



City of Lincoln  
**CITY COUNCIL**

**Directors' Meeting Minutes for Monday, June 8, 2026**

**Council Present:** Sändra Washington, Tom Beckius, Justin Carlson, Bennie Shobe, Brodey Weber, Tom Duden

**Others Present:** Jon Carlson, Mayor's Office; Yohance Christie, Law; Carl Steffen, I.S.; Dan Marvin, Urban Development; Joe Dondlinger, Finance; Kerry Kernen, Health; Barb McIntyre, RJ Vega & Laura Leppke, HR; Soulinee Phan, City Clerk; Ben Sobel, City Council Secretary; Peter Breen, Lincoln Journal Star

Council Chair Weber opened the meeting at 2:05 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

Minutes from June 1 meeting were accepted as posted.

**City Clerk Advisories**

- No Council meeting on June 22 in observance of Juneteenth
- The following items will be called together:
  - 4.a. & 4.b.
  - 4.c. & 4.d.
  - 6.a. through 6.c.
  - 6.d. through 6.f.

**Director Advisories**

Barb McIntyre, HR;

- Introduced RJ Vega to discuss Pride celebrations
  - Pride parade Saturday morning at 10:00 am, meet at 9:00 am
  - OneLincoln will host a float, councilmembers welcome to join
  - Theme is "from Lincoln with pride"
- Introduced Laura Leppke to discuss additional developments
  - Juneteenth at F street recreational center and Malone Center
  - Mayor's Youth Employment Program has begun
  - Upcoming projects: new applicant tracking system through Oracle, expected to go live by January 2027
- Washington asked for more details about AI use in the hiring process
  - Leppke: humans will remain involved at every step of the process

- Washington asked if bias will be tracked
  - Leppke: yes, more geared toward assisting staff with tasks
  - McIntyre: will integrate with existing tracking procedures
- Beckius: thanked Leppke for assistance with process of hiring a new Public Building Commission director

Carl Steffen, I.S.;

- Gave quarterly update:
  - Cybersecurity policies are under review, including with H.R.
  - Secured \$180k per year saving through Verizon contract renewal, plus \$75k loyalty credit
  - Building formal mission, vision, and values statement
    - Will be published on InterLink
    - Focused on providing service to City
  - Refining project management and Software operations divisions roles
  - Restructuring support division into tiered system with clear escalation paths
  - New CGIS platform is work in progress, targeting Q1 2027 “go live” date

### **Councilmember Committee & Commission Updates**

Carlson;

- RTSD met this morning
  - Gave updates on 33<sup>rd</sup> & Cornhusker
  - Recommendation for a levy at 0% passed at 3-2 vote
  - \$25M surplus for 33<sup>rd</sup> & cornhusker project
  - Recommendation will go to County Board
  - Beckius inquired about funding toward quiet zones
    - Carlson: not recommended at this time, feasibility study underway
  - Washington asked about impact on future budget levies
    - Weber: RTSD willing to adjust rate in the future
  - Budget approved

### **Public Comment**

- Pat Shurs came forward to bring attention to bus drivers’ difficulty finding parking

### **Council Advisories**

- Welcomed Rola Al-Mansouri as new City Council intern through MYEP/AJC

Council Chair Weber adjourned the meeting at 2:28 p.m.