



City of Lincoln  
**CITY COUNCIL**

**Directors' Meeting Agenda**

2 p.m. Monday, April 13, 2026  
555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, NE  
Bill Luxford Studio

- I. Open Meetings Law Announcement**
- II. Approval of Directors' Meeting Minutes from April 6**
- III. City Clerk Advisories**
- IV. City Council Advisories**
- V. Director Advisories**
- VI. Councilmember Commission, Committee, and Event Updates**
- VII. Public Comment**
- VIII. Post-Meeting Council Members' Calls to City Directors**
- IX. Adjournment**

Next Directors' Meeting – 2 p.m. Monday, April 20

**City Correspondence**

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Parks & Recreation	Invitation   Memorial Day Observance   Veterans Memorial Garden
"	Invite from Girl Scout Honor Troop 28274
Planning & Development	BP260406-1 Historic Preservation Commission
"	Administrative Approvals
City Clerk	City Council Action 04/06/26
Urban Development	April 13 Mayor's Neighborhood Roundtable Agenda
City Attorney	Claims against the City set for Public Hearing 4/13/2026

**Constituent Correspondence**

Kris Thompson	Conversion Therapy Ban First Amendment Considerations
Jon Thomas	929 S Cotner Blvd Parking Issue

**From:** [noreply@lonm.org](mailto:noreply@lonm.org) on behalf of [Ashley Wolfe](#)  
**To:** [Benjamin A. Sobel](#)  
**Subject:** 2026 Legislative Bulletin #13  
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**From:** [Mike D. Comstock](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Invitation | Memorial Day Observance | Veterans Memorial Garden  
**Date:** Monday, April 6, 2026 7:34:20 AM

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Good Morning,

This is an invitation to City Council to the Memorial Day Observance at Veterans Memorial Garden in Antelope Park on May 25<sup>th</sup> at 8 PM. This event is hosted by the Veterans Memorial Garden Advisory Council and Lincoln Memorial Day Observance Association.



**Mike Comstock**  
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**From:** [Maggie J. Stuckey-Ross](#)  
**To:** [Council Packet](#)  
**Subject:** Invite from Girl Scout Honor Troop 28274  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 7, 2026 3:52:55 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Council Members – Sharing this invite from GS Honor Troop 28274.  
Please let me know if you have questions.

Maggie



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**From:** [Laura A. Tinnerstet](#)  
**To:** [Benjamin A. Sobel](#)  
**Cc:** [David R. Cary](#); [Shelli K. Reid](#)  
**Subject:** BP260406-1 Historic Preservation Commission  
**Date:** Monday, April 6, 2026 9:22:22 AM  
**Attachments:** [BP260406 -1-Historic Preservation Commission.pdf](#)

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Good morning,

Please see attached.

Thanks,



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## HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The City of Lincoln Historic Preservation Commission will hold a public meeting on Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 2:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, County City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, to consider the following agenda. For more information contact the Planning Department at 402-441-7491.

### AGENDA

1. Approval of HPC meeting record of [March 12, 2026](#)

### DISCUSS AND ADVISE

2. Special Permit 1219P for expansion of the Emergency Dept and relocation of Fairview House. [More information](#)

### HEARING AND ACTION

2. Urban Design Record 26010 to forward documentation on the relocation of the William Jennings Bryan House to a new location for review by the State Historic Preservation Review Board and the National Park Service to retain its National Historic Landmark status. [More information](#)
3. Change of Zone 26007 to designate fourteen former "corner stores" as local landmarks at various locations in Lincoln. More information on the proposed district and affected properties can be found at [www.lincoln.ne.gov/historic](http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/historic). **Delayed**
4. Special Permit 26016 for historic preservation to add potential changes in use, to include commercial/office, community/services, residential, storage, or other at 1921 South 17th Street. **Delayed**

### STAFF UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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*The Historic Preservation Commission's agenda may be accessed on the Internet at*

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**From:** [Laura A. Tinnerstet](#)  
**To:** [Benjamin A. Sobel](#)  
**Cc:** [Steve S. Henrichsen](#); [David R. Cary](#)  
**Subject:** Administrative Approvals  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 7, 2026 10:41:01 AM

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Good morning,

There were no Administrative Approvals this week.

Thank you,



**Laura Tinnerstet**

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**Subject:** City Council Action 04/06/26  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 7, 2026 6:20:19 AM  
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Good morning - Please see the attached for the action from the City Council meeting of 04/06/26.



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**ACTION FROM THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2026 3:00 PM**

**ALL MEMBERS PRESENT**

**PUBLIC HEARING - CONSENT AGENDA**

Anyone wishing to address an item on the Consent Agenda may do so at this time.

