



City of Lincoln
CITY COUNCIL

**No Directors' Meeting this week due to evening Council Meeting
This report is in lieu of an agenda for January 26, 2026**

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

City Correspondence

League of Nebraska Municipalities	2026 Legislative Bulletin #2
Planning & Development	BP260120-1 Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission
"	Administrative Approvals
"	BPC260121 - 1 REVISED PC ACTION
"	BP260123-1 City Board of Zoning Appeals
LES	LES Administrative Board Meeting Minutes 1.16.26
Mayor's Office	26-28 Budget Instructions

Constituent Correspondence

Rosina Paolini	Trust Between Police & Community Members
Peter Ferguson	MLK Youth Rally Thank You for Walking Together With Audacity In Love

From: noreply@lonm.org on behalf of [Ashley Wolfe](#)
To: [Benjamin A. Sobel](#)
Subject: 2026 Legislative Bulletin #2
Date: Saturday, January 17, 2026 10:42:59 AM

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Legislative Bulletin #2

The League would like to thank Municipal Clerks receiving the *Bulletin*, and any additional material, for forwarding and/or copying the information to all elected officials.

We would be happy to send the Bulletin directly to your municipal elected and appointed officials. Please send their email addresses to Brenda Henning at brendah@lonm.org.

Need help downloading the Bulletin to print for your files? [Click here for instructions.](#)

[Click here](#) for the **2026 League Midwinter Conference** program, registration form, and conference information. [Click here](#) to register online with a credit card.

[Click here](#) for instructions on how to reserve a room at the Cornhusker Marriott Hotel.



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From: [Laura A. Tinnerstet](#)
To: [Benjamin A. Sobel](#)
Cc: [David R. Cary](#); [Steve S. Henrichsen](#); [Shelli K. Reid](#)
Subject: BP260120-1 Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission
Date: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 8:39:51 AM
Attachments: [BP260120-1 Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission.pdf](#)

Please see attached.

Thank you,



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NEBRASKA CAPITOL ENVIRONS COMMISSION

The Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission will hold a meeting on **Friday, January 23, 2026 at 8:30 a.m.** in the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, in **City Council Chambers** on the 1st Floor. For more information, please contact the Lincoln City/Lancaster County Planning Department at 402-441-7491.

AGENDA

January 23, 2026

1. Approval of meeting record from [October 24, 2025](#)

Discuss & Advise

2. Federal garage streetscape enhancement at [100 Centennial Mall S](#) (Planning & Development Services Department; [UDR26002](#))
3. Review and approval of [2025 Annual Report](#)
4. Staff report & miscellaneous

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

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From: [Laura A. Tinnerstet](#)
To: [Benjamin A. Sobel](#)
Cc: [Steve S. Henrichsen](#); [David R. Cary](#)
Subject: Administrative Approvals
Date: Wednesday, January 21, 2026 1:49:49 PM

Good afternoon,

There were no Administrative Approvals this week.

Thank you,



Laura Tinnerstet

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From: [Shelli K. Reid](#)
To: [Planning ALL](#); [Commish](#); [Benjamin A. Sobel](#); [Andrew Barness](#); [Elizabeth D. Elliott](#); [John M. Ward](#); [Jon D. Carlson](#); [Morgan R. Sanchez](#); [Pamela L. Dingman](#); [Rick D. Hoppe](#); [Robert K. Simmering](#); [Ron E. Rehtus](#); [Shelli K. Reid](#); [Terry A. Kathe](#); [Tim S. Sieh](#)
Subject: BPC260121 - 1 REVISED PC ACTION
Date: Thursday, January 22, 2026 8:32:56 AM
Attachments: [BPC012126 - 1 PC REVISED Action.pdf](#)

Good Morning,

Please see revised PC Action agenda.

Thank you,



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

NOTICE: The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, 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.

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Department met with Planning Commission members on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, for a prebriefing of the Comprehensive Plan and Long-Range Transportation Plan. Public testimony was not accepted at this briefing.

