



**No Directors' Meeting this week in observance of Juneteenth
This report is in lieu of an agenda for June 23, 2025**

Next Directors' Meeting – 2 p.m. Monday, December 2

City Correspondence

Urban Development	RE: June 9 Mayor's Neighborhood Roundtable Agenda
City Clerk	City Council Action 6/9/25
Planning	BP250609 - 1 Historic Preservation Committee
"	Administrative Approvals
"	BPC250611 - 1 PC Final Action Notice
"	BPC250611 - 1 PC Action
"	Street Name Change 25001 - CC intro, June 30th and public hearing July 14

Constituent Correspondence

Lori Benson	LES generator expansion - sustainability concerns
Judy Greenwald	"
Gene Hanlon	"
Debra Nicholson	"
Bruce Stephens	"
Peter Katt	Request for Public Vote on Central Library

From: [Stephanie L. Rouse](#)
Cc: [Ryan S. Wieber](#)
Subject: RE: June 9 Mayor's Neighborhood Roundtable Agenda
Date: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 8:52:33 AM
Attachments: [YSS EGC Event June 2025 Full Page ENGLISH \(002\).jpg](#)

Good morning Roundtable Representatives,

Below are the meeting notes with attachments from last night's meeting. There are a few activities going on this week, all listed in the announcements with flyers attached. I also attached a jpeg of the Youth Sport Sign Up to use on social media.

https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v1/urban-development/neighborhoods/roundtable/2025_june-9-mayors-neighborhood-roundtable-meeting-notes.pdf

From: Stephanie L. Rouse
Sent: Tuesday, June 3, 2025 8:54 AM
Cc: Ryan S. Wieber <RWieber@lincoln.ne.gov>
Subject: June 9 Mayor's Neighborhood Roundtable Agenda

Hello Neighborhood Roundtable Representatives,

Our next meeting is on Monday the 9th at 5:30 pm. See the below agenda and meeting notes from our May meeting.

- June 9 Agenda: https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v1/urban-development/neighborhoods/roundtable/2025_june-9-mayors-neighborhood-roundtable-agenda.pdf
- May 12 Summary: <https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v1/urban-development/neighborhoods/roundtable/mayors-neighborhood-roundtable-meeting-notes.pdf>



Stephanie Rouse, AICP

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Basketball, Skate Contests, Husker Players,
Volleyball, Sports Sign-Ups, a Dunk Tank,
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From: [Chris A. Sison](#)
To: ["KOLN/KGIN"](#); [Aishah S. Witte](#); [Angela Quinn](#); [Barb D. McIntyre](#); [Benjamin A. Sobel](#); [Bennie R. Shobe](#); [Brenda J. Thomas](#); [Brodey B. Weber](#); [Carl J. Steffen](#); [Chad D. Mohr](#); [Chad E. Blahak](#); [Cheri L. Howard](#); [Chris J. Connolly](#); [Chris S. Jones](#); [City Clerk All](#); [Claire Y. Oglesby](#); [Cynthia J. Roth](#); [Daley C. Eldorado](#); [David R. Cary](#); [David T. Engler](#); [Elizabeth D. Elliott](#); [Geri K. Rorabaugh](#); [Hallie E. Salem](#); [Holly L. Lewis](#); [James M. Bowers](#); [Jamie Phillips](#); [Jenni R. Ryan](#); [Jennifer L. Mommens](#); [Jessica Loos](#); [Jocelyn W. Golden](#); [Jon D. Carlson](#); [Joseph P. Dondlinger](#); [Justin P. Carlson](#); [Karen Eurich](#); [Kasey L. Simonson](#); [Kerry L. Kernen](#); [Kristi K. Nydahl](#); [Laura A. Tinnerstet](#); [Lin Quenzer](#); [Liza A. Alderman](#); [Maggie J. Stuckey-Ross](#); [Marcia L. Huenink](#); [Mary E. Lowe](#); [Mayor](#); [Melissa M. Ramos-Lamml](#); [Michele M. Abendroth](#); [Michon Morrow](#); [Nicole K. Gross](#); [Peter A. Kroll](#); [Peter D. Hind](#); [Philip L. Dush](#); [Randall S. Jones](#); [Rhonda M. Haas](#); [Ron L. Cane](#); [Ryan S. Wieber](#); [Sandra J. Washington](#); [Sara J. Hoyle](#); [Sara Slama](#); [Scott Parker](#); [Sharon R. Mulder](#); [Shelli K. Reid](#); [Shelly L. Dostal](#); [Sherry Wolf](#); [Souriya Osman](#); [ssahling](#); [ssprackling](#); [Steve R. Owen](#); [Tammy B. Wissing](#); [Thomas A Schaffer](#); [Tim L. Byrne](#); [Tom Duden](#); [Tom J. Beckius](#)
Subject: City Council Action 6/9/25
Date: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 10:57:16 AM
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Good morning - attached is the action from the City Council meeting held on 6/9/25. Have a great day!



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**ACTION FROM THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD
MONDAY, JUNE 09, 2025 AT 3:00 PM**

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT EXCEPT DUDEN

MAYOR'S AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Mayor's Award of Excellence for the month of February 2025 is presented to James Munyon, from the Lincoln Transportation and Utilities Department, in the category of Education and Lifelong Learning.

