and More
- A bird mist netting demonstration by the Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center in the Chet Ager Building
- A presentation from Parks staff about prescribed fire and its use in the restoration and maintenance of tallgrass prairie

Free tree giveaway details are as follows:

 Participants must visit the Parks and Recreation booth near the Pioneers Park Nature Center Prairie Building to obtain a ticket from City tree experts. Trees can then be picked up near the Cunningham School building.

- The 250 trees will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. The trees will be in three-gallon containers and include planting and care instructions.
 Trees are being made available to be planted on private property.
- The species available are locally grown and well suited for the Eastern Nebraska climate. They include Canada Red Chokecherry, Ironwood, Princeton American Elm, Swamp White Oak, Bur Oak, and Tuliptree.

The tree giveaway is an ongoing effort to replace trees that have been damaged or destroyed by storms and by the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). The goal of event is to distribute trees to homeowners in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods who have experienced tree loss. A diverse mix of trees will be planted to replace the public ash trees. Residents may apply to participate in the Adopt an Ash tree program, which allows residents to voluntarily pay for chemical injection treatment of ash street trees near their homes to extend the lives of the trees.

EAB was first discovered in Lincoln in August 2018. Lincoln's EAB Response and Recovery Plan includes phased removal of public ash trees along streets and in parks. For more information on the EAB response plan, At-Risk Tree Removal grant, the Adopt an Ash tree program, and the Community Forestry Division, visit trees.lincoln.ne.gov.

For more information on the Wild Fall Festival, visit <u>lincoln.ne.gov/wildfallfestival</u>. For more information about the free tree distribution, visit <u>lincoln.ne.gov/treegiveaway</u>.

For the detailed history of the Pioneers Park Nature Center and its programming, visit <u>lincoln.ne.gov/naturecenter</u>. For more information about Lincoln Parks and Recreation programs, visit <u>parks.lincoln.ne.gov</u>.

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555 S 10th St, Ste 301 Lincoln, NE 68508 lincoln.ne.gov/Mayor From: Robert Borer

To: Commish; Council Packet; Terry T. Wagner; LSO; Patrick Condon

Subject: comments for the government committee"s hearing on LR357 and "election security"

Date: Wednesday, September 18, 2024 2:01:19 PM

Public Servants,

Elections belong to We the People. Not to government. And not to some secret private corporation.

The only kind of "election security" that matters is the kind that is public-facing.

Unless THE PEOPLE are able to verify election results, there is no "election security" and the peaceful transfer of power breaks down.

The only place for secrecy in elections is in completing our ballots.

Secrecy anywhere else is ANTITHETICAL to "election security."

So is trust, which Evnen continually tries to gaslight us into doing. But trust is NOT the Salvation of the State (nor of our elections), WATCHFULNESS IN THE CITIZEN IS.

Secrecy and trust only allow for the subversion of our elections.

If Evnen were an honest man, he would be transparent and allow for citizen watchfulness, but he refuses.

He also refuses to meet with cyber security experts in the field of computerized "elections."

There can only be one reason for Evnen's obstinate attitude and tyrannical control over our "elections," he has been compromised into protecting election FRAUD. (And anyone who supports him is complicit.)

Government's only job in elections is to facilitate a process that is transparent and verifiable by the People at the precinct level.

We the People want our elections back.

We want the PEACEFUL means back by which We verifiably choose OUR representatives.

We want our GOD-GIVEN right back to verifiably give and withhold "CONSENT," per the Declaration of Independence and our State Constitution.

We the People retain rights and powers.

Honest and verifiable elections are the PEACEFUL means by which we protect all our other rights.

Article I-1.

Statement of rights.

All persons are by nature free and independent, and have certain inherent and

inalienable rights . . . AND SUCH RIGHTS SHALL NOT BE DENIED OR INFRINGED BY THE STATE OR ANY SUBDIVISION THEREOF. To secure these rights, and the protection of property, governments are instituted among people, deriving their just powers from the CONSENT of the governed.

Article I-22.

Elections to be free; identification required.

(1) All elections shall be free; and THERE SHALL BE NO HINDRANCE OR IMPEDIMENT TO THE RIGHT of a qualified voter TO EXERCISE THE (FULL) ELECTIVE FRANCHISE (OF BOTH CASTING AND COUNTING VOTES).

Article I-26.

Powers retained by people.

