



City of Lincoln
CITY COUNCIL

**No Directors' Meeting this week due to evening Council meeting
This report is in lieu of an agenda for June 29, 2026**

Next Directors' Meeting – 2 p.m. Monday, July 13

City Correspondence

Finance/Budget	Responses to Follow-up Questions from 6-9-26 and 6-11-26 Department Budget Presentations
Property Mgmt	Blood Drive, July 9, 2026
Commisioners' Office	Retirement Reception for Sue Eckley and Kerin Peterson
Planning & Development	Administrative Approvals
"	BPC260624 - 1 PC Action
LES	LES Administrative Board Meeting Minutes 6.19.26
LNM	June Nebraska Municipal Review

Constituent Correspondence

Ethan Winters	Cleaning Service Inquiry
Cathy Gorka	Need to regulate unlicensed motorized vehicles on Lincoln's residential streets - Specifically golf carts
Robert Borer	Selective State Supremacy: Why AG Hilgers' Lawsuit Against Lincoln Raises Constitutional Concern
"	Trump Holds Popular Housing Bill Hostage to Force Election Security
Deanna McClintick	BUDGET STRATEGIC GOALS
Kate Mireles	Interested in speaking at city council meeting this month
Vish Reddi	NSNA Appeal Hearing on 6/29
Joe Shaw	Support - Pride Displays in Lincoln Libraries
Dale McIntosh	Budget & Staffing Considerations
Anne Harvey	"L" Street Traffic Regulation & Pedestrian Safety

From: [Sherry Wolf](#)
To: [Brodey B. Weber](#); [Tom Duden](#); [Bennie R. Shobe](#); [James M. Bowers](#); [Sandra J. Washington](#); [Tom J. Beckius](#); [Justin P. Carlson](#)
Cc: [Benjamin A. Sobel](#); [Joseph P. Dondlinger](#); [Jon D. Carlson](#); [Claire Y. Oglesby](#); [Chad D. Mohr](#); [Anthony J. Leetch](#)
Subject: Responses to Follow-up Questions from 6-9-26 and 6-11-26 Department Budget Presentations
Date: Thursday, June 18, 2026 5:56:06 PM

Council Members,

Thank you for your comments and questions during the department budget presentations last week. The directors answered many questions during their presentation times. Budget staff collected the remaining questions and information requests and have attached them below.

Let me know if I or the budget staff can help further.

Have a nice weekend.

Sherry

AGING

Q: Could you provide more information about evidence-based programming to reduce falls and social isolation?

(From Director Randy Jones)

The following is a summary of Aging Partners' programming that addresses these two topics. It should be noted that the city budget does not include Health & Fitness programming. Those programs are funded through our Older Americans Act grant funding. The city does support programming that reduces social isolation and Senior Center activities.

1. Evidence-Based Group Wellness Programs

These programs support physical health while fostering social engagement through shared group activity and regular class interaction.

- Strong Bodies Weight Training – 12 classes annually; *90 unduplicated participants*
- Tai Chi for Arthritis & Fall Prevention (Levels 1 & 2) – 8 annual sessions; *69 unduplicated participants*
- Living Well With Chronic Conditions – 2 workshops annually; *14 unduplicated participants*
- Self-managed strength building in our fitness center.

These sessions build community, consistency, and peer support among older adults.

2. Intergenerational Engagement Activities

Intergenerational programming fosters meaningful social interaction and a sense of community by connecting older adults with students of all ages.

Key initiatives include:

- UNL Digital Literacy – Monthly sessions during Fall 2025 & Spring 2026
- UNL Empower Tech – High-demand program with *55 participants and a waiting list* as of April
- UNMC Nursing Student Health Presentations

- UNMC Nursing Student foot care
- School & Youth Activities, including:
 - Cookie decorating (St. Joseph’s Catholic School)
 - Trick-or-treat events (Belmont Community Center preschoolers)
 - Crafts (Belmont Elementary)
 - Card playing with UNL Business Fraternity
 - Bingo with Belmont Community Center students
 - May Day baskets with preschoolers
 - Senior Buddy Project – Monthly conversations, games, and cards with Goodrich Middle School students (Sept–May)

These programs promote connection, empathy, mentorship, and a sense of community belonging.

3. Senior Center & Community Activities

Senior center offerings provide regular opportunities for recreation, enrichment, and peer connection. Activities include:

- Day trips, community outings, and seasonal events
- Group crafts, games, and social gatherings
- Special presentations and educational sessions
- Shared settings, congregate meals in Senior Centers
- Shared settings, congregate meals at El Centro de los Americas
- NeighborLNK program connects supportive citizens to older adults who are homebound to provide support.
- Assisted transportation to senior centers – door to door.

These activities bring together diverse groups of older adults and build a sense of community.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Q: Could we get more information on the housing cost metric? Specifically, Lincoln compared with the rest of the state of Nebraska?

(From Planning)

Our typical source for this (Great Plains MLS) aggregates at the national, regional, and metro level. In Nebraska there is no organization that aggregates statewide MLS, but Zillow data reports can get us close. As a comparison, per Zillow Lincoln's ratio for single family would be 266%, where the MLS data has us at 269%. Zillow shows the 2025 statewide median for single family at \$271,716. With Nebraska MFI at \$104,200, that gives us a ratio of **261%**. As a reminder, our performance metric is: “Maintain the ratio of median price of existing homes to median family income below the midwest region ratio. The Midwest region ratio was 288% in 2024-25.”

POLICE

Q: Could you provide more detail on the current LPD training budget?

(From Chief Morrow)

2026-28 LPD Training Budget	<u>2026-27</u>	<u>2027-28</u>
5728 Schools/Conferences LPD	\$77,000	\$78,450
5728 Schools/Conferences 911	\$20,000	\$20,000

5728	Schools/Conferences Radio	\$20,000	\$20,000
5961	Registrations/Trainers LPD	\$145,400	\$145,502
5961	Registrations/Trainers LPD AXON VR Contract	\$70,000	\$70,000
5961	Registrations/Trainers 911	\$20,000	\$20,000
5961	Registrations/Trainers Radio	\$2,000	\$2,000
Total		\$354,400	\$355,952

LTU

Q: Could we get more information on the “Transfer Out” items in the LTU budget?

