



City of Lincoln
CITY COUNCIL

No Directors' Meeting this week due to evening Council Meeting
This report is in lieu of an agenda for September 28, 2026

Next Directors' Meeting – 2 p.m. Monday, October 5

City Correspondence

Planning & Development	BP260918-1 Nebraska Capital Environs Commission
"	Administrative Approvals
City Clerk	City Council Action 9/21/26
LES	LES Administrative Board Meeting Minutes 9.18.26
LPD	Selection Ceremony for PSD Supervisors Ron Wever, Jayme Evans & Police Records Supervisor Diana Mendez!
"	3rd Annual LPD/LFR Halloween Swearing-In
"	LPD Awards Banquet - SAVE THE DATE!
City Attorney	Claims against the City set for Public Hearing 9/28/2026

Constituent Correspondence

Jeff Stevens	Banning Flock Cameras and Other Surveillance Systems
Vicky Valenta	Opposing Roundabout Construction
Wesley Newton	Waterford Trail — affected owners are not the HOA/Lake Association; use 98th / Holdrege / 104th
Vish Reddi for Near South Neighborhood Association	NSNA Annual Potluck - October 18

From: [Laura A. Tinnerstet](#)
To: [Benjamin A. Sobel](#)
Cc: [David R. Cary](#); [Shelli K. Reid](#)
Subject: BP260918-1 Nebraska Capital Environs Commission
Date: Friday, September 18, 2026 3:29:59 PM
Attachments: [BP260918-1 Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission.pdf](#)

Good afternoon,

Please see attached.

Thanks,



Laura Tinnerstet

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NEBRASKA CAPITOL ENVIRONS COMMISSION

The Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission will hold a meeting on **Friday, September 25, 2026 at 8:30 a.m.** in the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, in **City Council Chambers** on the 1st Floor. For more information, please contact the Lincoln City/Lancaster County Planning Department at 402-441-7491.

AGENDA

September 25, 2026

1. Approval of meeting record from August 28, 2026

Discuss & Advise

2. Cameron the Capitol Cat sculpture
3. Staff report & miscellaneous

**AT THIS TIME, ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK ON AN ITEM
NOT ON THE AGENDA, MAY DO SO.**

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From: [Laura A. Tinnerstet](#)
To: [Benjamin A. Sobel](#)
Cc: [Steve S. Henrichsen](#); [David R. Cary](#)
Subject: Administrative Approvals
Date: Wednesday, September 23, 2026 12:56:51 PM

Good afternoon,

There were no Administrative Approvals this week.

Thank you,



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Subject: City Council Action 9/21/26
Date: Tuesday, September 22, 2026 10:57:26 AM
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Please see the attached for the action from the City Council meeting of 9/21/26.

Thank you,



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**ACTION FROM THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2026 3:00 PM**

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT

MAYOR'S AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Mayor's Award of Excellence for the month of June 2026 is presented to the
Bridges to Careers Team in the category of Inclusion and Belonging.

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-428

Appointing Carmen Maurer to the Historic Preservation Commission for a term to expire April 15, 2028. **(ADOPTED, 7-0; A-95936)**

1.b. 26R-429

Appointing Jason Conrad to the Community Health Endowment Board of Trustees for a term to expire September 1, 2029. **(ADOPTED, 7-0; A-95937)**

1.c. 26R-430

Reappointing John Goldrich, Max Young, and Michelle Suarez to the Community Health Endowment Board of Trustees for terms to expire September 1, 2029. **(MTA #1 ADOPTED, 7-0; ADOPTED AS AMENDED, 7-0; A-95938)**

1.d. 26R-432

Reappointing David Williams and Jamie Carson to the StarTran Advisory Board for terms to expire September 20, 2029. **(ADOPTED, 7-0; A-95939)**

1.e. 26R-433

Reappointing Steve Hubka to the Police and Fire Pension Plan Investment Board for a term to expire September 1, 2031. **(ADOPTED, 7-0; A-95940)**

2. PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS

2.a. 26R-444

Setting the hearing date of Monday, October 5, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. on the Application of Paddle House, LLC dba Pickl'N Pickleball Club for a Class I Liquor License located at 2600 Kimco Drive, Suite 100. **(ADOPTED, 7-0; A-95941)**

2.b. PLACED ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

Administrative Amendment 26046, to Use Permit 17007A, Sandhills Global, was approved by the Planning and Development Services Director on September 9, 2026, to show W Grand Drive and W Harvest Drive to be vacated and converted to private roadways, along with vacating Chadderton Circle right of way, generally located at NW 1st Street and W Harvest Drive.