****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, JANUARY 21, 2026

[Commissioners Cruz and Ebert absent]

Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held January 7, 2026. ****APPROVED: 5-0 (Ball and Rodenburg abstained; Cruz and Ebert absent)****

1. CONSENT AGENDA (Public Hearing and Administrative Action)

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONFORMANCE

- 1.1 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONFORMANCE 25013, to review as to conformance with the 2050 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan, to declare a surplus on a portion of City property, located within South Haymarket Park, on property generally located at S 6th Street and L Street. The Planning Commission action is a recommendation to the Lincoln City Council.
Staff recommendation: In Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan
Staff Planner: Emma Martin, (402) 441-6369, emartin@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: 7-0 (Cruz and Ebert absent). Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 9, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

ANNEXATION AND ASSOCIATED ITEM:

- 1.2a ANNEXATION 25012, to annex approximately 26.65 acres, generally located near S. 79th St & Ambrose Drive.
Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: George Wesselhoft, (402) 441-6366, gwesselhoft@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL: 7-0 (Cruz and Ebert absent). Public

hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 9, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

1.2b CHANGE OF ZONE 25028, from AG (Agriculture) to R-3 (Residential) and from AG (Agriculture) to P (Public) on property generally located near S 79th Street and Ambrose Drive.

Staff recommendation: Approval

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

Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL: 7-0 (Cruz and Ebert absent). Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 9, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

PRELIMINARY PLAT:

1.3 PRELIMINARY PLAT 25003, to plat 6 single family lots as part of an adjustment of existing lots for Recknor Estates, a proposed residential subdivision, on property generally located at S 190th Street and Rokeby Road/Highway 2. **FINAL ACTION**

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval

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

Planning Commission granted the request on behalf of the applicant and staff for a 2-week deferral with continued public hearing and action scheduled for February 4, 2026.

2. **REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL: Item 1.3**

3. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: None (Public Hearing and Administrative Action)**

4. **PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:**

4.1 CHANGE OF ZONE 22012A, to amend the Bishop Heights Planned Unit Development (PUD), for a change of zone from R-1 (Residential District) and B-1 (Local Business) to B-1 PUD, to expand the existing PUD by 1.15 acres, more or less, and allow for an additional 11,500 square foot of commercial floor area for a total of 126,500 square feet of commercial within the PUD with modifications to the Zoning Ordinance and Land Subdivision Ordinance, on property generally located 4100 S 27th Street.

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval

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

Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL: 7-0 (Cruz and Ebert absent), as set forth in the conditions of the staff report dated January 8, 2026, with an amendment to the conditions from the developer that was approved. Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 9, 2026.

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: 1:34 p.m.

From: [Laura A. Tinnerstet](#)
To: [Benjamin A. Sobel](#)
Cc: [David R. Cary](#); [Steve S. Henrichsen](#); [Shelli K. Reid](#)
Subject: BP260123-1 City Board of Zoning Appeals
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Please see attached.

Thank you,



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BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

AGENDA

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Steve Miller, Chair
David Johnson
Lynn Sunderman
Annette McRoy
Cindy Ryman Yost

January 30, 2026

CITY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the **CITY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS** will hold a regular meeting on **Friday, January 30 2026** at **1:30 p.m.** in the **City Council Chambers** on the 1st Floor of the County-City Building, 555 South 10th Street, on the following item. For more information, please contact the Planning Department at (402) 441-7491.

AGENDA

January 30, 2026

1. Approval of the minutes of the City Board of Zoning Appeals hearing, held [October 31, 2025](#).

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

2. [BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS 25008](#), requested for a variance to reduce the average lot width, on property generally located at 1400 Arbor Road. [More information](#)

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The City Board of Zoning Appeals agenda may be accessed on the Internet at <https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/City/Departments/PDS/Planning/Boards-and-Commissions/City-Board-of-Zoning-Appeals>

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From: [Kellie Cave](#)
Subject: LES Administrative Board Meeting Minutes 1.16.26
Date: Wednesday, January 21, 2026 10:12:01 AM
Attachments: [01-January 16, 2026 Administrative Board Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

Good morning!

Please see the attached meeting minutes from the January 16th meeting.

Thank you,
Kellie

Kellie Cave | Senior Executive Assistant



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MINUTES OF LINCOLN ELECTRIC SYSTEM ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

Minutes of the regular meeting held at 9:30 a.m., Friday, January 16, 2026, at the Kevin Wailes Operations Center, 9445 Rokeby Road, Lincoln, Nebraska. Public notice of today's meeting was published in the Lincoln Journal Star on January 13, 2026.