**DUE TO THE JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY, CITY COUNCIL
WILL NOT MEET ON JUNE 16, 2025.**

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.** 25R-224
Appointing Andrew Dominguez Farias to the Commission on Women and Gender for a partial term to expire November 23, 2027. **(ADOPTED, 6-0; A-95218)**
- 1.b.** 25R-225
Appointing Jackie Greenfield and Nate Woods to the Aging Partners Areawide Advisory Council for terms to expire June 30, 2028. **(ADOPTED, 6-0; A-95219)**
- 1.c.** 25R-226
Appointing Dr. Roli Saraf to the Mayor's Multicultural Advisory Committee for a partial term to expire September 18, 2027. **(ADOPTED, 6-0; A-95220)**
- 1.d.** 25R-237
Correcting the legal description of Use Permit 17007A by repealing and replacing Resolution No. A-95057 as previously adopted. **(ADOPTED, 6-0; A-95221)**
- 1.e.** 25R-239
Approving the distribution of funds representing interest earnings on short-term investments of IDLE Funds during the month ended April 30, 2025. **(ADOPTED, 6-0; A-95222)**
- 1.f.** Report from City Treasurer of city cash on hand at the close of business on April 30, 2025. **(PLACED ON FILE)**
- 1.g.** Clerk's Letter & Mayor's Approval of Resolutions and Ordinances passed by City Council on May 19, 2025. **(PLACED ON FILE)**

2. PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS

- 2.a.** 25R-240
Setting the hearing date of Monday, June 30, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. on the Application of BDF, LLC dba Captain Jacks for an addition of an indoor area measuring approximately 20 feet by 21 feet at 140 North 12th Street. **(ADOPTED, 6-0; A-95223)**
- 2.b.** 25R-241
Setting the hearing date of Monday, June 30, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. on the Application of Kinkaider Brewing Co., LLC dba Bierhaus Maisschaler for an addition of an indoor basement area measuring approximately 110 feet by 50 feet at 151 North 8th Street. **(ADOPTED, 6-0; A-95224)**
- 2.c.** 25R-253
Setting the hearing date of Monday, June 30, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. on the Application of Firethorn Golf Company, LLC dba Firethorn Golf Club for a Class C Liquor License located at 9301 Firethorn Lane. **(ADOPTED, 6-0; A-95225)**
- 2.d.** 25R-254
Setting the hearing date of Monday, June 30, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. for the Manager Application of Tim R. Sanwick for Salt Creek Hospitality, LLC dba Towneplace Suites by Marriott located at 7353 Husker Circle. **(ADOPTED, 6-0; A-95226)**

3. MISCELLANEOUS REFERRALS – NONE.

- VOTE ON CONSENT ITEMS -

4. PUBLIC HEARING - LIQUOR RESOLUTIONS

- 4.a.** 25R-242
Application of Maverik Inc. dba Maverik 768 for a Class D Liquor License located at 150 Southwest 48th Street. **(ADOPTED FOR APPROVAL, 6-0; A-95227)**
- 4.b.** 25R-243
Manager Application of Jen Miller for Maverik Inc. dba Maverik 768 located at 150 Southwest 48th Street. **(ADOPTED FOR APPROVAL, 6-0; A-95228)**
- 4.c.** 25R-244
Application of Venue 5 Twenty-Two, LLC dba Venue 5 Twenty-Two for an addition of two outdoor areas, one irregular shaped area measuring approximately 280 feet by 200 feet and one patio area approximately 30 feet by 16 feet at 1525 Yankee Hill Road. **(ADOPTED FOR APPROVAL, 6-0; A-95229)**

- 4.d. 25R-245
Application of Zoo Blues Inc. dba Zoo Bar for a special designated license to cover an outdoor area measuring approximately 516 feet by 195 feet on 14th Street between O and P Street on July 11, 2025 from 3:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. and July 12, 2025 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. **(ADOPTED FOR APPROVAL, 6-0; A-95230)**
- 4.e. 25R-246
Application of Global Warming Inc. dba The Mill for a special designated license to cover an outdoor area measuring approximately 325 feet by 60 feet at 330 South 21st Street on July 16, 2025 from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. **(ADOPTED FOR APPROVAL, 6-0; A-95231)**

- VOTE ON LIQUORS -

5. PUBLIC HEARING - RESOLUTIONS

- 5.a. 25R-227
Resolution authorizing the issuance of Revenue and Refunding Bonds (Eastmont Projects), Series 2025, in one or more series, in a principal amount not to exceed \$43,000,000, for the purpose of making a loan to Christian Retirement Homes, Inc. d/b/a Eastmont, authorizing the execution and delivery of certain documents in connection with the issuance of such bonds, and approving related matters. **(ADOPTED, 6-0; A-95232)**
- 5.b. 25R-251
Adopting Lincoln Electric System Revised Annual Budget for 2025 to become effective July 1, 2025. **(6/2/23 - Request to waive the rules to have first and second reading on June 9. Action Date of June 23). (VERBAL MOTION #1 TO WAIVE THE RULES TO HAVE FIRST AND SECOND READING, 6-0; VERBAL MOTION #2 TO DELAY ACTION WITH CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2 WEEKS TO 6/23, 6-0)**
- 5.c. 25R-252
Adopting Lincoln Electric System Revised Rate Schedules to become effective July 1, 2025. **(6/2/23 - Request to waive the rules to have first and second reading on June 9. Action Date of June 23). (VERBAL MOTION #1 TO WAIVE THE RULES TO HAVE FIRST AND SECOND READING, 6-0; VERBAL MOTION #2 TO DELAY ACTION WITH CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2 WEEKS TO 6/23)**