This enumeration of rights shall not be construed to impair or deny others, retained by the people, and all powers not herein delegated, remain with the people. (Read annotation on Police Power).

Declaration of Independence

Whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it...

Robert J. Borer

From: <u>James Bunch</u>

To: <u>Council Packet</u>; <u>James M. Bowers</u>

Subject: Continued Unacceptable Situation at N. 48th Street & Cornhusker

Date: Tuesday, September 17, 2024 8:05:18 AM

I have resorted to taking the back route through Havelock from my home, but I needed to stop at McDonald's today. This is just totally unacceptable, another sign that LTU is broken and does need to be fixed. I work for the Sarpy County Sheriff's Office. I drive in La Vista and Papillion on a daily basis. I shake my head that Sarpy County, City of Papillion, and City of La Vista accurately manage traffic. No signals that you have to speed through; no protected turn arrows for empty lanes. Then there's good old Lincoln. The last thing I need at the very start of my 42-minute drive to the Sarpy County Juvenile Justice Center is traffic frustration that can be avoided.

Today's LTU report (can you tell I'm beyond being pissed off?):

Sitting at N.48th & Cornhusker for two minutes (again) while NO cross traffic is visible after about 30 seconds, yet we sit, we sit. Then, the protected left turn arrow for the empty southbound lane. Happens EVERY FREAKING DAY. Why can't you rocket scientists at LTU FIX IT? Sam Kinnison used to do a routine about morons like YOU.

Mazel Tov, Jim Bunch

From: To:

Subject:

OpenForms
Benjamin A. Sobel
Council Comment - Anna Hilton
Saturday, September 14, 2024 4:43:19 PM Date: Attachments: SubmissionReceipt-SubmitAComment-74.pdf



Council Comment - Anna Hilton

Anna Hilton has submitted a comment for Council. Please see the attached comment

Name	Anna Hilton
Phone	
number	
Email	
address	
	Hello,
	I am a frequent bus rider and a person with a disability, and I
	currently work at UNL East Campus. The apartment complex
	where live, the Quarters, is well out of the way of any busses
	and it takes about 45 minutes to walk from the apartment
	complex to the nearest relevant bus stop. I would like for the
	city council to consider diverting a current bus path near
	Charleston and 1st street to serve the people who live in that
Your	area which are mostly college students who want to go to
comment	campus, thus I propose that the diverted bus path go to the
	Union on 14th and Rst as opposed to the Golds Building
	several blooks away. This would be a great benefit to the
	community and to myself especially during the winter months
	when walking for that long can be quite dangerous in sub-
	freezing temperatures. I would recommend diverting the #52
	bus since its rout runs close to there although it currently does
	not go to the union or within comfortable walking distance of

the Quarters.

OpenForms Benjamin A. Sobel From:

Subject:

Council Comment - Lisa Steiner Sunday, September 15, 2024 12:23:27 PM Date: Attachments: SubmissionReceipt-SubmitAComment-75.pdf



Council Comment - Lisa Steiner

Lisa Steiner has submitted a comment for Council. Please see the attached comment

Name	Lisa Steiner
Phone number	
Email address	
Your comment	I would love for Lincoln to look into the benefits of Zipper Merging in traffic. Please see this website for more information: https://www.dot.state.mn.us/zippermerge/index.html . Thanks for your consideration.

 From:
 OpenForms

 To:
 Benjamin A. Sobel

 Subject:
 Council Comment - Tyler

Date: Monday, September 16, 2024 4:51:00 PM
Attachments: SubmissionReceipt-SubmitAComment-76.pdf



Council Comment - Tyler

Tyler has submitted a comment for Council. Please see the attached comment

Name	Tyler
Phone	
number	
Email	
address	

Hello - I wanted to bring to your attention that I've observed as a resident in the Haymarket. I pay a significant amount of money every month for parking with the understanding that the parking meters in and around the Haymarket were being enforced throughout the day. However, that's not the case. In the last 7 days, I know at least 3 days (but I'm pretty sure it could be 4 or 5 days) no tickets were written in my area which is a pretty active area of the Haymarket. This enforcement percentage is actually pretty consistent across each week the last several months. If meters are checked only once a day, tickets such as "parking in excess of time allowed at meter" can never be written. I see lots of Park and Go vehicles driving around all day every day, but tickets can only being written by people walking by each meters. I've tried working with Park and Go, but I've not really seen any significant improvement in enforcement consistently. Not only is the city foregoing untold amounts of revenue, people (especially residents) are getting