(From Budget Team & Director Liz Elliott)

As a reminder, “Transfer Out” occurs when funding is moved from one fund to another. In LTU, those “transfer outs” are usually moving funding from our Utility and Street funds into our CIP projects. The revenue from Water Bills, State gas tax, and other sources goes into those specific Utility and Street funds and then are “transferred out” into their specific CIP projects to be spent. Examples of larger LTU CIP multi-year projects include water 2.0, Theresa Street wastewater facility expansion, Bluff Road Landfill liner, and LOTM street projects.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT

(From Director Marvin)

There was a slide that showed the Union at Antelope Valley having 187 units with 75 affordable. That was a typo...in fact, all 187 are affordable. That slide was fixed and the corrected slide was included in the PDF slide deck that was sent to you.

HEALTH

Q: Could we have more details on the increase in the Health department budget for personal services?

2026	2027	2028
13,097,409	15,033,206	16,303,506

A few of the significant drivers include:

- 7.8 existing FTEs that are funded with Federal indirect cost reimbursement are shown starting in FY 26-27 in both the Health department FTE table and the personal costs. So, the impact is revenue neutral, but the total shown for personal services increases by \$674,225 in FY26-27 and \$730,419 in FY27-28
- Added 1.0FTE dentist. Bringing on staff is a cost-saving vs contractual services but, shows up as an increase in the personal services table.
- State funding cuts meant adding \$240K in local funding to retain existing Health

staff.

- Other overall wage and benefit increases of approximately 5.9% FY26-27 and 7.9% in FY 27-28. Our Health team contains a significant number of medical professionals, and we set our wages and salaries to be competitive with the private sector in order to retain staff.
- Here is how those items impact the percentage increase:

Change	2027	2028
7.8 FTE	5.15%	.37%
Dentist	1.85%	.14%
Reduced State Funding	1.83%	0.00%
<u>Other</u>	<u>5.95%</u>	<u>7.93%</u>
Total	14.78%	8.45%

OTHER

Q: Could you send department reappropriation funding amounts?

(From Budget Team)

Here is the latest table from 9-1-25. NOTE: We won't have current year until after 9-1-26 but estimate that a total of approximately \$1.5M of reapprop funding has been used by all departments to date.

Department	9/1/25
City Council	288,983
Mayor Office	573,122
WIOA	39,260
Law	504,510
Police	2,949,610
Fire	3,493,296
Finance	1,033,726
LTU	544,263
LTU - StarTran	470,779
Parks & Rec	1,306,457
HR	224,091
Planning	224,874
UD	150,120
Animal Control	434,067
911 Comm	3,764,602
16 Health	4,851,288
Library	1,978,878
Aging	1,105,812

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Subject: Blood Drive, July 9, 2026
Date: Monday, June 22, 2026 10:02:01 AM
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Good morning. If you are interested please use the link below to sign up to donate at our next blood drive. Thank you!

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 **Nebraska Community Blood Bank**



With a single donation, you can help three people get to spend time outside and enjoy a warm summer evening. Thank you for helping us save lives!

What?

Lincoln Police Department Blood Drive
Thursday, July 9, 2026
8:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Where?

Lincoln Police Department/Public Building
575 South 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

[SCHEDULE DONATION HERE](#)

Or call 402.486.9414

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Subject: Retirement Reception for Sue Eckley and Kerin Peterson
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2026 12:57:43 PM
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Join us in celebrating the retirements of Sue Eckley and Kerin Peterson!

Tuesday, June 30, 2026

8:15 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Room 113, Bill Luxford Studio

Following the reception, Sue and Kerin will be recognized by the County Board during the Board Meeting beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Please share the attached invitation with your agency.



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Retirement Reception

IN HONOR OF

Sue Eckley
&
Kerin Peterson

Join us as we celebrate years of hard work,
dedication, and milestones worth
remembering.

Tuesday

June

30

at 8:15 am

555 South 10th Street
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From: [Laura A. Tinnerstet](#)
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Cc: [Steve S. Henrichsen](#); [David R. Cary](#)
Subject: Administrative Approvals
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2026 8:19:43 AM

Good morning,

There were no Administrative Approvals this week.

Thank you,



Laura Tinnerstet
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Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2026 2:28:54 PM
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Please see attached.

Thank you,



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

NOTICE: The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 24, 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.

****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, JUNE 24, 2026

[Commissioners Cruz, Feit and Rodenburg absent]

Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held June 10, 2026. ****APPROVED: 5-0 (Cruz, Feit and Rodenburg absent; one vacant seat)****

- 1. **CONSENT AGENDA:** None
(Public Hearing and Administrative Action)
- 2. **REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL:** None
- 3. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:** None
(Public Hearing and Administrative Action)
- 4. **PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:** _____

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONFORMANCE:

- 4.1 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONFORMANCE 26004, to review as to conformance with the 2050 Lincoln Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan, an amendment to the Lincoln Center Redevelopment Plan, the Gold's Lot 3 Redevelopment Project, to construct a building with residential and commercial uses, with the main project located north of N Street between 10th & 11th Streets, and also including nearby rights-of-way for 10th, 11th, N, and O Streets.
Staff Recommendation: In Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan
Staff Planner: Andrew Thierolf, 402-441-6371, athierolf@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: FINDING OF CONFORMANCE: 5-0 (Cruz, Feit and Rodenburg absent; one vacant seat) Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for Monday, July 20, 2026, 3:00 p.m.
- 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: 1:22 p.m.

From: [Kellie Cave](#)
Subject: LES Administrative Board Meeting Minutes 6.19.26
Date: Thursday, June 25, 2026 12:11:01 PM
Attachments: [06-June 19 2026 Administrative Board Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

Good afternoon,

Please see the attached minutes from the June 19th meeting.

Thank you,
Kellie

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MINUTES OF LINCOLN ELECTRIC SYSTEM ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

Minutes of the regular meeting held at 9:30 a.m., Friday, June 19, 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 June 12, 2026.