- VOTE ON RESOLUTIONS -

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

- 6.a. 25-42
Comprehensive Plan Conformance 25002 - Declaring approximately 0.69 acres of City owned property generally located at the northeast corner of NW Roundhouse Dr and West O Street, as surplus.
- 6.b. 25-43
Annexation 25003 - Application of Southview, Inc., to annex approximately 15.27 acres of property generally located at S. 79th Street and Augustine Avenue. **(Related Items: 25-43, 25-44)**
- 6.c. 25-44
Change of Zone 25010 - Application of Southview, Inc., to change the zoning designation from AG Agricultural District to R-3 Residential District for approximately 15.27 acres on property generally located at S 79th St & Augustine Ave. **(Related Items: 25-43, 25-44)**
- 6.d. 25-45
Change of Zone 25007 - Application of District 33 LLC, to change the zoning designation of approximately 12.78 acres from B-3 Commercial District, R-2 Residential District, and O-2 Office District to B-3 Commercial District PUD, R-2 Residential District PUD and O-2 Office District PUD on the property generally located at S. 33rd Street and A Street.

- END PUBLIC HEARING -

7. ORDINANCES - 3RD READING & RELATED RESOLUTIONS

- 7.a. 25-38
Amending Chapter 3.30 of the Lincoln Municipal Code relating to Restaurant Occupation Tax to update and clarify definitions; expand enforcement, collection, and notification procedures; and ensure consistent permitting and reporting. **(PASSED, 6-0; #21732)**
- 7.b. 25-8
Amending the pay schedule for employee group whose classification is assigned to the pay range which is prefixed by the letter "M" by changing the pay range for class 3161 "Emergency Communications Head" from M05 to M07. **(3/10/25 - Verbal motion to delay with continued public hearing & action for four weeks to 4/7/25)(4/7/25 – Verbal Motion to move Bill No. 25-8 to Pending List No Date Certain with Continued Public Hearing) (5/12/25 - Verbal motion to remove Bill No. 25-8 from Pending List and Suspend rules to have public hearing on 6/2/25) (PASSED, 6-0; #21733)**
- 7.c. 25-39
Amending the pay schedule for employee group whose classification is assigned to the pay range which is prefixed by the letter "C" by changing the pay range for class 3158 "Public Safety Dispatcher" from C19 TO C20, 3159 "Senior Public

Safety Dispatcher from C25 to C28, and 3160 "Public Safety Dispatch Supervisor" from C31 to C32. **(PASSED, 6-0; #21734)**

7.d. 25-40
Amending the pay schedule for the employee group whose classification is assigned to the pay range which is prefixed by the letter "A" by changing 3162 "Emergency Communications Operations Manager" from A13 to 14. **(PASSED, 6-0; #21735)**

7.e. 25-41
An Ordinance of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska authorizing and approving an equipment lease purchase agreement with Cogent Leasing and Financing, Inc., for grounds maintenance equipment in the amount of \$787,018.63, and related matters. **(PASSED, 6-0; #21736)**

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

8.a. 25R-247
Reappointing Jennifer Seacrest and JJ Toczek to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for terms to expire April 27, 2028.

8.b. 25R-248
Reappointing Jamie Wenz and Timothy Klein to the Telecommunication/Cable Television Advisory Board for terms to expire July 1, 2028.

8.c. 25R-249
Reappointing Josephine Rodriguez to the Commission on Women and Gender for a term to expire November 23, 2027.

8.d. 25R-250
Accepting and approving the report of new and pending claims against the City for May 16 through May 31, 2025.

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

9.a. 25-46
Adopting the supplements to the Lincoln Municipal Code dated June 2024 and December 2024 as part of the official Lincoln Municipal Code.

9.b. 25-47
Amending Title 7 of the Lincoln Municipal Code relating to Ambulance Transportation Code by amending Sections 7.04.020, 7.04.040, 7.04.050, 7.04.060, 7.04.070, 7.04.130, 7.04.140, 7.04.150, 7.04.160, 7.04.170, 7.04.190, 7.04.200, 7.06.010, 7.06.020, 7.06.030, 7.06.040, 7.06.050, 7.06.060, 7.06.110, 7.06.120, 7.06.130, 7.08.010, 7.08.020, 7.08.040 to update and remove outdated language; by amending Chapter 7.04 Definitions to add definitions for Ambulance Service Provider, Nebraska DHHS, and Transport; by repealing

Sections 7.04.030, 7.04.080, 7.04.090, 7.04.100, 7.04.110, 7.04.200, 7.06.070, 7.06.080, 7.06.090, 7.06.100 to remove outdated procedures and eliminate the Emergency Medical Services Oversight Authority or EMSOA.

