



Directors' Meeting Minutes for Monday, September 22, 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 & Chris Connolly, Law; Carl Stephen, I.S.; Liz Elliott, LTU; Dave Engler, LFR; Dan Marvin, Urban Development; Randy Jones, Aging Partners; Barb McIntyre, HR; Michon Morrow & Ryan Dale, LPD; Maggie Stuckey Ross, Parks & Rec; Ryan Wieber, Libraries; Brandi Lehl, City Clerk; Ben Sobel, City Council Secretary; Andrew Wegley, Lincoln Journal Star

Council Chair Carlson opened the meeting at 2:01 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

Minutes from September 15 meeting were accepted as posted.

City Clerk Advisories

- Duden will request to delay item 7.a. regarding pay range for A.D. of Planning

Director Advisories

Dave Engler:

- Discussed transition of fire inspectors during merger of Building & Safety w/ Planning
 - Fire inspectors currently also serve as fire investigators, plan to split those duties between separate positions over next 2 years
 - Code change updates expected over the next year
- LFR has received and begun implementing a grant for knock box updates
- Replaced 60 outdated boxes
- Updated e-locks, noting power backup capabilities
- Added 344 boxes to LPS facilities to improve access
- Added 400 residential knock box units distributed through local agencies

Randy Jones:

- Lincoln Joined Age Friendly Communities network in January 2024
- Seeing commitments across departments regarding age-friendly implementations
- Continuing with community feedback for strategies among 75-member panel
- Working on transportation in coordination with LTU's AARP grant
- Also working on housing standard improvements/incentives for age-friendly housing

Councilmember Committee & Commission Updates

Bowers:

- JBC discussed funding for early childhood/early learning

Shobe:

- Sat in on Pink Postcard budget meetings
 - About 30 members of the public attended
 - Most attendees expressed concern about rising property valuations

Beckius:

- Discussed Council's attendance at the State of the City event on October 8

Public Comment

- None

Council Chair Carlson adjourned the meeting at 2:16 p.m.