Board Members Present: Kate Bolz, Carl Eskridge, Donna Garden, Andy Hunzeker, Alyssa Martin, Lucas Sabalka, Eric Schafer, David Spinar.

Board Members Absent: Chelsea Johnson

LES Staff Present: Emeka Anyanwu, Emily Koenig, Jason Fortik, David Malcom, Katie Lechner, Paul Crist, Richard Grabow, Jim Rigg, Nathan Walters, Wade Leibbrandt, Kelley Porter, Jared Wood, Keith Snyder, Denise Parrott, Kellie Cave.

Others Present: Nathan Svatora, 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. Richard Grabow, Associate General Counsel, reviewed duties and responsibilities of LES Board members. **Call to Order, Safety Briefing, and Board Member Duties and Responsibilities**

Chair Sabalka announced that the July LES Administrative Board Meeting would be held at the LES Service Center located at 2620 Fairfield Street. A communication plan for members of the public as well as board members will be implemented. **Special Notice**

Ken Winston, joining remotely and speaking on behalf of the Nebraska Sierra Club, requested specific updates on 2040 net zero goal. He expressed concerns about the progress and the investment in wind and solar. He noted his visit to Hawley Hamlet was productive and suggested implementation of more programs for distributed energy resources throughout community, as well as sustainable food production/distribution. Winston encouraged development of policy for plug-in solar and emphasized the need for safety **Comments from Customers**

standards, which had been mentioned by CEO Anyanwu at a previous meeting, to ensure safety of workers, residents, and the electric grid.

Paul Crist, Vice President of Energy Delivery, introduced Jared Wood, Crew Leader – Substation Heavy Construction, who was recognized by the board for 30 years of service to LES.

Introduction and Recognition of Staff

Vice Chair Spinar moved approval of the minutes of the May 15, 2026 LES Administrative Board. Carl Eskridge seconded the motion. The vote for approval of the minutes was:

***Approval of Minutes**

Aye: Kate Bolz, Carl Eskridge, Donna Garden, Andy Hunzeker, Alyssa Martin, Lucas Sabalka, Eric Schafer, David Spinar.

Nay: None

Absent: Chelsea Johnson

David Spinar, Member of the Operations & Power Supply Committee reported on committee discussions held on June 8, 2026, including: 1) Solar Hosting Capacity Study, 2) Great Plains New Nuclear Consortium Update, 3) Terry Bundy Generating Station South Power Block Expansion Project Update, 4) Renewable Resource Evaluation. (Exhibit I)

Operations and Power Supply Committee Report

Kate Bolz, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported on committee discussions held on June 19, 2026, including: 1) 2027 Long Range Forecast and Revenue Expectations, 2) 2027 Budget Schedule, Guidelines, and Assumptions, 2026 Bond Issue Update. (Exhibit II)

Finance Committee Report

Emily Koenig, Chief Financial Officer, expressed appreciation to members of the Financial Services team that contributed to the efforts and success of the 2026 bond issuance which provides financing for capital investments, replenishes liquidity and supports future construction needs. She identified Wade Leibbrandt, Nathan Walters, Maeci Jackson, and the accounting team as primary contributors, along with many other members of the FS group. Koenig provided background and overview of the debt issuance process

Bond Sale Update

including external participants and a detailed timeline. She noted the nearly \$300 million tax-exempt bond issuance paid down outstanding commercial paper, reimbursed prior capital construction expenditures and established a construction fund for future projects. As part of the transaction, LES purchased select outstanding bonds through a tender offer, generating an estimated \$4.69 million in savings for ratepayers. Koenig also highlighted LES's long-term debt management strategy and noted that more frequent debt issuances are expected as the utility considers financing for future capital spending needs. She further reviewed the factors considered when issuing debt, and refinancing options. The metrics identified in LES's Strategic Plan were reviewed, and Koenig detailed how the bond sale aligns with the metrics and key performance indicators.

Chair Sabalka commended the Financial Services team on a successful undertaking.

Vice Chair Spinar echoed the appreciation of the team as well and was encouraged by LES being mindful of savings that benefit ratepayers in a meaningful way.

Emeka Anyanwu, Chief Executive Officer provided an update on initiatives designed to enhance board governance, improve the board experience and increase visibility into LES's strategic plan execution. The efforts are based on feedback from board members and staff and focus on creating greater structure, consistency and transparency in board processes. He noted key initiatives include establishing a board and committee topic calendar, reviewing committee structure, standardizing committee processes and roles, implementing a new board portal, enhancing boardroom technology and updating new board member orientation. Anyanwu also shared that quarterly reporting on strategic plan key performance indicators will resume in the third quarter, providing the board with greater visibility into organizational performance and progress toward strategic goals. Board Members then offered additional suggestions regarding the initiatives including continued education, regularly reviewed agenda topics, ease of document and information sharing, communication, and the board orientation protocol.

Board-related Initiatives Update

The next regular meeting of the LES Administrative Board will be Friday, July 17, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. at the LES Service Center,

Next Meeting

located at 2620 Fairfield St.

Without further business before the Board, Chair Sabalka declared **Adjournment** the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:08 a.m.

Carl Eskridge, Secretary

BY: *Kellie Cave*
Kellie Cave, Assistant Secretary

Exhibit I



Operations and Power Supply Committee Meeting Summary June 8, 2026

Attendees: C. Johnson (Committee Chair), A. Martin, L. Sabalka, D. Spinar, E. Anyanwu, S. Benson, P. Crist, J. Dagerman, D. Florom, J. Fortik, G. Klein, E. Koenig, I. Nicholls, D. Malcom, N. Wischhof

Solar Hosting Capacity Study (Joel Dagerman):

- LES Resolution 2025-8 was adopted by the Board in September 2025 and among other items, directed staff to "...establish an ongoing process for hosting capacity analysis updates and availability..." related to distributed solar installations.
- Staff shared an overview of the activities performed to date, which include researching the components of a typical hosting study, exploring the tools and software needed to perform the study, and performing an initial analysis of the distribution system.
- Based on the discussion with the Committee, the proposed approach satisfies the understood intent expressed in the Resolution. Staff will continue with the next phases of the study, with a tentative goal of creating the first edition of a results map in Q1 2027.

