



City of Lincoln
CITY COUNCIL

Directors' Meeting Minutes for Monday, March 2, 2026

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

Others Present: Rick Hoppe, Mayor's Office; David Cary, Planning & Development; Yohance Christie, Law; Carl Stephen, I.S.; Liz Elliott, LTU; Dave Engler, LFR; Dan Marvin, Urban Development; Joe Dondlinger, Finance; Randy Jones, Aging Partners; Kerry Kernan, Health; Barb McIntyre, HR; Michon Morrow, LPD; Maggie Stuckey Ross, Parks & Rec; Ryan Wieber, Libraries; Soulinee Phan, City Clerk; Ben Sobel, City Council Secretary; 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 February 9 meeting were accepted as posted.

City Clerk Advisories

The following items will be called together:

- 4.a. & 4.b.
- 4.c. & 4.d.
- 5.b. through 5.k.

Director Advisories

Maggie Stuckey-Ross, Parks & Rec;

- Tree Planting: first volunteer planting will be March 30
 - 310 trees to be planted
 - Will start at Mahoney Park
 - Nevin and Seng Parks
 - Highlands Park trees will be named
 - Arbor day will be last Friday of April

Ryan Wieber, Libraries;

- Shared 2024-25 annual report review and previewed upcoming events:
 - New bookmobiles are here, will host open house

- Will team with Wachiska Audubon for garden seed swap
- State poet Jewel Rogers will visit Bennett Martin Library
- Over 25k video-on-demand courses available soon through LinkedIn Learning
- Walt Branch hosts “memory café” events for seniors

Councilmember Committee & Commission Updates

Carlson:

- RTSD meets tomorrow

Shobe:

- Multicultural Advisory Committee met
 - Presentation by Disability Nebraska discussed state of Lincoln, how it can improve

Beckius:

- PBC ordinary course of business
 - Asked for final input on office remodel
- West Haymarket JPA passed ambassador agreement

Public Comment

- None

Council Chair Carlson adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m.