**1. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS**

- 1.a.** 26R-143  
Reappointing Jacquelyn Miller to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Board of Health for a term to expire April 15, 2029. **(ADOPTED, 6-1; A-95651)**
- 1.b.** 26R-144  
Reappointing Vance Behrens to the Building Code Board of Appeals for a term to expire April 1, 2029. **(ADOPTED, 7-0; A-95652)**
- 1.c.** 26R-145  
Approving the Professional Services Agreement No. 4 for environmental services between the City of Lincoln and Felsburg Holt and Ullevig for A Street, 6th to 17th Street Project, Project No. LCLC-5220(7), Control No. 13495, City Project No. 705552. **(ADOPTED, 7-0; A-95653)**
- 1.d.** 26R-146  
Approving a Professional Services Agreement Supplemental No. 3 for engineering services between the City of Lincoln and Alfred Benesch & Company for the A Street, 6th to 17th Street Project, Project No. LCLC-5220(7), Control No. 13495, City Project No. 705552. **(ADOPTED, 7-0; A-95654)**
- 1.e.** Clerk's Letter & Mayor's Approval of Resolutions and Ordinances passed by City Council on March 23, 2026. **(PLACED ON FILE)**

**2. PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS**

- 2.a.** 26R-148  
Setting the hearing date of Monday, April 20, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. for the Manager Application of Joseph Brown for Immanuel Retirement Communities dba Landing at Williamsburg Village located at 3500 Faulkner Drive. **(ADOPTED, 7-0; A-95655)**

**3. MISCELLANEOUS REFERRALS – NONE.**

**- VOTE ON CONSENT ITEMS –**

**4. PUBLIC HEARING - LIQUOR RESOLUTIONS**

**4.a. 26R-149**

Application of Glacial Till Vineyard, LLC dba Glacial Till Vineyard for a special designated license to cover an outdoor area measuring approximately 10 feet by 10 feet at the Haymarket Farmers Market on 7th & P Street from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for the entire duration of the 2026 Haymarket Farmers Market season. **(ADOPTED FOR APPROVAL, 7-0; A-95656)**

**4.b. 26R-150**

Application of McFarland Family Farms, LLC dba Mac's Creek Winery & Brewery for a special designated license to cover an outdoor area measuring approximately 10 feet by 10 feet at the Haymarket Farmers Market at 246 N 8th Street from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for the entire duration of the 2026 Haymarket Farmers Market season. **(ADOPTED FOR APPROVAL, 7-0; A-95657)**

**- VOTE ON LIQUORS -**

**5. PUBLIC HEARING - RESOLUTIONS**

**5.a. 26R-147**

Miscellaneous 26001 - Application of Oxford House, Inc., and Oxford House Hansen Manor, to request a Reasonable Accommodation under the Fair Housing Act and Chapter 1.28 of the Lincoln Municipal Code to the occupancy limits for Collaborative Living Facility to allow 8 unrelated persons to reside together and reduce the parking requirement on property generally located at 1035 S. 12th Street. **(ADOPTED, 6-1; A-95658)**

**- VOTE ON RESOLUTIONS -**

**6. PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCES 2ND READING & RELATED RESOLUTIONS (ITEM 6.a. THROUGH 6.c. HAD 2ND READING)**

**6.a. 26-31**

Annexation 26003 - Application of SRJ Company, LLC., to annex approximately 37.38 acres of property generally located at the southwest corner of S. 40th Street and Rokeby Rd. **(Related Items: 26-31, 26-32)**

**6.b. 26-32**

Change of Zone 26003 - Application of SRJ Company, LLC., to change the zoning designations from AG Agricultural District to H-4 General Commercial PUD Planned Unit, from AG Agricultural District to P Public District with associated waivers on the property generally located at 3801 Rokeby Road and 10277 S. 40th Street. **(Related Items: 26-31, 26-32)**

- 6.c.** 26-33  
Text Amendment 26003 - Application of Lucas Bell to amend Lincoln Municipal Code Section 27.62.110 Food and Drink Establishment Use Group to revise the provisions for on premises alcohol sales within the I-1 Industrial zoning district.

**- END PUBLIC HEARING -**

**7. ORDINANCES - 3RD READING & RELATED RESOLUTIONS**

- 7.a.** 26-30  
Street and Alley Vacation 26001 - Application of Austin Realty Co. and Goodwill Industries Serving Southeast Nebraska, Inc., to vacate a portion of right-of-way generally located along the east side of N. 84th Street between Market Drive and Adams Street. **(PASSED, 7-0; #21861)**

**8. RESOLUTIONS - 1ST READING (ITEMS 8.a. THROUGH 8.d. HAD 1ST READING)**

- 8.a.** 26R-151  
Approving an On-Call Professional Services Task Order Agreement Supplement No. 2 for preliminary engineering services between the City of Lincoln and Alfred Benesch & Company, for the Lincoln Area Bridges Rehabilitation Project, Project No. LCLC55(188), Control No. 13491, City Project No. 705553.
- 8.b.** 26R-152  
Accepting and approving the report of new and pending claims against the City for March 16 through March 31, 2026.
- 8.c.** 26R-153  
Approving the Cooperative Agreement between the City of Lincoln and the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission for the Holmes Lake Angler Access Project.
- 8.d.** 26R-154  
Comprehensive Plan Conformance 26001 - Application of the City of Lincoln Urban Development Department to review as to conformance with the 2050 Lincoln Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan, a proposed new "University Place Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan", that will be the guide for redevelopment activities within the University Place Redevelopment Area, generally located from North 33rd Street on the west, Cornhusker Highway on the north, North 56th Street on the east, and Holdrege Street on the south.