Great Plains New Nuclear Consortium Update (Jason Fortik):

- LES Resolution 2025-13 was adopted by the Board in November 2025 and authorized the LES CEO to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to form a Consortium to investigate the feasibility of deploying a new nuclear generating facility in Nebraska.
- That MoU has been signed by four participating utilities: NPPD, OPPD, LES and Grand River Dam Authority.
- Staff briefed the Committee on other related Consortium activities and provided a brief overview of the results of Phase 2 of the nuclear siting technical screening study that was posted in May 2026 and was funded through Federal authorizations and statutory action taken by the Nebraska Legislature.

Terry Bundy Generating Station South Power Block Expansion Project Update (Nick Wischhof):

- Staff provided a status update on the project to add two aeroderivative based combustion turbines at the existing Terry Bundy Generating Station.
- Contracts have been signed for the vast majority of the planned major owner furnished equipment packages and the bid package for procuring a general construction contractor is expected to be issued at the end of September 2026.
- Information in the industry and indications from the owner's engineer indicate that competition for general contractors is driving up the pricing to secure industrial general construction contractor services. Staff shared initial estimates of a potential project budget increase that will likely be needed to cover the increased cost of the general construction contractor and tariffs currently levied on equipment.

- Staff advised that they will continue with efforts to further refine and manage project costs and will update the committee and full Board as more clarity is established.

Renewable Resource Evaluation (Scott Benson):

****Note – This topic was presented at a special Operation & Power Supply Committee meeting held on May 28th ****

- LES Resolution 2025-8 directed staff to “....obtain pricing, availability, and other pertinent data to gauge the status of the market.....for clean energy resources.”
- Staff provided an overview of the research and analysis to evaluate clean energy resource options performed to date. Based on the discussion at the meeting, additional discussion and review will occur at another Committee meeting that will likely be scheduled in late June.

Exhibit II



Finance Committee – June 19, 2026 (In-Person)

Attendees: K. Bolz (Chair), C. Eskridge, E. Schafer, L. Sabalka, E. Anyanwu, E. Koenig, S. Sahling-Zart, P. Crist, J. Fortik, W. Leibbrandt, J. Cocklin, N. Wischhof, D. Auman

1. 2027 Long Range Forecast and Revenue Expectations (Joe Cocklin)

- a. The 2027 energy sales and system demand forecast were shared with the committee, including modeling scenarios related to weather and electric vehicles.
- b. Energy sales are forecasted to increase by 24.4% in 2027 as compared to 2026.
- c. Revenue, prior to any potential rate increase identified through the 2027 budget, is expected to increase from the 2026 forecast by about \$92M or 25%.
- d. Large increases in energy and demand are expected due to an increase in the commercial sector.

2. 2027 Budget Schedule, Guidelines and Assumptions (Wade Leibbrandt & Nick Wischhof)

- a. An overview of key dates and financial targets for the proposed 2027 budget was provided to the committee.
- b. Some key themes that could have a material impact on the proposed 2027 budget were shared with the committee. These are items that staff believe could affect the budget, however the true extent of the impact will not be known until the budget is finalized in August.
- c. The committee received a status update and overview of the projected budget for the turbine additions at the Terry Bundy Generating Station
- d. The committee will review the 2027 Budget Proposal at its late August meeting.

3. 2026 Bond Issue Update (Emily Koenig)

- a. The committee was provided an overview of the bond sale that took place earlier this month.
- b. The final results of the sale included a par amount issued of nearly \$300 million and net present value debt service savings related to a refunding of nearly \$5 million.

A presentation will be provided at today's board meeting that will include details of the bond sale and results.

Exhibit III

From: noreply@lonm.org on behalf of [Ashley Wolfe](#)
To: [Benjamin A. Sobel](#)
Subject: June Nebraska Municipal Review
Date: Friday, June 26, 2026 11:54:27 AM

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Dear *Nebraska Municipal Review* readers:

Happy summer! The June issue of the *Nebraska Municipal Review* is now live on the [League website](#).

Don't miss it! In this issue of the Review, League President Marlin Seeman shares his reflection on a trip to Washington, D.C., to place a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. What a moving experience for the entire family!

As always, thank you to everyone who reached out to share happenings from your area. It was also wonderful being able to connect with many of you at the Municipal Accounting and Finance Conference.

Keep up the good work and thank you for all you do for the citizens of Nebraska!

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From: [Ethan Winters](#)
To: [Council Packet](#)
Subject: Re: Cleaning Service Inquiry
Date: Thursday, June 18, 2026 11:48:19 AM

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Just checking whether this landed in your inbox.

On Wed, Jun 17, 2026 at 7:21 PM Ethan Winters <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi there,

Hope you're doing well!

I'm from a local janitorial company we're offering free cleaning bids for businesses nearby.

Would you be open to a quick 10-minute chat next week to discuss your cleaning needs? No pressure, just seeing if we're a good fit.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

Best Regards,

Ethan Winters

Scheduling Manager

E: [REDACTED]

Benjamin A. Sobel

From: Cathy Gorka <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2026 4:33 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Need to regulate unlicensed motorized vehicles on Lincoln's residential streets - Specifically golf carts and LSVs

Categories: Copied to Constituent

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To the Attention of Lincoln City Council Members and Mayor Gaylor Baird -

That accident in our neighborhood this past week involving a golf cart and the ejection of a child is an example of what we see operating regularly on our residential street.

We live on the corner of [REDACTED]

Everyday, especially evenings and weekends, we see numerous illegally operated carts/vehicles of all sorts being driven by both youths and adults. These are also often overloaded with unrestrained passengers.

Since we also observe the excessive speeds vehicles are driving on Yankee Woods Drive between 78th and 84th Street, it seems inevitable that there will be even more of these accidents on Lincoln streets. Both of these issues have been addressed with LPD via UPLNK (seeclifix) but we have yet to observe any police presence in our neighborhood.

