



City of Lincoln
CITY COUNCIL

Directors' Meeting Minutes for Monday, June 15, 2026

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

Others Present: Jon Carlson & Rick Hoppe, Mayor's Office; David Cary, Planning & Development; Yohance Christie, Law; Liz Elliott, LTU; Dave Engler, LFR; Dan Marvin, Urban Development; Joe Dondlinger, Finance; Kerry Kernen, Health; Maggie Stuckey Ross, Parks & Rec; Ryan Wieber, Libraries; Soulinee Phan, City Clerk; Ben Sobel, City Council Secretary; Rola Al-Mansouri, Council Intern

Council Chair Weber opened the meeting at 2:01 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

Minutes from June 8 meeting were accepted as posted.

City Clerk Advisories

- Council will not meet June 22 and July 6 due to holiday observances
- The following items will be called together:
 - 4.b. & 4.c.
 - 4.d. & 4.e.
 - 4.f. & 4.g.
- Applicant for 4.f. & 4.g. will not be present, no additional issues expected
- STL has been added to item 4.j. regarding the administration process
- Carlson will request a Motion to Delay until 5.e. June 29
- 3rd reading will be waved for items 9.d. & 9.e.
 - Will combine vote with related issues on June 29

Director Advisories

Kerry Kernen, Health;

- Discussed Lincoln/Lancaster infant mortality rates:
 - 8.84% in 2024, highest since records began
 - Launching fetal infant mortality review program
 - Will review cause of death and contributing factors
 - Will create community action plan to address common causes after 6 months of data gathering and review
 - Beta test begins June 30, meeting with partners in September

- Shobe asked what community involvement will entail
 - Will involve voluntary interviews, analysis, outreach efforts

Dave Engler, LFR;

- Graduating 6 firefighters and 1 single-role paramedic
- Starting new academy in August with around 25 recruits
- Working with Red Cross to install smoke alarms
 - 50 units serviced to date, another round expected in June
 - Offering service at no cost to the community
- Noted LFR leadership recognition at Savannah Bananas game

Councilmember Committee & Commission Updates

- None

Public Comment

- None

Council Chair Weber adjourned the meeting at 2:16 p.m.