## 9. PENDING LIST (EXTENDED ONE WEEK)

### 9.a. 24-130

Change of Zone 24018 - Application of Sesostris Temple Holding Corp., to change the zoning designation from AG Agricultural District to H-4 Highway Commercial District, on approximately 15 acres on the property generally located north of the O Street and Anthony Lane intersection. **(Related Items: 24-130, 24R-526, 24R-527) (11/18/24 - Verbal Motion to Delay with continued Public Hearing & Action two weeks to 12/2/24) (12/2/24 - Verbal Motion to Delay with continued Public Hearing & Action two weeks to 12/16/24) (12/16/24 - Verbal Motion to Delay and Move to Pending List No Date Certain)**

### 9.b. 24R-526

Special Permit 24030 - Application of Sesostris Temple Holding Corp., to allow a planned service commercial development with associated waivers on the property generally located north of the O Street and Anthony Lane intersection. **(Related Items: 24-130, 24R-526, 24R-527) (Action Date: 12/2/24) (11/18/24 - Verbal Motion to Delay with continued Public Hearing & Action two weeks to 12/2/24) (12/2/24 - Verbal Motion to Delay with continued Public Hearing & Action two weeks to 12/16/24) (12/16/24 - Verbal Motion to Delay and Move to Pending List No Date Certain)**

### 9.c. 24R-527

Approving the Conditional Zoning Agreement between the City and Sesostris Temple Holding Corp., for the property generally located at 95th and O Street. **(Related Items: 24-130, 24R-526, 24R-527) (Action Date: 12/2/24) (11/18/24 - Verbal Motion to Delay with continued Public Hearing & Action two weeks to 12/2/24) (12/2/24 - Verbal Motion to Delay with continued Public Hearing & Action two weeks to 12/16/24) (12/16/24 - Verbal Motion to Delay and Move to Pending List No Date Certain)**

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Anyone wishing to address the council on a matter not on this agenda, and not planned to appear on a future agenda, may do so at the open microphone session. Individuals are allowed a total of 5 minutes to speak regardless of the number of topics. For the month of April, open microphone sessions will be held on April 13 & April 27, 2026.

## ADJOURNMENT 4:23 PM

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**From:** [Stephanie L. Rouse](#)  
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**Subject:** April 13 Mayor's Neighborhood Roundtable Agenda  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 7, 2026 12:41:05 PM

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Hello Mayor's Neighborhood Roundtable Members,

Our next meeting is coming up on Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. The agenda is below along with the March meeting notes. Hope to see you all there.

- April 13 Agenda: [https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v1/urban-development/neighborhoods/roundtable/2026\\_april-13-mayors-neighborhood-roundtable-agenda.pdf](https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v1/urban-development/neighborhoods/roundtable/2026_april-13-mayors-neighborhood-roundtable-agenda.pdf)
- March 9 Notes: [https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v1/urban-development/neighborhoods/roundtable/2026\\_march-9-mayors-neighborhood-roundtable-meeting-notes.pdf](https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v1/urban-development/neighborhoods/roundtable/2026_march-9-mayors-neighborhood-roundtable-meeting-notes.pdf)



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**Cc:** [Yohance L. Christie](#); [Abigail F. Littrell](#); [Nicholas T. Bussey](#)  
**Subject:** Claims against the City set for Public Hearing 4/13/2026  
**Date:** Monday, April 6, 2026 4:56:22 PM  
**Attachments:** [26R-152 Resolution.pdf](#)  
[26R-152 Claims Report.pdf](#)  
[Letter to David Donald re Claim 3.24.2026.pdf](#)  
[Letter to State Farm re Claim 27-92W0-14C 3.25.2026.pdf](#)  
[Letter to Rebecca Bramer re Claim 3.25.2026.pdf](#)

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Ben: Attached is Resolution and Claims Report that is set for public hearing on April 13, 2026, and letters to claimants that are on the list of denied claims.



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April 1, 2026

Mayor & City Council  
Lincoln, Nebraska

RE: Report of Claims Against City of Lincoln for March 16 through March 31, 2026

Dear Mayor & Council:

The following is a report of claims against City of Lincoln which have been disposed of, or are pending, for period of March 16 through March 31, 2026. This report will describe claims and dispositions or status of these claims.

**DENIED CLAIMS:**

**David Donald** filed claim during the month of November 2025 in the amount of \$5,000 for alleged injury incurred while claimant was passenger on StarTran bus. This claim has been reviewed by this office and has been **denied**.

**State Farm Insurance as subrogee of Carl Armstrong** filed subrogation claim during the month of February 2026 in the amount of \$3,997.17 for damage to insured's vehicle as the result of accident involving StarTran bus. This claim has been reviewed by this office and has been **denied**.

**Rebecca Bramer** filed claim during the month of March 2026 in the amount of \$225.00 for damage to mailbox as the result of snow removal activity. This claim has been reviewed by this office and has been **denied**.

**ALLOWED AND SETTLED CLAIMS:**

**Joe Miller** filed claim during the month of September 2025 in the amount of \$12,708.91 for damage to fence and shed as the result of fallen tree. This claim has been reviewed by this office and has been **settled** in the amount of \$5,000.00

**Ryaan Walker** filed claim during the month of October 2025 in the amount of \$8,242.43 for damage to vehicle as the result of fallen tree limb. This claim has been **settled** by the Risk Management Office in the amount of \$8,242.43.

**Jason Varga** filed claim during the month of February 2026 in the amount of \$4,197.87 for damage to vehicle as the result of accident involving Building and Safety vehicle. This claim has been **settled** by the Risk Management Office in the amount of \$4,197.87.

**PENDING CLAIMS:**

**Joshua James Smallfoot** filed claim during the month of February 2023 in the amount of \$50,000 alleging excessive force by Lincoln police. This claim is under review and is pending.