Per my research as noted below, in Nebraska golf carts are restricted from public roads unless specific city ordinances allow them. There is no Lincoln ordinance to allow them currently. LSVs are to be registered, licensed and only operated by licensed drivers. We do not see plates on the vast majority of these LSVs. Additionally, if the LSVs are not registered by the DMV, then I would assume they are not taxed as other legal motorized vehicles are on our streets.

Please, please, consider addressing the enforcement of the law with regard to the golf carts and with registration and the licensure of both the LSV vehicles and their operators. My AI research is pasted below.

Thank you,
Cathy Gorka

[REDACTED]
Lincoln NE 68516

In Nebraska, there is a strict legal distinction between **Golf Carts** (referred to in state statutes as "golf car vehicles") and **Low-Speed Vehicles (LSVs)**. How they are regulated in Lincoln depends entirely on these differences:

Low-Speed Vehicles (LSVs)

LSVs are four-wheeled vehicles built to meet Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards. They have a top speed between 20 and 25 mph, a gross vehicle weight rating under 3,000 pounds, and come manufactured with a standard **17-digit VIN**.

- **Street Legality: Yes.** Because they meet federal safety requirements, they are treated similarly to traditional cars.
- **Where They Can Drive:** They can be operated on any public street or road with a posted speed limit of **35 mph or less**. They can also be driven at night since they are equipped with headlights, brake lights, turn signals, and mirrors.
- **Requirements:** * Must be **titled and registered** through the Lancaster County Treasurer.
 - The operator must possess a valid **Class O driver's license**.
 - The vehicle must be covered by standard **liability insurance**.

Golf Carts

Standard golf carts are designed for recreational use on a golf course, max out under 20 mph, and do not have a manufacturer-issued 17-digit VIN.

- **Street Legality: Generally No (with narrow exceptions).** Under Nebraska Revised Statute [§ 60-6,381](#), cities and counties are permitted to adopt local ordinances that allow golf carts on public streets. However, Lincoln has **not** passed a broad municipal ordinance to legalize standard golf carts on general residential streets.
- **The Exception:** Without a specific local ordinance, state law restricts their road use strictly to streets that are **adjacent and contiguous to a golf course**.
- **Statewide Minimums (where permitted):** In towns that *do* explicitly permit them by ordinance, operators must be at least 16 with a valid driver's license, carry liability insurance, only drive between sunrise and sunset, and display a slow-moving vehicle emblem.

Summary Notice: If you see standard, unregistered golf carts operating on public residential streets in Lincoln outside of areas immediately bordering a golf course, they are likely being driven in violation of current traffic laws. Conversely, fully equipped, registered LSVs with license plates are completely legal on streets marked 35 mph or lower.¹

[Nebraska Golf Cart and LSV Laws: A Guide to](#)

In Nebraska, golf carts are not automatically street-legal on all public roads. Statewide, their operation is restricted. However, **cities, villages, and counties** can pass local ordinances allowing them on specific streets.

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State Baseline Requirements

Where local municipalities DO permit golf carts on public roadways, the following statewide restrictions apply:

 Golf Cart Resource

- **Road speeds:** Allowed only on streets with a posted speed limit of 35 mph or less.
- **Cart speeds:** Cannot be driven at speeds exceeding 20 mph.
- **Hours:** Operation is restricted to daylight hours (between sunrise and sunset).
- **Highways:** They are strictly prohibited on state and federal highways, except to cross them at designated intersections
- **Driver requirements:** The driver must hold a valid Class O operator's license.
- **Insurance:** The vehicle must be covered by liability insurance.



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Local Ordinances

Because regulations are localized, laws change significantly depending on your exact municipality:

- **Small Towns vs. Big Cities:** Smaller towns and villages regularly pass ordinances allowing golf carts, whereas larger cities like Lincoln explicitly prohibit them on city streets.
- **Permits and Registration:** Many cities that permit golf carts (such as Henderson) require local registration, inspection, and an annual fee.



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- **Equipment rules:** Depending on the jurisdiction, local codes may require additional safety equipment like headlights, turn signals, seat belts, and safety flags.



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Low-Speed Vehicles (LSVs)

If you are looking to drive on major roads or at higher speeds, consider a **Low-Speed Vehicle (LSV)**. Under [Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles](#) guidelines, these are four-wheeled vehicles capable of speeds between 20 mph and 25 mph. They are street-legal on roads with speed limits up to 35 mph if they are registered, titled, and equipped with DOT-approved features like windshields, seat belts, and turn signals.



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From: [Robert Borer](#)
To: [Robert Borer](#)
Subject: Selective State Supremacy: Why AG Hilgers' Lawsuit Against Lincoln Raises Constitutional Concerns
Date: Sunday, June 21, 2026 7:40:06 AM

The Selective Defense of "State Supremacy": Nebraska's Double Standard on Rights and Local Control

Nebraska's Attorney General is suing Lincoln over its local minimum wage ordinance, aggressively asserting state supremacy to enforce uniform wage rules. This swift legal action raises a serious and uncomfortable question: Why does the state move so decisively to protect commercial uniformity, yet remain largely silent when local officials trample on citizens' core constitutional rights?

Nebraska's Constitution opens with a clear, uncompromising declaration in Article I, Section 1: All persons are by nature free and independent, with inherent and inalienable rights—including life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness, and the right to keep and bear arms. These rights "shall not be denied or infringed by the state or any subdivision thereof." Governments exist to secure these God-given rights and draw their powers from the consent of the governed. There is no emergency exception. No hidden clause allowing rights to be suspended for political convenience. And no constitutional preference for statewide commercial uniformity over individual liberty.

Economic Reality vs. Rigid Uniformity

A single, one-size-fits-all minimum wage imposed across Nebraska ignores profound differences in cost of living, housing prices, and business realities between thriving urban centers like Lincoln and quieter rural counties. What supports a family in a high-cost city can look entirely different from what sustains one in a low-overhead rural community.