PENDING LIST - DATE CERTAIN

10.a. 24-129

Approving an Agreement for Tower Space and Appurtenances between the City and Cellco Partnership, a Delaware partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless to occupy and use certain city-owned parcel of real property and Tower generally located at 2201 S. 84th Street. **(12/2/24 - Verbal Motion to Delay for 1 week to 12/9/24) (12/9/24 - Verbal Motion to Delay for 1 week to 12/16/24) (12/16/24 - Verbal Motion to Delay for 4 weeks to 1/13/25) (1/13/25 - Verbal Motion to Remove Bill No. 24-129 from Pending List Date Certain and place on Pending List No Date Certain) (6/2/25 – Verbal Motion to Remove Bill No. 24-129 from Pending List and Suspend Rules to have Public Hearing on 6/23/25).**

11. PENDING LIST (EXTENDED ONE WEEK)

11.a. 24-130

Change of Zone 24018 - Application of Sesostris Temple Holding Corp., to change the zoning designation from AG Agricultural District to H-4 Highway Commercial District, on approximately 15 acres on the property generally located north of the O Street and Anthony Lane intersection. **(Related Items: 24-130, 24R-526, 24R-527) (11/18/24 – Verbal Motion to Delay with continued Public Hearing & Action two weeks to 12/2/24) (12/2/24 – Verbal Motion to Delay with continued Public Hearing & Action two weeks to 12/16/24) (12/16/24 - Verbal Motion to Delay and Move to Pending List No Date Certain)**

11.b. 24R-526

Special Permit 24030 - Application of Sesostris Temple Holding Corp., to allow a planned service commercial development with associated waivers on the property generally located north of the O Street and Anthony Lane intersection. **(Related Items: 24-130, 24R-526, 24R-527) (Action Date: 12/2/24) (11/18/24 – Verbal Motion to Delay with continued Public Hearing & Action two weeks to 12/2/24) (12/2/24 – Verbal Motion to Delay with continued Public Hearing & Action two weeks to 12/16/24) (12/16/24 - Verbal Motion to Delay and Move to Pending List No Date Certain)**

11.c. 24R-527

Approving the Conditional Zoning Agreement between the City and Sesostris Temple Holding Corp., for the property generally located at 95th and O Street. **(Related Items: 24-130, 24R-526, 24R-527) (Action Date: 12/2/24) (11/18/24 – Verbal Motion to Delay with continued Public Hearing & Action two weeks to 12/2/24) (12/2/24 – Verbal Motion to Delay with continued Public Hearing & Action two weeks to 12/16/24) (12/16/24 - Verbal Motion to Delay and Move 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 June, open microphone sessions will be held on Jun. 9 & Jun. 30, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT – 5:51 PM

The Lincoln City Council meets every Monday at 3 p.m. except for the last Monday of the month which begins at 5:30 p.m. All City Council meetings are aired live on LNKTV City and re-aired later. For a schedule, visit lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: LNKTV). LNKTV City can be found on all three cable television systems: ALLOChannel 2; Spectrum Channel 1300; Kinetic Channel 1005. Meetings are also streamed live at lincoln.ne.gov(keyword: LNKTV) and available later at youtube.com/LNKTVcity.

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The City Council Agenda and Action Sheet may be accessed on the Internet at: lincoln.ne.gov

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From: [Shelli K. Reid](#)
To: [Benjamin A. Sobel](#)
Cc: [David R. Cary](#); [Steve S. Henrichsen](#)
Subject: BP250609 - 1 Historic Preservation Committee
Date: Monday, June 9, 2025 10:03:42 AM
Attachments: [BP250609 -1-Historic Preservation Committee.pdf](#)

Attached for your information.

Thanks,



Shelli Reid

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The City of Lincoln Historic Preservation Commission will hold a public meeting on Thursday, June 12, 2025, at 2:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, County City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, to consider the following agenda. For more information contact the Planning Department at 402-441-7491.

AGENDA

1. Approval of HPC meeting record of May 8, 2025.

HEARING AND ACTION

2. SPECIAL PERMIT SP13048C, for an increase in occupancy at Connecting Links Transitional Living, at the Little-Atwood House Local Landmark, generally located at 740 S 17th Street.
3. CERTIFICATE UDR25050 for the rehabilitation of the local landmark Phi Delta Theta Fraternity house, generally located at 1545 R Street.
4. CERTIFICATE UDR25051 for the construction of a new garage on property in the Creighton Local Landmark Historic District, generally located at 2421 North 52nd Street.

DISCUSS AND ADVISE

The Historic Preservation Commission's agenda may be accessed on the Internet at

https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/City/Departments/Planning_Department/Boards_and_Commissions/Historic_Preservation_Commission

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From: [Shelli K. Reid](#)
To: [Benjamin A. Sobel](#)
Cc: [Steve S. Henrichsen](#); [David R. Cary](#)
Subject: Administrative Approvals
Date: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 3:53:11 PM
Attachments: [BP250610-1-Administrative Approvals.pdf](#)

Greetings,

Please see attached Administrative Approvals for June 3rd through June 10th.

Thank you,



Shelli Reid

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MEMO

Date: June 10, 2025
To: City Clerk
From: Clara McCully
Subject: Administrative Approvals

This is a list of City administrative approvals by the Planning Director from June 3 through June 10, 2025:

Administrative Approval 24080, to Special Permit 19061, Jensen View Estates Community Unit Plan, was approved by the Planning Director on June 10, 2025, to change some of the single-family lots to single-family attached lots, generally located northeast of South 84th Street and Rokeby Road.

From: [Shelli K. Reid](#)
To: [Benjamin A. Sobel](#)
Cc: [David R. Cary](#); [Steve S. Henrichsen](#)
Subject: BPC250611 - 1 PC Final Action Notice
Date: Wednesday, June 11, 2025 4:23:08 PM
Attachments: [BPC061125 - 1 PC Final Action Notice.pdf](#)

Please see attached.