**CMR on behalf of Windstream** filed claim during the month of June 2023 in an unspecified amount for alleged damage to Windstream cable during installation of electrical lines. This claim is pending review and ratification by L.E.S. Administrative Board.

**CMR on behalf of Windstream** filed claim during the month of August 2023 in an unspecified amount for alleged damage to Windstream cable during installation of electrical lines. This claim is pending review and ratification by L.E.S. Administrative Board.

**Jack Wickline** filed claim during the month of October 2023 in the amount of \$50,100 for alleged injury incurred when arrested by Lincoln police. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Jamaal McNeil** filed claim during the month of March 2024 in the amount of \$25,050,000 for alleged damages relating to his arrest. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Theresa Lemons** filed claim during the month of April 2024 in the amount of \$100,000 for alleged injury incurred when claimant's scooter tipped over while she was passenger on StarTran bus. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Kyra Miller** filed claim during the month of April 2024 in the amount of \$12,500 for vehicle sold at police auction. This claim is under review and is pending.

**RG Hall LP** filed claim during the month of May 2024 in an unspecified amount for damage to property as the result of fallen tree. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Evan LaBouef** filed claim during the month of June 2024 in the amount of \$50.00 for loss incurred due to disconnection of electrical power in error. This claim is pending review and ratification by L.E.S. Administrative Board.

**Mackenzie Quinn** filed claim during the month of June 2024 in an unspecified amount for injury incurred as the result of accident involving a Health Department vehicle. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Optum on behalf of Auto Owners Insurance as subrogee of Laurie Chrastil** filed subrogation claim during the month of August 2024 in the amount of \$28,859.16 for damage to insured's vehicle when struck by fallen tree near Pioneers Park Golf Course. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Lucas Long** filed claim during the month of August 2024 in an unspecified amount for damage to vehicle as the result of fallen tree limb. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Joelle Paige** filed claim during the month of September 2024 in an unspecified amount for alleged injury incurred when claimant fell as she was exiting StarTran bus. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Eric Baer** filed claim during the month of September 2024 in an unspecified amount for damage to vehicle when struck by StarTran bus. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Lisa Study** filed claim during the month of September 2024 in an unspecified amount for damage allegedly incurred to property during police investigation. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Laura Marshall** filed claim during the month of September 2024 in an unspecified amount for alleged damages incurred due to claimant's arrest by Lincoln police. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Foundation for Education Services** filed claim during the month of October 2024 in the amount of \$10,305.32 for damage incurred in basement of building due to flooding that occurred in an L.E.S. vault during a heavy rainstorm. This claim is pending review and ratification by L.E.S. Administrative Board.

**Kayla Lee** filed claim during the month of October 2024 in the amount of \$11,357.00 for property damage and alleged emotional distress incurred as the result of no-knock warrant executed by Lincoln police. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Lee Cosby** filed claim during the month of November 2024 in the amount of \$800,000 for alleged damages incurred as the result of his arrest. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Kristopher Cody Koebel** filed nine claims during the month of December 2024 totaling \$26,500,000 alleging excessive force and unlawful conduct by Lincoln police and other law enforcement agencies. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Old Dominion Freight Line** filed claim during the month of February 2025 in the amount of \$12,195.79 for property damage incurred as the result of the accident involving StarTran bus. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Kathleen Pfeffer** filed claim during the month of March 2025 in the amount of \$110.00 for out-of-pocket expenses incurred as the result of claimant's fall as she was getting on a StarTran bus. This claim is under review and is pending.

**First Dakota Indemnity Company as third party administrator of The Bridge of Nebraska Inc.** filed claim during the month of March 2025 for workers compensation benefits paid on behalf of injured employee LaNita Nelson as the result of trip and fall on sidewalk. This claim is under review and is pending.

**William Burda** filed claim during the month of April 2025 in the amount of \$105.50 for damage to sprinkler system during L.E.S. pole installation. This claim is pending review and ratification by L.E.S. Administrative Board.

**Pamela Prater** filed claim during the month of May 2025 in the amount of \$8,218.09 for damage to property as the result of sewer back-up. This claim is under review and is pending.

**CMR on behalf of Windstream** filed claim during the month of May 2025 in an unspecified amount for damage to Windstream property. This claim is pending review and ratification by L.E.S. Administrative Board.

**Christine Grandgenett** filed claim during the month of July 2025 in the amount of \$1,000,000 for injury incurred as the result of accident involving Lincoln police vehicle. **Progressive Insurance as subrogee of Christine Grandgenett** filed a subrogation claim during the month of March 2026 in the amount of \$5,000 for medical payments made on behalf of insured as a result of the accident. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Allstate Insurance as subrogee of Hoi Wong and Er Fong Wong** filed claim during the month of July 2025 in an unspecified amount for medical payments on behalf of insured's driver as the result of accident involving Parks vehicle. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Claudia Perez** filed claim during the month of July 2025 in an unspecified amount for alleged injury incurred when claimant was a passenger on a StarTran bus. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Arianna Banspach** filed claim during the month of July 2025 in the amount of \$201.30 for damage to tire as the result of pothole. This claim is under review and is pending.