Your

away with free parking and/or paying less in fines than a monthly parking pass. Furthermore, I have significant doubts I've found an outlier in enforcement city wide at parking meters. I would request your assistance in getting consistent enforcement throughout the day, every day. In addition, I comment would recommend a full review of Park and Go meter operations to determine how to significantly increase compliance with parking meters, ensuring fines deter people from not paying at meters which could mean increasing the fine from \$10, and increased fines for people who consistently are not paying at meters (fines escalate for anyone who gets more than 12 tickets per year). Considering the amount of revenue tickets can bring in, getting more people to walk these areas throughout the day and/or hiring more people to patrol these areas on foot would more than pay for their salaries. I personally believe that if parking meters are in operation for at least 10 hours Monday thru Saturday, they should be checked at least 3 times a day, spread throughout the day. My goal isn't to be difficult, but I want others to not get away with free parking while others like myself are paying substantial amounts each month for parking. It's all about fairness. I'm not looking for any additional follow-up from Park and Go at this time since I've exhausted my efforts in talking to them and there's not really anything additional they need to share with me.

> Thank you for reviewing this and hope you can appreciate what I'm observing as a resident of the Haymarket.

From: Hernandez, Francisco E SFC USARMY NG NEARNG (USA)

To: <u>Council Packet</u>

Cc:

Subject: RE: Claim Against the City of Lincoln

Date: Tuesday, September 17, 2024 11:23:26 AM

Attachments: Ltr to Francisco Hernandez 9-16-24.pdf

Good afternoon,

I am reaching out in regards to the claim against the city of Lincoln for damages incurred to my vehicle on August 17, 2022. And the letter that was sent out SEP 16, I apologize it has taken this long to get the release of claims sent back to the city council, I did get the damages fixed and payed out of pocket on July 2023, I also received the release of claims email sent out to me and intended to get it notarized to send back, however this did not happen and I lots track of this and did not follow up with it and forgot. I will take the form and have it notarized tomorrow morning and send it in before the close of business tomorrow.

V/R

SFC Francisco Hernandez Senior Human Resources NCO 1-134th CAV (IBCT)



September 16, 2024

Francisco Hernandez

RE: Claim Against the City of Lincoln

Date of Incident: 8/17/2022

Dear Mr. Hernandez:

This letter is in reference to your claim against the City of Lincoln for damage incurred to your vehicle on August 17, 2022.

A review of this claim indicates that attempts were made to settle this claim but failed due to the lack of a response. As more than two years have passed since the accident date, this claim is now subject to the two-year statute of limitations provided by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-919(1). See Patterson v. Metropolitan Utilities Dist., 302 Neb. 442, 923 N.W.2d 717 (2019). The City therefore withdraws all prior settlement offers, and this claim will be forwarded to the Lincoln City Council with a recommendation that it be denied pursuant to the statute of limitations.

The Lincoln City Council will consider this claim at its regularly scheduled meeting on September 30, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 555 South 10th Street, Suite 112. You may appear in person at that date and time to discuss your claim and/or you may contact the City Council in writing prior to that date by email at council@lincoln.ne.gov. If you intend to appear at the City Council meeting in person, please advise this office by Friday, September 27, 2024, by phone at 402-441-7281.

Sincerely

Tyler K. Spahn

Assistant City Attorney

From: <u>Vish Reddi</u>

To: Bennie R. Shobe; Justin P. Carlson; Brodey B. Weber; Tom Duden; Tom J. Beckius; Sandra J. Washington; James

M. Bowers

Cc: <u>Council Packet</u>; <u>Planning</u>; <u>Mayor</u>; <u>Cathy Wilken</u>

Subject: The Gathering Place

Date: Tuesday, September 17, 2024 8:01:00 AM

Dear Council Members,

Thank you for attending the Near South Neighborhood Association (NSNA) board meeting last Monday evening. Your presence and willingness to listen to the discussions that strengthen our neighborhoods are greatly valued. During the meeting, the NSNA board resolved to ask the Community Action Partnership (CAP) to postpone their zoning action and to conduct a comprehensive analysis of alternative buildings and sites throughout the neighborhood. I have sent this request to Heather at CAP and am including you in that correspondence.

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