



## **Directors' Meeting Minutes for Monday, August 18, 2025**

**Council Present:** Sandra Washington, Tom Beckius, Justin Carlson, Bennie Shobe, Brodey Weber, Tom Duden, James Michael Bowers

**Others Present:** David Cary, Planning; Yohance Christie, Law; Carl Stephen, I.S.; Dan Marvin, Urban Development; Joe Dondlinger, Finance; Randy Jones, Aging Partners; Kerry Kernen, Health; Barb McIntyre, HR; Michon Morrow, LPD; Maggie Stuckey Ross, Parks & Rec; Ryan Wieber, Libraries; Soulinee Phan, City Clerk; Ben Sobel, City Council Secretary; Margaret Reist, Lincoln Journal Star

Council Chair Carlson opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

Minutes from August 11 meeting were accepted as posted.

### **City Clerk Advisories**

- Council will not meet on September 1 in observance of Labor Day
- A Mayor's Award of Excellence will be presented tonight
- Dual agenda tonight – regular agenda will come 1<sup>st</sup>, mid-biennium budget hearing 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Items 8.a. & 8.b. will be called together

### **Director Advisories**

Ryan Wieber:

- Library design update:
  - Construction Manager RFP almost ready
  - Design anticipated to be ready late fall
  - Bond sale expected early October, funds available mid-October
  - Eiseley Branch will host a public open house to discuss sustainability-related design features
  - Libraries website will have dedicated page with related information
- Summer Reading Challenge:
  - Participation at all time high, registration up 24% completion at 5%
  - Additional staffing and marketing credited with increase

David Cary:

- Discussed Comprehensive Plan changes underway as part of a 5-year update cycle:
  - Updates led by Planning staff, supplemented by specialized private sector help

- No major overhauls expected
- Will be disseminating information through the Planning Commission
- Public engagement efforts will commence during the week of October 20
- Mobility/Transportation plan will be consolidated and clarified

### **Councilmember Committee & Commission Updates**

Washington:

- PBC passed budget, no public in attendance
- Discussed remodeling underway for City Council/County Board suite
- Beckius added:
  - Increase of 2% over previous year's budget
  - Bond funding anticipated for funding of North Parking Garage reconstruction

Duden:

- Discussed ride-along with LTU representatives and community members
  - Reviewed projects and processes in Southeast Lincoln

Beckius:

- Council, LFR, and LPD will host 2<sup>nd</sup> annual children's Halloween "swearing-in" ceremony on October 23<sup>rd</sup>
- West Haymarket JPA will meet Friday

Carlson:

- ISPC gathered but did not conduct business due to procedural issue

### **Public Comment**

- None

Council Chair Carlson adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.