**State Farm Insurance as subrogee of Derek Harris** filed claim during the month of July 2025 in the amount of \$6,716.40 for damage to insured's property as the result of fallen tree limb. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Mark Bosak** filed claim during the month of August 2025 an unspecified amount for injury incurred as the result of accident involving StarTran bus. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Geury Brito** filed claim during the month of August 2025 in the amount of \$1,680.00 for damage to windshield of vehicle that claimant was transporting when it was struck by tree limb overhanging street. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Jeffrey Luis Lopez** filed claim during the month of August 2025 in the amount of \$250,000 alleging unlawful arrest and excessive force by Lincoln police. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Yosha Brown** filed claim during the month of August 2025 in the amount of \$6,500 for injury incurred to daughter when scooter she was riding flipped on an uneven sidewalk. This claim is under review and is pending.

**James William Quinn** filed claim during the month of August 2025 in the amount of \$284.95 for damage to fence as the result of fallen tree limb. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Trenton Rohde** filed claim during the month of August 2025 in the amount of \$150,000 for alleged injury incurred when claimant was a passenger on a StarTran bus. This claim is under review and is pending.

**State Farm Insurance as subrogee of Lionel Brown** filed claim during the month of August 2025 in the amount of \$1,300.00 for proceeds from sale of vehicle at auction. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Hannah Middleton** filed claim during the month of September 2025 in an unspecified amount for alleged injury incurred as the result of accident involving police vehicle. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Lannette Griffin-Mack** filed claim during the month of September 2025 in the amount of \$1,250.00 for tree limb removal expense and damage to two vehicles as the result of fallen tree limb. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Richard Brown** filed claim during the month of September 2025 in the amount of \$2,118.76 for injury incurred as the result of trip and fall on sidewalk. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Hunter Robertson** filed claim during the month of September 2025 in the amount of \$2,065.74 for medical expenses incurred while claimant was in police custody. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Ronald Pointer** filed claim during the month of September 2025 in an unspecified amount for alleged illegal tow of vehicle and false incarceration. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Ronald Pointer** filed claim during the month of September 2025 in an unspecified amount for alleged failure by Lincoln police to investigate an assault that claimant reported to Lincoln police. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Charles Rethmeier** filed claim during the month of September 2025 in the amount of \$2,027.89 for damage to vehicle when struck by mower. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Jack Kirkland Jr.** filed claim during the month of September 2025 in the amount of \$5,170.00 for tree limb removal expense and damage to property as the result of fallen tree limb. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Kenneth Burley** filed claim during the month of October 2025 in the amount of \$150,000 for alleged injury incurred while claimant was passenger on StarTran bus. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Dillon Ballagh** filed claim during the month of October 2025 in the amount of \$500,000 for alleged injury incurred as the result of fall from wheelchair while claimant was passenger on StarTran van. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Olga Kanne** filed claim during the month of October 2025 in the amount of \$1,452.00 for damage to driveway and sidewalk as the result of tree removal. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Sharon Schmidt** filed claim during the month of November 2025 in an unspecified amount for damage to vehicle when struck by City vehicle. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Jackie Prater** filed claim during the month of November 2025 in an unspecified amount for damage to fence when allegedly struck by City mower. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Ace Electric** filed claim during the month of November 2025 in the amount of \$1,986.00 for damage to property by L.E.S. This claim is pending review and ratification by L.E.S. Administrative Board.

**Terry Herman** filed claim during the month of November 2025 in the amount of \$2,317.05 for damage to vehicle when struck by concrete. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Lakeisha Thomas** filed claim during the month of November 2025 in the amount of \$500,000 for alleged injury incurred when claimant was exiting StarTran bus. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Betty Rodriguez** filed claim during the month of December 2025 in the amount of \$5,000 for alleged injury incurred when claimant was passenger on StarTran bus that was involved in an accident. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Farmers Union Insurance as subrogee of Kenton Carlson** filed claim during the month of December 2025 in the amount of \$7,630.20 for damage to insured's vehicle when struck by City snowplow. **Tanner Carlson** filed claim during the month of January 2026 in the amount of \$1,439.05 for out-of-pocket expenses incurred as the result of the accident. These claims are under review and are pending.

**State Farm Insurance as subrogee of Beverly Higgins** filed claim during the month of December 2025 for damage to insured's vehicle as the result of accident involving City vehicle. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Jade and Alex Wolfe** filed claim during the month of December 2025 in the amount of \$9,830.46 for damage to vehicle as the result of accident involving Lincoln Fire and Rescue vehicle. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Marc and Jennifer Odgaard** filed claim during the month of December 2025 in the amount of \$700.00 for loss of use of driveway and garage during street repairs. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Marcos Green** filed claim during the month of January 2026 in an unspecified amount for damage to vehicle when struck by City vehicle. This claim is under review and is pending.

**American Family as subrogee of Susan Zabloski** filed claim during the month of January 2026 in an unspecified amount for damage to insured's vehicle as the result of accident. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Quinton Thew** filed claim during the month of January 2026 in an unspecified amount for loss of income as the result of accident involving City snowplow. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Casa Property Management** filed claim during the month of February 2026 in the amount of \$993.00 for expense incurred to restore water service at rental property. This claim is under review and is pending.