Thank you,



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PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION NOTIFICATION

TO: Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird
Lincoln City Council

FROM: Shelli Reid, Planning

DATE: June 11, 2025

RE: Notice of final action by Planning Commission: June 11, 2025

Please be advised that on June 11, 2025, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission adopted the following resolutions:

Resolution PC-01944, approving Special Permit 552D, to amend an existing Special Permit 552C for a Residential Healthcare Facility to allow for a Temporary Parking Lot associated with the facility on property legally described as Lot 4, Block 1, Eastmont 2nd Addition, located in the NW 1/4 Section 28-10-07, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, generally located at 200 Bruce Drive.

Resolution PC-01945, approving Special Permit 08046A, to amend the existing Special Permit to allow for the Expansion of a Non Standard Structure for an addition to an existing home with a waiver to reduce the side yard setback to 2 feet, on property legally described as Lot 12, Block 11, Browns Summit, located in the NW 1/4 Section 1-9-6, Lincoln, Lancaster, Nebraska, generally located at 1601 Cheyenne Street.

Resolution PC-01946, approving Special Permit 25014, for a Community Unit Plan (CUP) for single family lots with a shared private driveway, on property legally described as Lots 1-2, 5300 Addition, Lincoln, Lancaster, Nebraska, generally located at 5300 Everett Street.

The Planning Commission's 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. SP552D, SP08046A, SP25014) click on "Search", then "Select", and go to "Related Documents".

From: [Shelli K. Reid](#)
To: [Benjamin A. Sobel](#); [Commish](#); [Planning_ALL](#); [Andrew Barness](#); [Chad E. Blahak](#); [David A. Derbin](#); [Elizabeth D. Elliott](#); [John M. Ward](#); [Jon D. Carlson](#); [Pamela L. Dingman](#); [Rick D. Hoppe](#); [Robert K. Simmering](#); [Ron E. Rehtus](#); [Shelli K. Reid](#); [Terry A. Kathe](#); [Tim S. Sieh](#)
Subject: BPC250611 - 1 PC Action
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Good Morning,

Please see attached.

Thank you,



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****ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION****

NOTICE: The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, 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, June 11, 2025

[Commissioners Ball, Eddins and Feit absent]

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held May 14, 2025. ****APPROVED: 6-0 (Ball, Eddins and Feit absent)****

1. CONSENT AGENDA (Public Hearing and Administrative Action)

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONFORMANCE

- 1.1 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONFORMANCE 25003, to review as to conformance with the 2050 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan, an amendment to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to add the "Police Property Storage Remodel at 635 J Street" project.

Staff recommendation: In General Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan

Staff Planner: Andrew Thierolf, (402) 441-6371, athierolf@lincoln.ne.gov

Planning Commission recommendation: FINDING OF CONFORMANCE

WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: 6-0 (Ball, Eddins and Feit absent). The Planning Commission recommendation will be forwarded to the Finance Department.

- 1.2 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONFORMANCE 25004, to review as to conformance with the 2050 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan, an amendment to the South Folsom redevelopment plan, for continued development as part of the Foxtail Meadows Redevelopment Project and updates to Phase 1 and the addition of Phases 2 and 3, on property generally located at Folsom Street and Pioneers Blvd.

Staff recommendation: In Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan

Staff Planner: Andrew Thierolf, (402) 441-6371, athierolf@lincoln.ne.gov

Planning Commission recommendation: FINDING OF CONFORMANCE WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: 6-0 (Ball, Eddins and Feit absent).

Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for Monday, July 14, 2025, 3:00 p.m.

TEXT AMENDMENTS

- 1.1 TEXT AMENDMENT 25008, amending the Lincoln Municipal Code Title 26, Chapter 26.35.020, to include a one-time 6 month extension for a final plat authorized by the Planning Director under certain conditions.

Staff recommendation: Approval

Staff Planner: Ayden Johnson, (402) 441-6334, ayden.johnson@lincoln.ne.gov

Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL: 6-0 (Ball, Eddins and Feit absent). Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 30, 2025, 5:30 p.m.

- 1.1 TEXT AMENDMENT 25007, amending the Lancaster County Subdivision Regulations, Chapter 3, Section 3.12 to include a one-time 6 month extension for a final plat authorized by the Planning Director when under certain conditions and amending the Lancaster County Zoning Regulations, Article 2 to add a definition for Average Lot Width and to amend Article 15 for Home Occupations to exclude certain uses.

Staff recommendation: Approval

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

Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL: 6-0 (Ball, Eddins and Feit absent). Public hearing before the County Board is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, July 1, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

SPECIAL PERMIT

- 1.3 SPECIAL PERMIT 552D, to amend an existing Special Permit 552C for a Residential Healthcare Facility to allow a parking lot associated with the facility on property generally located at 200 Bruce Drive. ***FINAL ACTION***

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval

Staff Planner: Ayden Johnson, (402) 441-6334, ayden.johnson@lincoln.ne.gov

Planning Commission "final action": CONDITIONAL APPROVAL: 6-0 (Ball, Eddins and Feit absent), as set forth in the conditions of the staff report dated May 15, 2025, Resolution No. PC-01944.

- 1.4 SPECIAL PERMIT 08046A, to amend the existing Special Permit to allow for the Expansion of a non-standard structure for an addition to an existing home with a waiver to reduce the side yard setback to 2 feet, on property generally located at 1601 Cheyenne Street. ***FINAL ACTION***

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval

Staff Planner: Benjamin Callahan, (402) 441-6360, bcallahan@lincoln.ne.gov

Planning Commission "final action": CONDITIONAL APPROVAL: 6-0 (Ball, Eddins and Feit absent), as set forth in the conditions of the staff report dated May 29, 2025, Resolution No. PC-01945.