Whether Lincoln's specific ordinance represents good or bad policy is secondary. The deeper issue is whether it's constitutional or practical to ban all local flexibility in response to measurable local economic conditions. The state argues that uniformity prevents a "patchwork" and safeguards commerce. Many Nebraskans counter that imposing identical rules on vastly different economies is itself unrealistic and damaging.

What Preemption Actually Means Here

Under the legal doctrine of preemption, state law overrides conflicting local ordinances, especially when the state has fully occupied a regulatory field. Even as a Home Rule city, Lincoln's authority remains "subject to the Constitution and laws of this state." Attorney General Hilgers contends that Lincoln's ordinance conflicts with the statewide Wage and Hour Act—particularly on youth wages and annual increase caps—and that minimum wage regulation is inherently a matter of statewide concern requiring uniform rules.

The Clear Pattern of Selective Enforcement

This case does not exist in a vacuum. Lincoln Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird has a track

record of bold local executive actions. During the COVID period, she invoked broad emergency powers to impose business restrictions, capacity limits, and mandates that many viewed as direct violations of citizens' inalienable rights to liberty and the pursuit of a livelihood under Article I, Section 1. She later issued orders restricting firearms on public city property, directly challenging the Legislature's statewide Constitutional Carry law (LB 77).

In those instances of significant local overreach into fundamental rights, the state—including legislative leadership—largely stayed on the sidelines. Yet when the city council passed an ordinance addressing a local economic issue, the Attorney General acted quickly and forcefully with a direct lawsuit to enforce state supremacy.

This contrast creates a troubling appearance of a double standard: rapid, aggressive state intervention to enforce commercial uniformity, paired with notable restraint when municipal power restricted citizens' daily liberties and livelihoods.

The Core Principle at Stake

The real issue is not the specific level of Lincoln's minimum wage. It is consistency and constitutional priority.

Our Constitution places inalienable individual rights first. It contains no emergency loopholes. It demands that both state and local governments respect those rights with equal seriousness. Where genuine economic differences exist across regions, some local flexibility is often more rational than blanket uniformity imposed from the center.

Nebraskans deserve governance that consistently defends God-given rights against overreach—whether that overreach originates with a mayor or with the state itself. When state power is wielded aggressively against local wage decisions but passively when individual freedoms are on the line, it erodes public trust and treats our Constitution as a selective tool of political convenience rather than an unshakeable shield for the people.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert J. Borer

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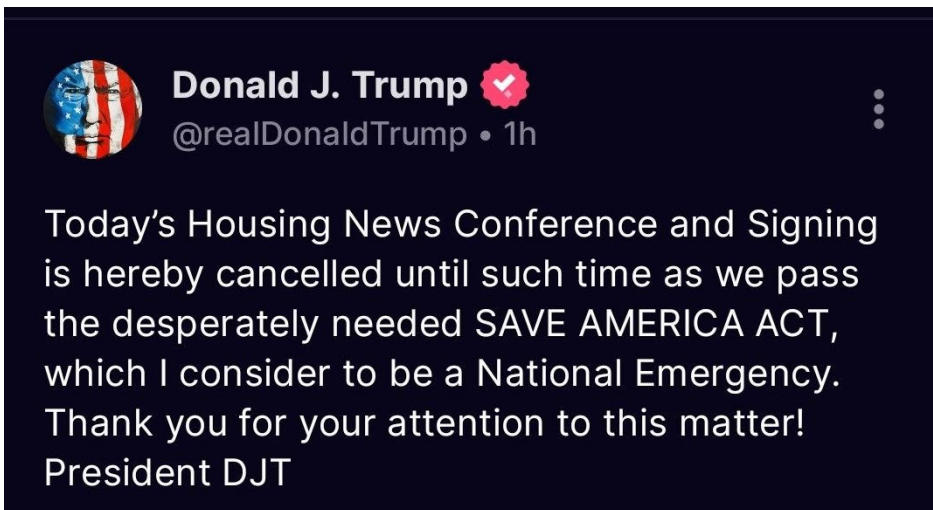
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From: [Robert Borer](#)
To: [Robert J Borer](#)
Subject: Trump Holds Popular Housing Bill Hostage to Force Election Security
Date: Thursday, June 25, 2026 6:45:22 AM
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The Art of the Leverage Play: Why a Popular Bipartisan Housing Bill Just Got Sidelined

In Washington, nothing is ever simple — especially when one man decides to stop pretending the emperor has clothes.



This week, Donald Trump abruptly canceled a scheduled “Housing News Conference and Signing” with one post. What looked like a scheduling hiccup was actually a long-overdue power move: holding a rare bipartisan housing win hostage until Congress gets serious about not letting non-citizens and fraudsters dilute American votes.

The Hostage: A Rare Housing Win

The 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act sailed through with veto-proof majorities — 85–5 in the Senate and 358–32 in the House. That kind of bipartisanship is almost shocking these days.

The bill does two things voters actually care about:

- **Cutting Bureaucracy:** It cuts the suffocating regulatory red tape that’s strangling housing supply.
- **Squeezing Wall Street:** It slaps restrictions on big private equity firms and institutional investors hoovering up single-family homes.

Families finally get a fairer shot instead of competing against hedge fund war chests. Both parties were licking their chops for the victory lap photo-op. Then Trump pulled the plug.

The Demand: The SAVE America Act

Trump's condition is simple: pass the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility (SAVE) Act — or nothing moves.

The bill requires three straightforward, overdue protections:

- **Proof of Citizenship:** Physical, documentary proof (passport, birth certificate, etc.) for voter registration. Standard driver's licenses or REAL IDs no longer suffice on their own.
- **Strict Photo ID:** Real photo identification required at the polls.
- **Mail-In Transparency:** Photocopies of ID submitted both when requesting and returning mail-in ballots.

Things that should have been non-negotiable decades ago.

Let's be brutally honest: The only reasons America doesn't already have these basic safeguards are two-fold. Either our politicians are too incompetent to implement protections that dozens of other countries manage without drama... or they're too corrupt to want clean elections. Both options are damning.

Supporters are right: this isn't complicated. It's the bare minimum for a functioning republic. Opponents screeching about "disenfranchisement" are usually the same people who think requiring an ID to buy beer or board a plane is perfectly reasonable — but suddenly becomes "voter suppression" when it protects the ballot box.