**FMNE Insurance as subrogee of Robert and Sheri Wolfe** filed claim during the month of February 2026 in the amount of \$10,327.41 for damage to insured's vehicle as the result of accident involving StarTran bus. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Kevin Lindquist** filed claim during the month of February 2026 in an unspecified amount for damage to mailbox when struck by tree limb. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Janice Thomas** filed claim during the month of February 2026 in the amount of \$85,000 for injury incurred when claimant was passenger on StarTran bus. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Hitomi and Thomas Robinson** filed claim during the month of February 2026 in the amount of \$1,000,000 for damages incurred as the result of alleged failure to provide and maintain adequate security measures at parking garage. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Estate of Eleazar Ocegüera** filed claim during the month of February 2026 in the amount of \$1,000,000 alleging wrongful death due to alleged negligence by Lincoln police. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Eleazar Antonio Ocegüera and Aliya Jo Ocegüera** filed claim during the month of February 2026 in the amount of \$1,000,000 alleging wrongful death due to alleged negligence by Lincoln police. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Ivan Kring** filed claim during the month of February 2026 in the amount of \$546.54 for expense incurred as the result of sewer back-up. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Addam Frei** filed claim during the month of February 2026 in the amount of \$2,000.00 for damage incurred as the result of sewer back-up. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Akil Awad Al-Dhary** filed claim during the month of February 2026 in the amount of \$3,600.00 alleging description of vehicle purchased at police auction was incorrect. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Jennifer Bryan** filed claim during the month of February 2026 in the amount of \$4,159.95 for damage to vehicle as the result of accident involving StarTran bus. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Katie Black** filed claim during the month of March 2026 in the amount of \$500.00 for damage to fence when struck by tree limb from tree that was being trimmed by City Forestry personnel. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Caden Dirks** filed claim during the month of March 2026 in the amount of \$3,054.87 for damage to vehicle as the result of accident involving StarTran van. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Max Westerholt** filed claim during the month of March 2026 in the amount of \$4,432.35 for damage to sewer line by L.E.S. This claim is pending review and ratification by L.E.S. Administrative Board.

**FMNE Insurance as subrogee of Stephen and Katherine Dietz** filed claim during the month of March 2026 for damage to insured's vehicle as the result of accident involving Lincoln Fire and Rescue vehicle. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Kurt Kodad** filed claim during the month of March 2026 in the amount of \$1,000 for damage to vehicle as the result of accident involving City snowplow. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Jeffrey Luis Lopez** filed claim during the month of March 2026 in the amount of \$1,000,000 for damages arising from alleged unlawful seizure, impoundment and sale of vehicle by Lincoln police. This claim is under review and is pending.

#### **NEW CLAIMS FILED DURING PERIOD OF MARCH 16 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2026:**

**D&D Refuse** filed claim in the amount of \$29,608.86 for damage to vehicle as the result of accident at the Landfill. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Ronald Baldrige** filed claim in the amount of \$1,013.51 for damage to windshield of vehicle when struck by errant golf ball from Mahoney Golf Course. This claim is under review and is pending.

**CMR on behalf of Windstream** filed claim the amount of \$1,211.41 for alleged damage to Windstream cable during installation of pole. This claim is pending review and ratification by L.E.S. Administrative Board.

**Jason Buzby** filed claim in the amount of \$1,556.42 for damage to vehicle when allegedly struck by traffic barrier or barrel that blew into the street. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Sierra Bogle** filed claim in the amount of \$7,674.34 for damage to vehicle as the result of fallen tree limb. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Kacie Alatorre** filed claim in an unspecified amount for alleged injury that occurred while claimant's son was playing on playground equipment at Briar Park. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Maranville Enterprises LLC** filed claim in the amount of \$19,000 for damage to property as the result of fallen tree limb. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Andrew Koszewski** filed claim in the amount of \$1,479.56 for damage to vehicle as the result of accident involving StarTran van. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Allstate Insurance as subrogee of Mark and Melanie Newhouse** filed claim in the amount of \$7,949.25 for damage to insured's vehicle as the result of accident involving Lincoln police vehicle. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Lisa Gordon** filed claim in the amount of \$8,478.90 for damage to vehicle and unspecified amount for alleged injury incurred as the result of accident involving StarTran bus. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Phillip Greenwood** filed claim in the amount of \$955.72 for damage to vehicle when struck by book cart in parking lot at Anderson Library. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Cesar Gomez** filed claim in the amount of \$2,413.13 for damage to vehicle when L.E.S. employee dropped a tool on it. This claim is pending review and ratification by L.E.S. Administrative Board.

**Daniel and Mary Anne Young** filed claim in the amount of \$435.50 for damage to roof from sagging L.E.S. power line. This claim is pending review and ratification by L.E.S. Administrative Board.

**Andrew Bray** filed claim in the amount of \$350.00 for damage to windshield of vehicle when struck by errant golf ball from Mahoney Golf Course. This claim is under review and is pending.

#### **PENDING TORT LITIGATION:**

**Marc Timmins** filed claim during the month of February 2024 in the amount of \$500,000 for damages incurred as the result of motor vehicle accident that claimant alleges occurred due to lack of signage and street lighting at a roundabout. Claim was withdrawn and suit was filed in Lancaster County District Court. Litigation is pending.

**Kalyn Thomson and Adam Thomson** filed claim during the month of October 2024 in the amount of \$500,000 for injury incurred as the result of accident involving police vehicle. This claim was withdrawn and suit was filed in Lancaster County District Court. Litigation is pending.

**Fernando Figueroa** filed claim during the month of November 2024 in the amount of \$50,000 for alleged injury incurred as the result of accident involving StarTran bus. **Cannon Cochran Management Services, Inc. on behalf of Old Dominion Freight Line** filed a subrogation claim in the amount of \$27,767.86 for workers compensation benefits paid as the result of injury sustained by Fernando Figueroa who was an employee/driver

of semitruck owned by Old Dominion Freight Line that was involved in the accident. This claim was withdrawn and suit was filed in Lancaster County District Court. Litigation is pending.

