



Directors' Meeting Minutes for Monday, September 8, 2025

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

Others Present: Jon Carlson & Rick Hoppe, Mayor's Office; David Cary, Planning; Yohance Christie, Law; Carl Stephen, I.S.; Liz Elliott, LTU; Dave Engler, LFR; Dan Marvin, Urban Development; Joe Dondlinger, Finance; Kerry Kernen, Health; Barb McIntyre, HR; Michon Morrow, LPD; Maggie Stuckey Ross, Parks & Rec; Soulinee Phan, City Clerk; Ben Sobel, City Council Secretary; Chris Triebsch, City Communications; Andrew Wegley, 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 18 meeting were accepted as posted.

Council approved of reappropriation of FY 2025-26 funds for the hiring of Council Aides

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Absent: 1

Councilman Duden joined the meeting

City Clerk Advisories

- Mayor's Awards of Excellence will be presented to Brandi Lehl & Jennifer Hiatt
- The following items will be called together:
 - 4.a. & 4.b.
 - 6.a. & 6.b.

Director Advisories

Liz Elliott:

- Sidewalk update: reviewed annual report
 - 85% increase in locations repaired compared to prior year
 - Ramps nearly 3x 2024 as of now, additional expected
 - Coordinating and partnering with StarTran, focusing on school/walk areas to maximize beneficial usage of funds
 - Reimbursement program for residential owners increased from \$6/square foot to \$10, resulting in large increase in homeowner participation
 - Relies on resident reporting for finding issues,
 - Assessments typically complete within 48 hours of resident report

- Spray-tag colors are used to designate grinding vs. replacement
- Data collected, repairs added to batch sets for efficiency rather than spot-by-spot
- 5-year backlog expected to shrink significantly over next 3 years

Councilmember Committee & Commission Updates

Beckius:

- PBC will meet tomorrow
 - Anticipate contracting on the North Campus Garage remodel

Duden:

- Noted alcohol sales start at Memorial stadium
- Interested in tax revenue

Washington:

- Parks & Rec Advisory Board Meeting Thursday

Weber:

- Thanked Chris Triebsch for his service at the City of Lincoln

Public Comment

- None

Council Chair Carlson adjourned the meeting at 2:19 p.m.