Washington Chess in Plain Sight

This is leverage done right. A genuinely popular housing bill — something that could actually help struggling families — is being used as a crowbar to pry loose movement on election integrity. Because without honest elections, the rest of it is just theater for the rubes.

The political establishment hates this. They prefer their comfortable status quo: vague laws, sloppy enforcement, and the ability to gaslight the public afterward. Trump just reminded them that momentum is currency — and he's willing to spend it.

The risk is real: Housing pain is immediate. Delaying relief gives the usual suspects fresh attack ads. But the upside is bigger. If this forces real election security reforms, it's worth the short-term noise.

The Bigger Picture

This moment exposes the rot. Politicians on both sides have had years to fix our voting system. Most didn't — either out of sheer stupidity or calculated self-interest. Now one guy is using a housing bill as a battering ram to make them choose.

Smart leverage or dangerous gamble? Maybe both. But at least someone is finally treating election integrity like the non-negotiable foundation it is.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert J. Borer

From: [Jim & Deanna McClintick](#)
To: [Mayor](#)
Cc: [Council Packet](#)
Subject: BUDGET STRATEGIC GOALS
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2026 11:10:58 PM

Hello,

I do not understand the below goal--why not just post job openings and let anyone apply? That seems fair. Deanna McClintick.

- Actively recruit qualified minority and physically challenged individuals when openings occur within the Budget Division.

From: [Kate Mireles](#)
To: [Council Packet](#); [REDACTED]
Subject: Interested in speaking at city council meeting this month
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2026 1:28:08 AM

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Hello

I'm Kate

I'm very interested in talking to my city council about some issues I see in our community about mass surveillance and 4th amendment violations. How do I sign up to speak?

Thanks

Kate

From: [Vish Reddi](#)
To: [Council Packet](#)
Cc: [Michaela A. Sweeney](#); csmith@speedwayproperties.com; [Jeff Keidel](#); [Cathy Wilken](#)
Subject: NSNA Appeal Hearing on 6/29
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2026 8:01:06 AM

Council Members,

As you are likely aware, there is an item on your agenda for next Monday 6/29 that involves Near South Neighborhood appealing the Planning Commission action on Special Permit 26016, concerning the property at 1921 S. 17th.

The applicant, Speedway Properties, met with the Near South Neighborhood Association (NSNA) on two occasions: April 13, 2026, and May 11, 2026, to discuss its property and the allowed uses under the special permit. Specifically, it was discussed if an exclusion for smoke/vape shops could be included within the special permit that expands other allowed uses for the property. Craig Smith of Speedway Properties indicated they were fully in support of such an exclusion. The NSNA board voted unanimously to support both the Landmark designation and the special permit for this property, contingent upon the exclusion of smoke/vape shops being included. We value our relationship with Speedway properties and appreciate Michaela Sweeney and Craig Smith for taking the time to attend the meetings and discuss the best way to expand the uses of the property and preserve it's historical nature.

Based on those discussions between the applicant and the neighborhood, the Planning department included language prohibiting smoke/vape shops as an allowed retail use as a condition of approval when the item appeared at the Planning Commission Meeting on May 27, 2026. At that meeting, the Planning Commission removed the exclusion (5-2) for smoke/vape shops despite the applicant and the neighborhood supporting its inclusion. NSNA was not at that hearing since it was our understanding that everyone was in support of the amendment. As a result of the Planning Commission not including the requested language prohibiting smoke/vape shops has appealed the item to the City Council solely for the purpose of asking you to restore the smoke/vape shop prohibition as a condition of approval. Again, this is something that the applicant/owner and the neighborhood both support. We appreciate Speedway Properties for their work on this property and many others in the neighborhood and community.

Council member Bennie Shobe attended the meeting with Speedway where this was discussed and has worked with Council Member Carlson to bring forward the amendment with the smoke/vape shop language. If you have not had a chance to review it, I have included it at the bottom of this email. The added text is underlined. We would appreciate your vote of support when this amendment is offered next Monday at the Council hearing. Jeff Keidel, a member of the NSNA executive board will be attending the hearing. If you have questions or concerns ahead of the meeting, I would welcome your email or phone call to discuss.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email and thank you very much for all the work you do

to make our city and community a great place to live.

1. This approval permits a Special Permit for Historic Preservation and expands the allowable uses for the property, to include Elderly & Retirement Housing, Housing for Handicapped, Short-Term Rentals, Single-Family Dwellings, Two-Family Dwellings, Neighborhood Support Services, Academies, Industrial Trade Schools, Private Schools, Banks, Offices, Personal Services, Retail Sales, Service & Repair Facilities, Commercial Kitchen, and Recreational Facilities, Indoor.
2. Notwithstanding any permitted retail use, no person or entity shall sell, offer for sale, distribute, or otherwise provide on or from the Property any tobacco, nicotine, vaping, cannabinoid, or cannabis product, including (a) cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, smokeless tobacco, heated tobacco products, nicotine pouches, rolling papers/wraps, and filters; (b) any electronic smoking/vaping device (e.g., e-cigarettes, vapes, vaporizers) and any related component, part, accessory, or supply, including cartridges, pods, tanks, coils, batteries, chargers, e-liquids/e-juice, and flavorings, whether or not containing nicotine; and (c) any CBD, hemp-derived cannabinoid, THC, marijuana/cannabis product or derivative, including flower, pre-rolls, concentrates, oils, tinctures, edibles, beverages, topicals, capsules, and any device or accessory intended for use with any of the foregoing, whether intoxicating or non-intoxicating and regardless of legality.