**Brendan Welch** filed claim during the month of March 2025 in the amount of \$2,342.58 for damage to vehicle as the result of accident involving StarTran bus. Suit was filed in Lancaster County Court. Litigation is pending.

**Nathan Hinds** filed claim during the month of October 2024 in the amount of \$1,000,000 for injury incurred as the result of accident involving an alleged vehicle pursuit by Lincoln police. Suit was filed in Lancaster County District Court. Litigation is pending.

**Jordan Tyrance** filed suit in Lancaster County Court for injury incurred as the result of accident involving a Parks vehicle. Litigation is pending.

Submitted by City Law Department

RESOLUTION NO. A-\_\_\_\_\_

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska:  
 2 That claims against City of Lincoln listed in attached report marked as Exhibit  
 3 "A" dated April 1, 2026, of new and pending tort claims filed with the Office of  
 4 City Attorney or the Office of City Clerk, as well as claims which have been  
 5 disposed of, are hereby received as required by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-905  
 6 (Reissue 1997). The dispositions of claims by the Office of City Attorney as  
 7 shown in attached report are hereby approved:

<u>DENIED CLAIMS</u>	<u>SETTLED CLAIMS</u>
9 David Donald \$5,000.00	Joe Miller \$5,000.00
10 State Farm Insurance	Ryann Walker 8,242.43
11 a/s/o Carl Armstrong 3,997.17	Jason Varga 4,197.87
12 Rebecca Bramer 225.00	

13 The City Attorney is hereby directed to mail to claimants listed herein a  
 14 copy of this resolution which shows final disposition of their claim.

Introduced by:

\_\_\_\_\_

Approved as to Form and Legality:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2026:  _____ Mayor
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City of Lincoln  
**OFFICE of THE  
CITY ATTORNEY**

March 24, 2026



RE: Claim Against the City of Lincoln

Dear Mr. Donald:

This is in response to your claim against the City of Lincoln received in this office on November 10, 2025, for alleged injury incurred while riding a StarTran bus on September 22, 2025.

It is this office's responsibility to investigate the merits of claims that are filed against the City of Lincoln and make a recommendation to the Lincoln City Council. In order for a claim to be authorized for payment from public funds, it must be shown that there exists a legal basis for such authorization. Because taxpayer funds are used to pay claims of this type, this office can only recommend to the City Council payment of claims in which there exists a legal basis to establish liability.

I have reviewed the medical records provided by Bryan Medical Center and Fallbrook Family Health. Although an incident may have occurred while you were riding a StarTran bus, the medical records provided do not support the injury alleged in your claim. Therefore, based on the information available to me, your claim will be forwarded to the Lincoln City Council with a recommendation that the claim be denied.

The Lincoln City Council will consider your claim at its regularly scheduled meeting on April 13, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 555 South 10th Street, Suite 112. You may appear in person at that date and time to discuss your claim and/or you may contact the City Council in writing prior to that date by email at [council@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:council@lincoln.ne.gov). **If you do intend to appear at the City Council meeting in person, please advise this office prior to Friday, April 10, 2026, by phone at 402-441-7281.**

Sincerely,

Abigail F. Littrell  
Assistant City Attorney



City of Lincoln  
**OFFICE of THE  
CITY ATTORNEY**

March 25, 2026

State Farm Insurance  
P.O. Box 106172  
Atlanta, GA 30348-6172  
[statefarmclaims@statefarm.com](mailto:statefarmclaims@statefarm.com)

RE: Subrogation Claim Against the City of Lincoln, NE  
State Farm Insured: Carl Armstrong  
State Farm Claim No.: 27-92W014C  
Date of Loss: 9/29/2025

This is in response to the above-referenced subrogation claim received in this office on February 18, 2026. The claim stated that it was being filed for additional damages to your insured's vehicle that were discovered during the repair process related to an accident involving a City of Lincoln bus on September 29, 2025. It is this office's responsibility to investigate claims against the City of Lincoln and make a recommendation to the Lincoln City Council.

A claim against the City of Lincoln was filed by Carl Armstrong on November 21, 2025, related to the accident involving the City of Lincoln bus on September 29, 2025. On December 26, 2025, Mr. Anderson signed a Property Damage Release which, among other things, released the City of Lincoln from any additional property damages related to the accident on September 29, 2025. A copy of the Release signed by Carl Armstrong is enclosed.

The subrogation rights of State Farm Insurance extend only as far as the rights of your insured, Mr. Armstrong. As the City already settled its claim with Mr. Armstrong, with an express agreement releasing the City from any further claim of property damage, State Farm has no subrogation rights to assert as part of this claim. Therefore, the subrogation claim of State Farm will be forwarded to the Lincoln City Council with a recommendation that the claim be denied.

The Lincoln City Council will consider the subrogation claim of State Farm at its regularly scheduled meeting on April 13, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 555 South 10th Street, Suite 112. You may contact the City Council in writing prior to that date by emailing the City Council at [council@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:council@lincoln.ne.gov).