Board Members Present: Kate Bolz, Donna Garden Chelsea Johnson, Alyssa Martin, Lucas Sabalka, Eric Schafer, David Spinar.

Board Members Absent: Carl Eskridge, Andy Hunzeker.

LES Staff Present: Emeka Anyanwu, Emily Koenig, Paul Crist, Jason Fortik, David Malcom, Lisa Hale, Katie Lechner, Jim Rigg, Matt Andersen, Marc Shkolnick, Jessica Kneifl, Sally Jarecke, Keith Snyder, Denise Parrott, Kellie Cave.

Others Present: Nathan Svatora, Kim Morrow, Ken Winston, Scott Williams, and numerous virtual participants via Microsoft Teams.

News Media Present: None.

Chair Lucas Sabalka declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. A safety briefing was provided. Sabalka noted that LES conducts its meetings in compliance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act and noted that a copy of the Act is located on the wall at the back of the room and with the Assistant Secretary. Shelley Sahling-Zart, General Counsel, reviewed duties and responsibilities of LES Board members. **Call to Order, Safety Briefing, and Board Member Duties and Responsibilities**

Chair Sabalka asked for approval of the minutes of the December 19, 2025, Board meeting. David Spinar moved approval of the minutes. Alyssa Martin seconded the motion. The vote for approval of the minutes was: ***Approval of Minutes**

Aye: Kate Bolz, Donna Garden, Chelsea Johnson, Alyssa Martin, Lucas Sabalka, Eric Schafer, David Spinar.

Nay: None.

Absent: Carl Eskridge, Andy Hunzeker.

Ken Winston, speaking on behalf of the Nebraska Chapter of the Sierra Club, commended LES on the growth of the Sustainable Energy Program. He encouraged greater incentives for customer-owned generation and noted several legislative bills that he recommended LES should support or oppose.

**Comments from
Customers**

Scott Williams, speaking on behalf of himself as a resident of Lincoln, noted higher rates in 2026 for LES customers, and encouraged programs/investments that would keep costs down for ratepayers. He pointed to transmission costs and new gas generation as contributing factors to higher rates. He suggested solar panels on homes and other distributed energy resources to lower customer bills. Williams commended public power on the ability to historically keep rates low.

Eric Schafer, Chair of the Nominating Committee, provided the Committee's recommendation for board officers for 2026. (Exhibit I). The Nominating Committee recommends the following slate of officers:

**Nominating Committee
Report**

Chair – Lucas Sabalka
Vice Chair – David Spinar
Secretary – Carl Eskridge
Assistant Secretary – Kellie Cave

The gavel was passed to General Counsel, Shelley Sahling-Zart, to conduct the election of board officers for 2026. As previously reported, the Nominating Committee recommended the following slate of officers:

***Election of Officers for
2026**

Chair – Lucas Sabalka
Vice Chair – David Spinar
Secretary – Carl Eskridge
Assistant Secretary – Kellie Cave

Sahling-Zart opened the floor for other nominations. Hearing none, Chelsea Johnson moved nominations close, and the nominated slate of officers be elected. Eric Schafer seconded the motion. The vote to elect the nominated slate of officers for 2026 was:

Aye: Kate Bolz, Donna Garden, Chelsea Johnson, Alyssa Martin, Lucas Sabalka, Eric Schafer, David Spinar.

Nay: None.

Absent: Carl Eskridge, Andy Hunzeker.

The gavel was passed to Chair Sabalka, who conducted the remainder of the meeting.