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Council Comment - Joe Shaw

Joe Shaw has submitted a comment for Council. Please see the attached comment

Name	Joe Shaw
Phone number	[REDACTED]
Email address	[REDACTED]
	<p>Honorable Councilmembers,</p> <p>I am writing in response to recent objections to the Pride displays in Lincoln Libraries.</p> <p>I am dismayed by the comments of my council representative, Mr. Duden. In the neighborhood where I live — and that Mr. Duden represents — rainbow flags celebrating Pride are a common and welcome sight on my daily walks.</p> <p>What does Pride mean to me? It is affirmation. It is a signal that there are other people just like me. It is a declaration that I am not ashamed of who I am. I express it proudly and openly so that people like me don't have to feel alone or suffer in fear.</p> <p>When I was coming of age in the 1970s, I had few role models. Knowing there were others like me would have made my life easier and far less troubled.</p> <p>It is insulting that some would ask for materials about my community to be hidden away, as though we are something to be ashamed of. We are not. We are as our Creator made us — exactly as we were meant to be. For an adolescent struggling with identity, a Pride display in a library can lift a burden of shame that society has no right to place on something entirely</p>

Your
comment

natural and God-given. In some cases, such materials can save a child's life.

Consider the facts: Suicide is the second leading cause of death among young people aged 10 to 14. LGBTQ+ youth are more than four times as likely to attempt suicide as their peers, according to the Trevor Project. Pride materials in libraries save young lives.

I am an avid reader. I have read the Bible many times. I was raised a devoted Southern Baptist. And in my heart, I know that allyship is Christ's teaching. For me, Christ's essential teaching is found in Luke 10:27: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind — and your neighbor as yourself." Christ was not about fear. He was about love.

Councilman Duden, many of your neighbors are LGBTQ+ individuals and families. Represent us. That is all we ask. Give us the same respect you give every other constituent.

Fear has no place in this discussion. It only enters when someone is dividing people for political gain.

As we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, let us remember what it says: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

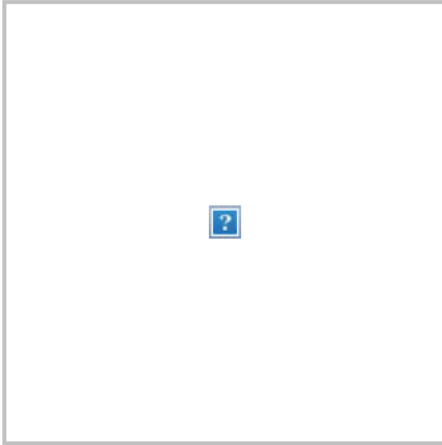
Censorship is un-American. From the very beginning, our Constitution protected freedom of the press through the First Amendment.

As a Library Board member, I am proud that Lincoln Libraries supports the free exchange of knowledge and upholds the principles of the American Library Association. Here in Lincoln, we stand against censorship and fear.

I ask you directly: What part of EQUAL, LIFE, LIBERTY, and the PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS do you not understand? These are not abstract ideals — they are elemental to the founding of America, and I believe with my whole heart that they represent

me and my family too.

Our city will thrive when we put our American values first —
and when we lead with love.



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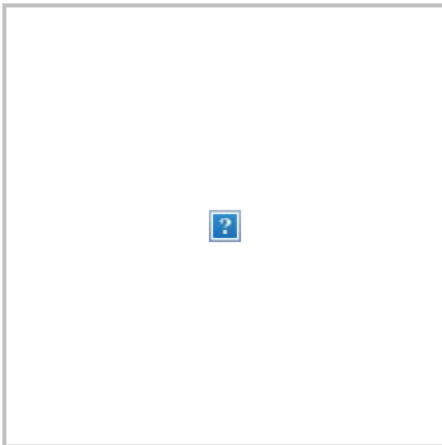
Council Comment - Dale McIntosh

Dale McIntosh has submitted a comment for Council. Please see the attached comment

Name	Dale McIntosh
Phone number	[REDACTED]
Email address	[REDACTED]
Your comment	<p>Council,</p> <p>I see Lincoln made number 4 on the crime stats list for the state of Nebraska. With the up coming mayor's budget I read where she wants to add something like 63 new positions. I know a few are fire and police but I fear that a lot of the positions will be redundant. We do not need more administration, we do need way more police. If this constant increase in taxes keeps happening I want more police not city employees running around that are not actual workers doing something the city really needs done. I watched a street repair the other day, nothing large and for this there were 7 employees on site for a 2 man job. I recently watched 3 park and rec employees remove a small dead branch, 1 working and two watching. The worker asked if I wanted the tree trimmed. Before I could get a word out the supervisor was going on about how much they had to do. They had the truck, chipper, three workers and could have done it in 20 minutes but instead it's another of the many trees that need trimmed yet in Lincoln. Please ensure this budget is really addressing</p>

what we need in Lincoln. Police should be at the top of the list and in large numbers.

Thank you,



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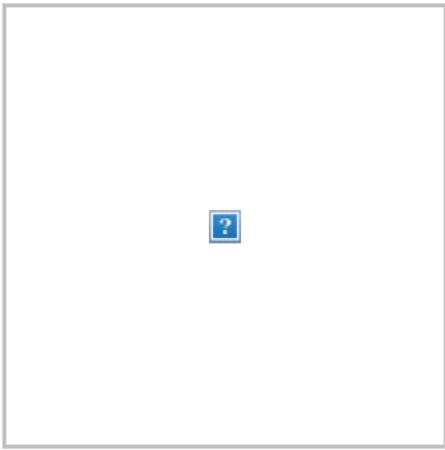
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Council Comment - Anne Harvey

Anne Harvey has submitted a comment for Council. Please see the attached comment

Name	Anne Harvey
Phone number	[REDACTED]
Email address	[REDACTED]
Your comment	<p>Good day, and the thank you for listening to my comment.</p> <p>Every work day, around 5:15 to 5:45, state employees crossing L Street to the parking garage risk being hit by cars. When the traffic is heavy and slows down, the timing of the lights doesn't inform the drivers that they need to stop. The timing of the lights is poor in the mornings as well, but there is less traffic, so not as dangerous. Every evening, I observe cars stopping in the middle of the crosswalk blocking pedestrians. Even worse, cars are many times oblivious to the existence of pedestrians and they fly through the crosswalk.</p> <p>I appreciate your attention. I've sent this to the SeeClickFix portal in the past and have not observed any changes.</p> <p>Thank you</p>



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