- 1.5 SPECIAL PERMIT 25014, for a Community Unit Plan (CUP) for single-family lots with a shared private driveway, on property legally described as Lots 1-2, 5300 Addition, Lincoln, Lancaster, Nebraska, generally located at 5300 Everett Street. ***FINAL ACTION***

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval

Staff Planner: Ayden Johnson, (402) 441-6334, ayden.johnson@lincoln.ne.gov

Planning Commission “final action”: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL: 6-0 (Ball, Eddins and Feit absent), as set forth in the conditions of the staff report dated May 29, 2025, Resolution No. PC-01946.

- 1.6 SPECIAL PERMIT 25017, to allow for an Early Childhood Care Facility for up to 80 children with associated waivers on property generally located at 2735 N 50th Street.

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval

Staff Planner: Emma Martin, (402) 441-6369, emartin@lincoln.ne.gov

Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL: 6-0 (Ball, Eddins and Feit absent), as set forth in the conditions of the staff report dated May 29, 2025. Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 30, 2025, 5:30 p.m.

2. **REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL:** **None**
3. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:** **None**
(Public Hearing and Administrative Action)
4. **PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:**

TEXT AMENDMENT

- 4.1 TEXT AMENDMENT 25006, to amend the Lincoln Municipal Code, Section 27.02 Definitions, Section 27.06 Use Groups, Section 27.62 Conditional Uses, and Section 27.63 Special Permits to define and include battery energy storage systems as a land use with specific conditions.

Staff recommendation: Approval

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

Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL: 6-0 (Ball, Eddins and Feit absent). Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 30, 2025, 5:30 p.m.

CHANGE OF ZONE AND ASSOCIATED ITEM

- 4.2a CHANGE OF ZONE 25011, from O-2 (Suburban Office District) to O-3 (Office Park District), generally located at S 39th St & Normal Blvd.

Staff recommendation: Approval

Staff Planner: Ayden Johnson, (402) 441-6334, ayden.johnson@lincoln.ne.gov

Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL: 6-0 (Ball, Eddins and Feit absent). Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 30, 2025, 5:30 p.m.

- 4.2b USE PERMIT 55A, amending Use Permit 55 with associated waivers, on property generally located at 2221 and 2231 South 39th Street.

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval

Staff Planner: Ayden Johnson, (402) 441-6334, ayden.johnson@lincoln.ne.gov

Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL: 6-0 (Ball, Eddins and Feit absent), as set forth in the conditions of the staff report dated May 29, 2025. Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 30, 2025, 5:30 p.m.

PERMITS

- 4.3 SPECIAL PERMIT 1123D, amending the existing Special Permit allowing a Temporary Shelter for the Homeless to increase the Special Permit area for a new 69,000 square foot addition on property generally located at 100 and 154 P Street. ***FINAL ACTION***

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval

Staff Planner: Benjamin Callahan, (402) 441-6360, bcallahan@lincoln.ne.gov

Planning Commission granted a request by Planning Commission members to defer to continued Public Hearing and Action until the June 25, 2025, Planning Commission Hearing.

- 4.4 SPECIAL PERMIT 1423M, an amendment to the existing special permit for HiMark Estates Community Unit Plan (CUP) to add 9 lots, on property generally located at South 89th Street and HiMark Lane. ***FINAL ACTION***

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval

Staff Planner: Jacob Schlange, (402) 441-6362, jschlange@lincoln.ne.gov

Planning Commission granted a request by Planning Commission members and staff to defer to continued Public Hearing and Action until the July 9, 2025, Planning Commission Hearing.

- 4.5 CHANGE OF ZONE 24020, from AG (Agricultural District) to H-3 (Highway Commercial) on property generally located at 91st Street and Nebraska Parkway.

Staff recommendation: Denial

Staff Planner: Steve Dush, (402) 441-5662, sdush@lincoln.ne.gov

Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL: 5-1 (Rodenburg dissenting; Ball, Eddins and Feit absent). Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 30, 2025, 5:30 p.m.

5. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION: None

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

Adjournment: 5:28 p.m.

From: [Shelli K. Reid](#)
To: [Soulinnee Phan](#); [Brandi R. Lehl](#); [Benjamin A. Sobel](#)
Cc: [George J. Wesselhoft](#)
Subject: Street Name Change 25001 - CC intro, June 30th and public hearing July 14th
Date: Friday, June 13, 2025 8:29:00 AM
Attachments: [SNC25001 Council Memo.giw.docx](#)
[SNC25001.pdf](#)

Good Morning,

This street name change will be scheduled for City Council introduction on June 30th and public hearing on July 14th. Please see attached memo and map exhibit that will need to be forwarded to City Council members.

Please let me know if you have any questions

Thank you,



Shelli Reid
Administrative Officer | Administration

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MEMO

Date: June 12, 2025
From: George Wesselhoft, Planning Department
To: City Council
Subject: Renaming of Williamson Drive to S 28th Street

This request is to rename Williamson Drive, between Yankee Hill Road and Jamie Lane, to S 28th Street. This is the north to south street directly behind the Honda dealership located at the northeast corner of S 27th Street and Yankee Hill Road. This is a private roadway.

This change is requested because the existing name comes from a prior business name which is now obsolete. The property owner where the Honda dealership is located also owns the vacant lot to the east which is to be developed. The address for the new development property would be off Williamson Drive based on access and how addresses are assigned. The developer would prefer to change the name to S 28th Street.