Sally Jarecke, Communications Lead, Communications, presented a **2025 Reflections Video** 2025 reflections video prepared by LES's Communications team. A summary of key points from the video was also provided to the board. (Exhibit II)

Matt Andersen, Specialist, Government Relations, reported on activities of the Nebraska Legislature and legislative bills of impact to LES. He indicated more than 400 new measures were introduced as of Jan. 15th and that legislation not acted on by the end of this session will not carry over to the 2027 session. He reviewed the following legislative bills that could impact LES: **2026 State Legislative Report**

- LB 916: Provides new approval requirements for carbon dioxide pipelines, including stricter permitting standards and prohibits the use of eminent domain for carbon pipeline projects.
- LB 964: Requires all political subdivisions to hold open and public hearings before selling, leasing or purchasing real estate.
- LB 1003: Adopts the Renewable Energy Consumer Protection Act, mandating disclosures, contract transparency, licensing and consumer protection standards for residential and small-business renewable energy and battery storage agreements.
- LB 1010: Defines and regulates electric energy storage resource facilities and adjusts application, notice, filing, exemption and violation provisions related to such facilities.
- LB 1026: Prohibits an electric supplier from retiring, shutting down, ceasing operation of or substantially altering the operation of energy generation facilities if customers are waiting for service, with limited exceptions.
- LB 1027: Removes certain exemptions for privately developed renewable energy generation facilities, aligns the Nebraska Power Review Board approval requirements with existing requirements for public electric suppliers, and changes requirements related to the construction of such

facilities, including requiring a power purchase agreement with a public power district.

- LB 1064: Establishes the Large Load Customer Regulation Act, defining "large load customer" and providing requirements for such customers intending to expand or seek new service, as well as increased powers for the public electric supplier providing service.
- LB 1093: Updates the definition of "excavation" under the One-Call Notification System Act by adding an exemption for hand-digging by telecommunications, cable or broadband providers at limited depth.

Andersen also highlighted an upcoming Legislative Resolution to be introduced at the State Legislature, to commemorate Lincoln Electric System's 60th anniversary on Feb. 1, 2026.

A legislative tracking report will be reviewed with the Board's Legislation & Governmental Affairs committee after all bills have been introduced to finalize LES's positions on legislation.

Jessica Kneifl, Specialist I, Energy Services, presented an overview of the Sustainability Energy Program's 2025 performance and LES' affordable housing energy-efficiency initiatives (Exhibit III). Key highlights for 2025 include:

- \$2.2 million in energy-efficiency obligations, with more than \$1.5 million dedicated to heat pump and air-conditioner installations.
- Completion of 2,268 energy-efficiency projects.
- Peak Rewards enrollment grew to 4,600 devices, reducing peak net demand by 5.5 MW. Total peak net demand reduction reached 6.3 MW, up from 5.8 MWh in 2024.
- Net energy savings totaled 1,614 MWh in 2025, compared with 1,867 MWh in 2024.
- LES investment of \$467,000 in programs serving income-qualifying and vulnerable households in 2025, of which \$300,000 was funded by Google.

**2025 SEP
Programs/Income-
Qualifying Energy
Efficiency Projects**

Kneifl indicated changes for 2026 will be minimal as LES prepares for the Comprehensive Demand Side Management Evaluation.

Emeka Anyanwu, CEO, provided an overview of the 2026 targets tied to the five strategic objectives in the LES strategic plan. Each objective comprises three goals, each with an

**Introduction to Key
Performance Indicators
(KPIs)**

associated 2026 target, aside from Customer & Community, where target development is ongoing. He also shared the initial set of 2030 targets for each objective. Anyanwu noted LES is forming a cross-functional team to monitor and evaluate performance against the key performance indicators. (Exhibit IV)

The next regular meeting of the LES Administrative Board will be **Next Meeting** Friday, February 20, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

Without further business before the Board, Chair Sabalka declared **Adjournment** the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:58 a.m.

Carl Eskridge, Secretary

BY: *Kellie Cave*
Kellie Cave, Assistant Secretary

Exhibit I



MEMORANDUM

Date: January 13, 2026
To: LES Administrative Board
From: Board Nominating Committee
Subject: Election of 2026 Officers

The Nominating Committee is recommending the following slate of officers for the January 2026 Lincoln Electric System Administrative Board Election of officers.

