



Directors' Meeting Minutes for Monday, October 20, 2025

Council Present: Sandra 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 & Development; Yohance Christie & Abby Littrell, Law; Carl Stephen, I.S.; Liz Elliott, LTU; Dave Engler, LFR; Dan Marvin, Urban Development; Joe Dondlinger & Tammy Wissing, Finance; Randy Jones, Aging Partners; Maggie Stuckey Ross, Parks & Rec; Ryan Wieber, Libraries; Soulinee Phan, City Clerk; Ben Sobel, City Council Secretary; Andrew Wegley & Peter Breen, 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 October 6 meeting were accepted as posted.

City Clerk Advisories

- The meeting will start with presentation of a Mayor's Award of Excellence
- The following items will be called together:
 - 4.a. & 4.b.
 - 4.c. & 4.d.
- Beckius noted modified specifications for the turn lane under item 7.e.

Director Advisories

Joe Dondlinger & Tammy Wissing:

- Presented an overview of rental occupation tax collection
 - Implementation began approximately 4 years ago
 - 165 units are remitting taxes monthly for roughly \$180k annual revenue
 - Biggest challenges are identifying rentals and educating owner/operators
 - Identification of rentals done through identification software and public records
 - An assessment is currently underway to identify resulting City profits and losses

Ryan Wieber:

- Discussed "One Book One Lincoln" initiative
 - Will host winning author Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai at events on November 3 & 7
- Updated on Central Library plans:
 - RFP for Coffee Shop Lessee, Construction Manager role be awarded this week

- Municipal Bond sale on September 30 raised \$23.8 million
- Schematic designs expected mid-November
- Design Documents anticipated in February 2026
- Bidding and demolition expected by summer 2026

Councilmember Committee & Commission Updates

Beckius & Washington

- Reviewed the PBC meeting:
 - Awarded Construction Manager at Risk contract for north lot to Hausmann
 - Design of concrete pre-cast paneling already underway
 - Shared City Council & County Board suite remodel is well underway
 - Anticipated January completion

Shobe:

- District Energy Council will meet tomorrow

Duden:

- Reported on annual meeting/potluck for the Near South Neighborhood Association
- Noted high attendance, excellence of the association

Public Comment

- None

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