The proposal is consistent with LMC 26.23.110 of the Subdivision Regulations which for streets running predominately straight north and south shall be numbered consecutively in sequence with adjacent streets.

One property (8250 Williamson Drive) would have to change their address. This is a car wash. The applicant indicates they have been in communication with the owner, and they do not object to the street name change. A request to change the street address for this property has been requested from the Building and Safety Department. This was required prior to the street name change.

The cost to change the street signage will be \$400 in total, including \$100 for the City to change the street name sign at Yankee Hill Road and \$300 (escrow amount) for the

private intersection at Jamie Lane. The applicant has provided these check amounts as it is their cost for the new street signs.

A street name change requires City Council approval with a recommendation from the Street Naming Committee but is not reviewed by the Planning Commission.

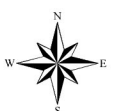
Street Naming Committee Recommendation

The Street Naming Committee reviewed this proposal and recommended approval.



Street Name Change #: SNC25001
Renaming Williamson Dr to S 28th St

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From: [OpenForms](#)
To: [Benjamin A. Sobel](#)
Subject: Council Comment - Lorrie Benson
Date: Saturday, June 7, 2025 5:10:33 PM
Attachments: [SubmissionReceipt-SubmitAComment-148.pdf](#)



Council Comment - Lorrie Benson

Lorrie Benson has submitted a comment for Council. Please see the attached comment

Name	Lorrie Benson
Phone number	
Email address	[REDACTED]
Your comment	I appreciate that Lincoln Electric System is proactive and meets it's obligations as part of the Southwest Power Pool, but I'm extremely concerned that adding natural gas-fueled capacity is a step backward we can't afford in a rapidly changing climate. We need to insure that the LES 2040 decarbonization goals are met; this needs to be the last time LES adds fossil fueled generation capacity. Thank you for considering my opinion.

From: [OpenForms](#)
To: [Benjamin A. Sobel](#)
Subject: Council Comment - Judy Greenwald
Date: Saturday, June 7, 2025 5:26:50 PM
Attachments: [SubmissionReceipt-SubmitAComment-149.pdf](#)



Council Comment - Judy Greenwald

Judy Greenwald has submitted a comment for Council. Please see the attached comment

Name	Judy Greenwald
Phone number	[REDACTED]
Email address	[REDACTED]
Your comment	I understand that LES is submitting a plan for your approval that will increase energy generation utilizing natural gas. I'm deeply concerned that after delivering energy to our community through increased use of sustainable sources, the city and LES is taking a quicker, perhaps easier approach that will resume the increase of carbonization. This is wrong headed if we're working towards a greener, sustainable community. Our children and grandchildren are counting on us, on you, to make these important decisions with serious deliberation and a committed to a healthy, sustainable future for our community.

From: [OpenForms](#)
To: [Benjamin A. Sobel](#)
Subject: Council Comment - Gene Hanlon
Date: Sunday, June 8, 2025 4:19:27 PM
Attachments: [SubmissionReceipt-SubmitAComment-150.pdf](#)



Council Comment - Gene Hanlon

Gene Hanlon has submitted a comment for Council. Please see the attached comment

Name	Gene Hanlon
Phone number	[REDACTED]
Email address	[REDACTED]
Your comment	<p>I am neutral on the mid-year amendment to the LES budget resulting in an average increase of 4% for the average homeowner and ask that this be included in the official record of the public hearing (Items 5b & 5c on June 9th meeting agenda).</p> <p>I am extremely disappointed that on the first opportunity for LES to purchase new energy generation capacity they abandon their pledge to reach net-zero energy. The one benefit is that the additional natural gas capacity is at a peaking generation facility.</p> <p>I encourage you to emphasize to LES that this is the last fossil fuel generating capacity they acquire. They must expand their portfolio of renewable energy coupled with battery storage if LES and the City of Lincoln is to achieve their decarbonization goals.</p>

From: [OpenForms](#)
To: [Benjamin A. Sobel](#)
Subject: Council Comment - Debra Nicholson
Date: Monday, June 9, 2025 1:55:41 PM
Attachments: [SubmissionReceipt-SubmitAComment-151.pdf](#)



Council Comment - Debra Nicholson

Debra Nicholson has submitted a comment for Council. Please see the attached comment

Name	Debra Nicholson
Phone number	[REDACTED]
Email address	[REDACTED]
Your comment	<p>Honorable Members of the City Council:</p> <p>I'm not a physicist or a financial whiz, but Jigar Shah is both. He is known for his work at the US Department of Energy as Director of the Loan Programs Office. From 2021-2025, he successfully managed a budget of hundreds of billions of dollars to get new clean energy technology to scale in the global market. So, I believe him when he says that local utilities should be turning to clean energy and storage rather than continuing their reliance on fossil fuels.</p> <p>LES has found the purchase of two new gas turbines to be the "least expensive" way to produce enough electricity to keep everyone warm during severe winter storms. Really? Maybe the easiest, but the cheapest? Our rising utility bills, soaring home insurance premiums and the personal loss and financial costs of climate disasters tell us that the consequences of burning fossil fuels are unaffordable! I don't want to pay higher rates to invest in more gas. I want to pay higher rates to transition away from fossil fuels.</p> <p>A combination of solar and storage, geothermal, hydro, and wind can keep us warm in the winter, so why turn to gas turbines again and again to meet future demands and to</p>

replace polluting coal plants? Even if new gas turbines operate at 90% efficiency, throughout the natural gas supply chain, gas venting and unintended emissions make its carbon footprint similar to other fossil fuels. Let's not continue the same polluting behavior that has led to our current climate crisis.