Sincerely,

Nicholas T. Bussey  
Assistant City Attorney

Enclosure





City of Lincoln  
**OFFICE of THE  
CITY ATTORNEY**

March 25, 2026

Rebecca Bramer  
[REDACTED]

RE: Claim Against the City of Lincoln

Dear Ms. Bramer:

This is in response to your claim against the City of Lincoln received in this office on March 11, 2026, for damage to mailbox as the result of snow removal activity on February 20, 2026. It is this office's responsibility to investigate the merits of claims that are filed against the City of Lincoln and make a recommendation to the Lincoln City Council.

In order for a claim to be authorized for payment from public funds, it must be shown that there exists a legal basis for such authorization. I have reviewed your claim with Lincoln Transportation and Utilities (LTU) personnel. LTU indicates that Vasa Construction, an independent contractor, was performing snow removal in the area of [REDACTED] on February 20, 2026. The City of Lincoln is not responsible for damage caused by a contractor performing snow removal. Therefore, your claim against the City of Lincoln will be referred to the Lincoln City Council with a recommendation that it be denied. You may contact Vasa Construction directly should you wish to pursue this claim with Vasa Construction. By copy of this letter, I am advising Vasa Construction of your claim.

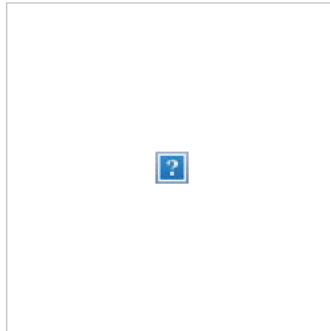
The Lincoln City Council will consider your claim at its regularly scheduled meeting on April 13, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 555 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 112. You may appear in person at that date and time to discuss your claim and/or you may contact the City Council in writing prior to that date by emailing the City Council, at [council@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:council@lincoln.ne.gov). **If you do intend to appear at the City Council meeting in person, please advise this office prior to Friday, April 10, 2026, by phone at 402-441-7281.**

Sincerely,

Nicholas T. Bussey  
Assistant City Attorney

cc: Vasa Construction, Attn: Dustin Eisenbarth, 12100 S. 171<sup>st</sup> Ct., Bennet, NE 68317

**From:** [OpenForms](#)  
**To:** [Benjamin A. Sobel](#)  
**Subject:** Council Comment - Kris Thompson  
**Date:** Monday, April 6, 2026 1:19:53 PM  
**Attachments:** [SubmissionReceipt-SubmitAComment-250.pdf](#)



## Council Comment - Kris Thompson

Kris Thompson has submitted a comment for Council. Please see the attached comment

Name	Kris Thompson
Phone number	[REDACTED]
Email address	[REDACTED]
Your	<p>The Journal Star headline in 2021 read "Lincoln passes first ban in Nebraska to prevent conversion therapy on youth."</p> <p>Included in the article was this observation: "McHale argued at the public hearing that the ordinance unlawfully restricts discussion on an issue to only one viewpoint in sessions initiated by the client."</p> <p>Now the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled in <i>Chiles v. Salazar</i> that "Colorado's law banning conversion therapy, as applied to Ms. Chiles's talk therapy, regulates speech based on viewpoint, and the lower courts erred by failing to apply sufficiently rigorous First Amendment scrutiny."</p> <p>Furthermore, "The First Amendment stands as a bulwark against any effort to prescribe an orthodoxy of views, reflecting a belief that each American enjoys an inalienable right to speak</p>

comment his mind and a faith in the free marketplace of ideas as the best means for finding truth. Laws like Colorado's, which suppress speech based on viewpoint, represent an egregious assault on both commitments."

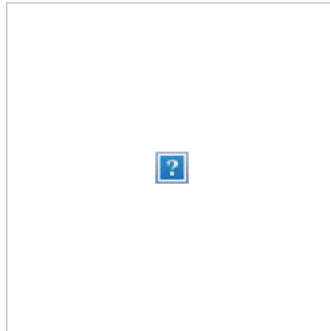
This was an 8-1 decision.

Now that the Supreme Court has provided guidance, the Council should update the ordinance, making it less broad and no longer encroaching on people's right to free speech.

Plus the Council needs to be more circumspect in the future when trying to dictate what people can and cannot say--especially when council members feel strongly about something.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

**From:** [OpenForms](#)  
**To:** [Benjamin A. Sobel](#)  
**Subject:** Council Comment - Jon Thomas  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 8, 2026 1:10:39 PM  
**Attachments:** [SubmissionReceipt-SubmitAComment-251.pdf](#)



## Council Comment - Jon Thomas

Jon Thomas has submitted a comment for Council. Please see the attached comment

Name	Jon Thomas
Phone number	[REDACTED]
Email address	[REDACTED]
Your comment	<p>City Council Members</p> <p>This is regarding the Appeal: Resolution No. PC-01983-Special Permit 26008- to allow for a Residential Healthcare Facility for up to 12 residents at 929 S Cotner Blvd.</p> <p>There has been a lot of discussion regarding one side or the other being opposed to “care for the elderly” or “not having empathy for family with dementia”. That is not the issue! The concept of the proposed plan is a great idea.</p> <p>There has been little to no consideration of the traffic patterns and limited space surrounding the property in question. From the comments of the Planning Committee, it seemed clear that only one member had experiences with the accessibility issues of the property in question. I would suggest that the City Council members be required to park on Valley Rd and walk to the 929 S Cotner address (preferably with something in hand or on a two wheeler) during morning or evening rush hour. There is no place to park on Cotner and no alley access. In an already</p>

congested area this needs the oversight of the City Council.  
Thank you.  
Jon Thomas