3. MISCELLANEOUS REFERRALS – NONE.

- VOTE ON CONSENT ITEMS -

4. PUBLIC HEARING – LIQUOR RESOLUTIONS

4.a. 26R-445

Application of Jim Nails, LLC dba Jim Nails for a Class I Liquor License located at 1245 Libra Drive, Suite 104. **(ADOPTED FOR APPROVAL, 7-0; A-95942)**

4.b. 26R-446

Manager Application of Vi Luu for Jim Nails, LLC dba Jim Nails located at 1245 Libra Drive, Suite 104. **(ADOPTED FOR APPROVAL, 7-0; A-95943)**

4.c. 26R-447

Application of Beatrice Petroleum, LLC dba NP Mart 36 for a Class D Liquor License located at 800 N 27th Street. **(ADOPTED FOR DENIAL, 7-0; A-95944)**

4.d. 26R-448

Manager Application of Anne Gordon for Beatrice Petroleum, LLC dba NP Mart 36 located at 800 N 27th Street. **(ADOPTED FOR DENIAL, 7-0; A-95945)**

4.e. 26R-449

Application of Yard Investments, LLC dba Gate 25 for special designated licenses to cover an outdoor area measuring approximately 74 feet by 308 feet at Canopy Street from R to Q Street on October 3, 10 & 31 and November 21, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. **(ADOPTED FOR APPROVAL, 7-0; A-95946)**

4.f. 26R-450

Application of Home Grown Industries Lincoln dba Mellow Mushroom for special designated licenses to cover an outdoor area measuring approximately 74 feet by 308 feet at Canopy Street from R to Q Street on October 3, 10 & 31 and November 21, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. **(ADOPTED FOR APPROVAL, 7-0; A-95947)**

- 4.g. 26R-451
Application of Landshark Realty Group, LLC dba The CORNER Bar for special designated licenses to cover an outdoor area measuring approximately 74 feet by 308 feet at Canopy Street from R to Q Street on October 3, 10 & 31 and November 21, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. **(ADOPTED FOR APPROVAL, 7-0; A-95948)**
- 4.h. 26R-452
Application of Landshark Realty Group, LLC dba Tank's Country for special designated licenses to cover an outdoor area measuring approximately 74 feet by 308 feet at Canopy Street from R to Q Street on October 3, 10 & 31 and November 21, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. **(ADOPTED FOR APPROVAL, 7-0; A-95949)**
- 4.i. 26R-453
Application of Yin Family, LLC dba Hiro 88 Bar for special designated licenses to cover an outdoor area measuring approximately 74 feet by 308 feet at Canopy Street from R to Q Street on October 3, 10 & 31 and November 21, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. **(ADOPTED FOR APPROVAL, 7-0; A-95950)**
- 4.j. 26R-454
Application of JDHQ Hotels, LLC dba Embassy Suites for special designated licenses to cover an outdoor area measuring approximately 100 feet by 105 feet at 1040 P Street on October 3, 10 & 31 and November 21, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. **(ADOPTED FOR APPROVAL, 7-0; A-95951)**
- 4.k. 26R-455
Application of ARAMARK Sports and Entertainment Services, LLC dba Memorial Stadium for a special designated license to cover an outdoor area measuring approximately 33 feet by 30 feet at One Memorial Drive on October 10, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. **(ADOPTED FOR APPROVAL, 7-0; A-95952)**

- VOTE ON LIQUORS -

5. PUBLIC HEARING - RESOLUTIONS

- 5.a. 26R-434
Accepting and approving the report of new and pending claims against the City for August 16 through August 31, 2026. **(ADOPTED, 7-0; A-95953)**
- 5.b. 26R-435
Approving the agreement with Public Consulting Group for consulting services related to cost recovery on Nebraska's Ground Emergency Medical Transport (GEMT) program with Medicaid. **(ADOPTED, 7-0; A-95954)**

5.c. 26R-436
Amending the FY 2025-2026 CIP to authorize and appropriate \$40,000 in TIF funds for the Creative Placemaking within the Mid-South Belmont Revitalization TIF District. **(ADOPTED, 6-1; A-95955)**

5.d. 26R-437
Amending the FY 2025-2026 CIP to authorize and appropriate \$1,500,000 in TIF funds for the University Place Commercial Corridor Facade Restoration and Streetscape Enhancement Project. **(ADOPTED, 7-0; A-95956)**

- VOTE ON RESOLUTIONS -

6. PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCES 2ND READING & RELATED RESOLUTIONS (ITEMS 6.a. THROUGH 6.f. HAD 2ND READING, SEE ITEM 6.a.)