And what about demand management? I'd be willing to turn my thermostat down a few degrees to help meet the peak demand during severe winter storms. How much more would we have to raise rates or lower our thermostats to address our energy needs responsibly?

If we transition away from fossil fuels soon enough, our kids and grandkids might enjoy more days with pleasant temperatures, better health, and a cleaner environment. Please prioritize climate and quality of life when planning and budgeting for future improvements. Choose clean energy! It's available now, less expensive, and can be produced right here in Nebraska, where it is good for our economy!

Thank you for your continued work to make Lincoln sustainable.
I appreciate all you do!
Debra Nicholson

From: [OpenForms](#)
To: [Benjamin A. Sobel](#)
Subject: Council Comment - Bruce Stephens
Date: Thursday, June 12, 2025 5:02:14 PM
Attachments: [SubmissionReceipt-SubmitAComment-152.pdf](#)



Council Comment - Bruce Stephens

Bruce Stephens has submitted a comment for Council. Please see the attached comment

Name	Bruce Stephens
Phone number	[REDACTED]
Email address	[REDACTED]
Your comment	<p>I understand the need for more power generation, especially since I understand some corporation is coming in that will require massive amounts of electricity, but we really need to emphasize renewable energy. Buy solar generated, buy wind generated. I would like to see a requirement that all flat-roofed office and business roofs have solar panels on them.</p> <p>Let's start being part of the solution, not part of the problem.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>

From: [Peter Katt](#)
To: [Council Packet](#)
Cc: [Ryan S. Wieber](#)
Subject: Request for Public Vote on Central Library
Date: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 12:21:06 PM

Dear Council Members,

Thank you for listening to my comments during the recent public comment period. I'm reaching out again to follow up on my concerns.

Below is an email I sent to the Library Director following my attendance at last week's Open House. I have not yet received a response and am now turning to you in hopes of initiating a more productive conversation.

As I mentioned in my remarks, I believe strongly that the public should be allowed to vote on the Central Library project. If four Council Members are willing to commit to supporting such a vote, I am prepared to move forward with proposals I believe will significantly improve the current plan.

However, if you are unwilling or unable to support a public vote, I respectfully request that you explain why. For years, the public has been told we would have a say in this process. Transparency requires that any deviation from this promise be clearly justified. We owe the public better than a plan advanced through what appears to be a backroom decision-making process.

Please feel free to respond by email or phone at your convenience. I am also available—and would prefer—to meet in person.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Peter W. Katt

[Redacted Address]

Lincoln, NE 68516

Mobile: [Redacted Phone Number]

From: Peter Katt
Sent: Thursday, June 5, 2025 12:40
To: Ryan S. Wieber <rwieber@lincoln.ne.gov>
Cc: Rick D. Hoppe <RHoppe@lincoln.ne.gov>; Janet Hayes (jhayes@lincoln.ne.gov) <jhayes@lincoln.ne.gov>
Subject: RE: The Backroom Deal for Lincoln's Central Library

Ryan:

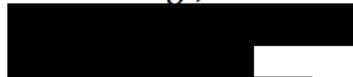
Thanks for chatting with me las night. The gathering at Bennet Martin was, as I expected it to be, disappointing. Until the public is engaged in making the decision with a public vote, what I or anyone else thinks about the project really does not matter. As you noted last night, the City Council alone will decide(under the leadership and direction of the Mayor) that a Backroom Deal for the new library is preferable to a public vote on the project. You should not b e asked to defend the indefensible as presumably it was not your decision. Hopefully, the Mayor and/or some Council members will join you at the LIBA luncheon on the 17th **and explain why after 20 years of telling us there would be a vote on the library we now no longer need to do so. I want to know who, how and why that fundamental change was made**. Even the Library Board Foundation members I spoke with last night agreed that an answer/explanation to this question is owed to the public. I will do my best to get one.

I have copied Rick and Janet in hopes of some engagement with the Mayor on this issue.

My next step is to find 4 council votes that will support the public's involvement with the project rather than the proposed backroom bond.

Peter W. Katt

NebHoldings, LLC



Mobile: [REDACTED]

From: Peter Katt

Sent: Thursday, May 29, 2025 10:04 AMc

To: Ryan S. Wieber <rwieber@lincoln.ne.gov>

Subject: The Backroom Bond Financing Plan for Lincoln's Central Library

Ryan:

Before you and I spend more time on the currently proposed financing details for the Downtown Library it might be helpful for you to directly answer the question I posed about supporting a public vote. If we were to have a public vote then the planned for "public engagement" would truly matter since those that will pay for the new library will need to be convinced that it is valuable to them, not me, you or only library fans. I assume that you/the "City" will not support a public vote on the project since it appears that decision was made at some recent point intime the details for which I will want to know in due time.

My objective at present is to convince City leadership that this project deserves/requires a public vote not a backroom deal.

The last time I asked the public to engage on City improvements was for the proposed double decker roundabout at 14th & Old Chenay. I created the "Sensible Streets" campaign to oppose it. At that time, it was much more difficult to get that process started. Today, with ChatGPT you can see below the easily created outline of a public engagement campaign that will simply ask that the City let the public vote as has been the plan for the past decade or so. Why the change?

Happy to meet in person to discuss if you want to do so or give me a call or a reply.

Has the City retained an outside consultant to help it with the public engagement? If so, who might that be and what is the cost?

Peter

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