Lucas Sabalka	-	Chair
David Spinar	-	Vice Chair
Carl Eskridge	-	Secretary
Kellie Cave	-	Assistant Secretary

Exhibit II

(Continues)

From: [Mayor](#)
To: [Budget Users](#)
Subject: 26-28 Budget Instructions
Date: Wednesday, January 21, 2026 11:54:50 AM
Attachments: [26-28 Budget Instructions.pdf](#)

Leading Lincoln toward a more successful, secure, and shared future

One of the best parts about being on this City team is that we work with such great purpose. Our jobs allow us not only to provide for our own families, but also to grow the great life for all Lincoln families. With this great purpose in mind, our vision statement – the direction for our administration – is ‘Leading Lincoln toward a more successful, secure, and shared future.’

As we prepare the FY 2026-2028 Mayor’s Proposed Budget, we recognize that the allocation of our limited resources should serve this great purpose, reflect our values, and advance our priorities. Our work together on the VTO has identified specific priority projects and programs necessary to continue to advance our community vision. As you develop your proposed department budget for the upcoming biennium, please ensure VTO projects are supported and prioritized.

This prioritization in both your capital and operating budgets is particularly critical given potential financial challenges. Federal policy shifts have increased uncertainty about the requirements for and availability of federal funding. On the dawn of a new legislative session, the State faces a significant shortfall. The potential for federal and state changes to impact our local fiscal picture necessitates that we plan responsibly and prepare for different revenue and cost scenarios. This is a major reason why we ask you to include the prioritization exercise in your budget submission. Please provide clear, discrete choices that identify what you would continue, reduce, delay, or eliminate under constrained conditions, along with the operational impacts of each option.

As we take on this work together, I remain confident in our ability to deliver meaningful results for the people of Lincoln. Through prior budgets, we have made deliberate investments in our teams, systems, and operations that strengthened our capacity to serve the public. I also have full confidence in your leadership as Directors to assess needs, identify opportunity, and make difficult decisions when required. I appreciate the work we have done to build this foundation, and I trust your judgment as we navigate the choices ahead on behalf of Lincoln residents.

In that spirit, please review the attached instructions closely and activate your teams accordingly. Staff in the Mayor’s Office, Planning and Development Services Department, and Budget office all are available to answer questions. Meeting established deadlines for cost estimates and supporting information is essential to keeping the budget process on track and ensuring complete proposals receive full consideration. Thank you for your responsiveness and for the expertise you bring to this important work on behalf of everyone who calls Lincoln home.

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Leirion Gaylor Baird

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2026-28 Budget Instructions

1. Personnel projections are now reflected in ClearGov in your Operating Budget, this includes the following object codes; 5021, 5022, 5081, 5082, 5083, 5085, 5086, 5091, & 5093. To see the details by position, expand the Account ID row. Special pay amounts were imported with the previous year's budget amounts – please review and adjust as necessary.
2. Under Operational Budgeting in ClearGov, the baseline budget for 2026-28 is titled “2026-28 Budget”. Excluding the Personnel projections mentioned above, the beginning amounts in the yellow In Progress columns in ClearGov reflect your 2025-26 Adopted Budget.
 - a. Personnel costs are updated to reflect the current estimates. Departments cannot change these amounts. Only FTEs included in the 2025-26 Adopted Budget are included in the baseline budget. Positions added during the current year should be identified separately as Funding Packages.
 - b. Transfers to the CIP need to be adjusted based on the 2026-28 CIP budget development.
 - c. Update revenue and expenditure projections for all non-Personnel object codes to reflect anticipated amounts for your current levels of service (ClearGov Baseline Budget).
 - d. It is the expectation of the Accounting Division that all revenues and expenditures be recorded correctly per accounting standards. The budget for a revenue or expenditure does not drive the coding. Now is the time to adjust your budget reflective of any Accounting Division corrections you have seen in the current biennium. For further instruction on use of objects please see the Accounting Object Code Procedures Bulletin and the Object Code Directory [Accounting intranet page](#)
 - e. Requests for new or enhanced levels of funding must be submitted as a Funding Package in ClearGov. Instructions to create a ClearGov Funding Package are located on the [Budget Intranet](#) site.
3. Baseline budgets entered in ClearGov should reflect amounts needed to maintain current levels of service. Baseline budgets may include inflationary increases necessary to continue existing programs. This is your ClearGov Baseline Budget.
4. General Fund, Library Fund, Internal Service Funds, and those funds that receive a General Fund subsidy must conduct the following prioritization exercise for each year:

- a. Note that you will do this exercise for both budget years, and there is a Form D for Year 1 (2026-27) and a Form D for Year 2 (2027-28). The forms are located on the [Budget Intranet](#) site under section Form D. In each case, Form D already contains your Budget Exercise Target which is 102% of current 2025-26 budget in year one and 104% of current 2025-26 budget in year two. The Budget Exercise Target includes an adjustment to exclude the cost of the 27th pay period in 2027-28 from the calculation. (The Form D spreadsheet also includes a tab with an example to illustrate how to use it).
- b. Download your department's Form D spreadsheets from the [Budget Intranet](#) site under the Form D heading for each fiscal year. Enter the amount of your fund total from ClearGov on the Baseline Budget Total line.
- c. The form will automatically subtract your ClearGov Baseline Budget from the Budget Exercise Target. The resulting difference is the Prioritization Total. This is the amount we are "solving for" in this exercise.
- d. To reach the Prioritization Total, identify reductions or new revenues as individual Funding Packages within Form D. The Funding Packages must be ranked in priority order both in ClearGov and on Form D.
- e. REMINDER: The Funding Packages Total must be equal to or greater than the Prioritization Total calculated on Form D.
- f. REMINDER: Form D is a budget prioritization exercise and Form D Funding Packages may only contain program reductions or new revenues. Do not enter new expenditure items on Form D. Any requests for new expenditure items must be added as a Funding Package in ClearGov. (See instruction 2.e above.)
- g. Attach Form D to object code 5021 (Regular Salaries) of the administrative business unit for your department.

Funding Packages for reductions or new revenues will be reviewed and considered in the development of the Mayor Recommended Budget.

5. Complete the Funding Package form in ClearGov for each funding request. Funding Packages must be ranked in priority order in ClearGov and include the priority ranking in the Funding Package name. Indicate the order in which your department would prefer to have Funding Packages added to or reduced from your department's baseline budget. Your Funding Package ranked #1 should reflect your department's first choice for approval to be reduced or added to your baseline budget.
6. Funding Packages entered in ClearGov should include the following information to help during budget review/discussions/decisions:

- a. What program or service will be reduced or augmented?
- b. Is there another non-general revenue source that could be used to fund this?
- c. Who are the primary stakeholders impacted by this change?
- d. Does any other community agency or entity provide this program or service in any way?
- e. Does the change involve 1) improvements to real property, 2) programs that are part of an interlocal or joint government agency effort, 3) funding generated by bonded indebtedness? If yes, describe which.
- f. Does this change support priorities/programs within the VTO
(Intranet/Finance/Budget/General Information/VTO for Budget Instructions) [VTO for Budget Instructions](#)

7. Budget analysts will check in to review Form D items as well as other budget request assumptions prior to budget submission deadlines per the following schedule:

<u>Check In Date</u>	<u>Department</u>
2/10/2026	WIOA
2/10/2026	Mayor's Office
2/10/2026	City Communications
2/10/2026	Human Services (JBC)
2/10/2026	City Council
2/10/2026	Aging Partners
2/12/2026	Police/Emergency Comm
2/13/2026	Law/Human Rights
2/13/2026	Health
2/17/2026	Fire & Rescue
2/17/2026	Parks & Recreation
2/18/2026	Urban Development
2/18/2026	Human Resources
2/20/2026	Library
2/20/2026	LTU Transportation & StarTran
2/25/2026	Planning and Dev. Services
2/25/2026	Information Services
2/25/2026	LTU Utilities

8. Department budget submissions are due at the end of the day according to the schedule at the following link [26-28 due dates & meetings w/ Finance](#)

Budget Division staff are available to provide assistance. Please don't hesitate to contact:

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From: [OpenForms](#)
To: [Benjamin A. Sobel](#)
Subject: Council Comment - Rosina Paolini
Date: Monday, January 19, 2026 6:40:36 AM
Attachments: [SubmissionReceipt-SubmitAComment-230.pdf](#)



Council Comment - Rosina Paolini

Rosina Paolini has submitted a comment for Council. Please see the attached comment

Name	Rosina Paolini
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	<p>Thank you for your service, council members,</p> <p>The police reaction to people trying to protect their community is disturbing. During a time when we question what branch of law enforcement is or is not properly labeled as we have seen in other cities, when we witness what appears to be a raid, residents get paranoid, concerned and stand up for their neighbors. You can't count on Police meaning Police, they could be anyone.</p> <p>The national message from the current presidential</p>

administration is that they are taking every step to remove our right to free speech, assembly and protest.

The language we use in news headlines really matters if the idea is to build trust between the citizens and the legal branches of law enforcement rather than berate them for protesting.

Your
comment

Unless you have been profiled, you do not know the paranoia one feels. I am a naturalized citizen, from Algeria who speaks poor French, no Kabylia (my native tribe), who is vocal about the state of the city, state and country. Many are on hyper alert requiring even more compassion amongst us! The burden of proof of the identity of each officer rests with the Chief of Police and the Mayor. Community based outreach with teams of officers, mental health workers and city council members at public places like the grocery, gas stations, schools and bus stops assuring people with their engagement are the actions that will build trust in a community desperate to know who they can trust right now. You are in a touchy situation trying to serve an arrest warrant in an area where it could be any warrant or no warrant at all in the eyes of most people right now.

That is not your fault! Your actions can build trust. What message do send from the City Council?

From: [Peter Ferguson](#)
Subject: MLK Youth Rally Thank You for Walking Together With Audacity In Love
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Thank you for being part of the 31st Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth Rally. Whether you joined us in person, virtually, as an activity vendor, provided media support, or offered encouragement in other ways, your presence truly mattered.

You each brought a powerful, *present* energy to the day one that helped create the joy, hope, and sense of community we envisioned and witnessed through meaningful interactions and conversations throughout the Rally. This gathering was elevated because of each of you.

As I reflect, the beauty of this year was not in everything going as scripted, but in the unscripted moments that showed just how audacious it can be to walk together. From scholars bravely sharing their stories to moments of collective reflection, courage, and love, the Rally reminded us that community shows up when it's needed most.

The message is clear: *we haven't finished yet*. What we experienced together doesn't end with one day. The content of the Rally is meant to be timeless, honoring the full life and legacy of Rev. Dr. King, Jr., and relevant whenever and wherever it is lived out.

Many of you had a front-row seat to what this looks like in practice: the emotion scholar Harnoor carried as she spoke about her mother; the audacity 5th grade scholar Dom showed standing before 600+ people not concerned with perfection, but committed to presence trusting he would not walk alone; Zaynab responding with grace and empathy; and our first out-of-state planning committee member, Jr. Mayor Jamersyn Hughes, who experienced Runza for the first time and fully understood the assignment and brought it noting we can't cower and the responsibility of audacity belongs to all of us.

The Rally and its aligned programs will continue throughout the year, with planning for 2027 already loaded.

To view a full list of supporters, stay or become engaged, learn more, support future efforts, or watch a replay, please visit [REDACTED] or reach out to me at [REDACTED]

Thank you for helping make this year's Rally meaningful simply by being part of it. We look forward to continuing this journey together.

With Purpose,

Peter Ferguson
On behalf of the Annual Youth Rally Planning Committee

*Please enjoy a few moments captured by KENNETH FERRIERA, Journal Star





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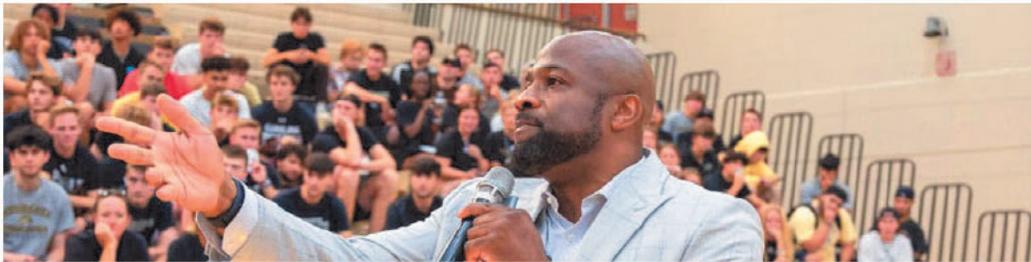
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