6.a. 26-71
Street and Alley Vacation 26007- Application of the City of Lincoln to vacate the eastwest alley generally located between South 13th Street and South 14th Street and L Street and M Street. **(7/27/26 - Delayed with Continued Public Hearing for two weeks to 8/10/26) (8/10/26 - Verbal Motion to Delay with continued public hearing for 2 weeks to 8/24/26) (8/24/26 - Verbal Motion to Delay with Continued Public Hearing and Action for 3 weeks to 9/21/26.) (PASSED, 7-0; #21921)**

6.b. 26-102
Approving the lease agreement between the City of Lincoln and Larry Wulf for the lease of space by Aging Partners for the Medicaid Waiver program at 820 North 9th Street, Geneva, NE, from September 1, 2026 to August 31, 2028.

6.c. 26-103
Text Amendment 26008 - Request of Lincoln Lutheran School Association to amend Lincoln Municipal Code Section 27.63.170 to include schools in the listed use types that allow parking lots under a special permit. **(Related Items: 26-103, 26R-438)**

6.d. 26R-438
Special Permit 26032- Application of Lincoln Lutheran Association to allow a Parking Lot in an R-2 district for property located at 1100 North 56th Street, with associated waiver. **(Related Items: 26-103, 26R-438)**

6.e. 26-104
Change of Zone 26016- Application of the City of Lincoln Parks and Recreation department to change the zoning from AG (Agriculture) to P (Public) on approximately 154.88 acres of property generally located at the northwest corner of North 27th Street and Arbor Road. **(Related Items: 26-104, 26-105)**

- 6.f. 26-105
Annexation 26008- Application of the City of Lincoln Parks and Recreation department to annex approximately 154.88 acres, generally located at the northwest corner of North 27th Street and Arbor Road. **(Related Items: 26-104, 26-105)**

- END PUBLIC HEARING -

7. ORDINANCES - 3RD READING & RELATED RESOLUTIONS

- 7.a. 26-92
Amending Lincoln Municipal Code Section 12.08.270 relating to Alcoholic Liquor Prohibited; Exceptions and Permit Requirements to allow alcohol in the Cottonwood Commons Building at Canopy Yard when the building is not otherwise open to the public. **(PASSED, 7-0; #21922)**
- 7.b. 26-93
Change of Zone 26015- Application of Fredrick and Vera Porter to change the zoning designation from AGR (Agricultural Residential District) to R-1 (Residential District) on property generally located at 4101 South 88th Street. City initiated change of zone from AGR to R-1 of that portion of Outlot A, Hunters Addition which is currently zoned AGR. **(PASSED, 7-0; #21923)**
- 7.c. 26-94
Change of Zone 26014- Application of Terry and Christine Hagan and LA Real Estate to change the zoning designations from R-2 (Residential District) and O-2 (Suburban Office District) to R-4 (Residential District) on property generally located east of North 48th Street between Francis and Martin Street. **(PASSED, 7-0; #21924)**
- 7.d. 26-95
Approving the lease agreement between the City of Lincoln and Rex and Jane Rehmer for the lease of space by Aging Partners for its Senior Center program at 370 North 5th Street, David City, NE, from September 1, 2026 to August 31, 2028. **(PASSED, 7-0; #21925)**
- 7.e. 26-96
Approving the lease agreement between City of Lincoln, and Grace Lutheran Church, for the lease of space by Aging Partners for its Senior Center program at 2225 Washington St. Lincoln, NE, from September 1, 2026, through August 31, 2028. **(PASSED, 7-0; #21926)**
- 7.f. 26-97
Approving the lease agreement between City of Lincoln and Village of Malcolm for the lease space by Aging Partners for its Senior Center Program at 137 E. 2nd Street, Malcom, NE, from September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2028. **(PASSED, 7-0; #21927)**

- 7.g. 26-98
Approving the lease agreement between the City of Lincoln and Americans Legion Post # 280 for the lease of space by Aging Partners for its Senior Center program at 970 Monroe, Bennet, NE, from September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2028. **(PASSED, 7-0; #21928)**
- 7.h. 26-99
Approving the lease agreement between City of Lincoln and Village of Firth, for the lease of space by Aging Partners for its Senior Center program at 311 Nemaha St., Firth, NE, from September 1, 2026, through August 31, 2028. **(PASSED, 7-0; #21929)**
- 7.i. 26-100
Approving the lease agreement between City of Lincoln and City of Hickman, NE, for the lease of space by Aging Partners for its Senior Center program at 115 Locust Street, Hickman, NE, from September 1, 2026, through August 31, 2028. **(PASSED, 7-0; #21930)**
- 7.j. 26-101
Approving the lease agreement between City of Lincoln and Polk County, NE, for the lease of space by Aging Partners for its Senior Center program at 400 Hawkeye Street, Osceola, NE, from September 1, 2026, through August 31, 2028. **(PASSED, 7-0; #21931)**

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

- 8.a. 26R-456
Appointing Maria Lechado Moraga and Makenna Kroeger to the Mayor's Multicultural Advisory Committee for terms to expire September 1, 2027.
- 8.b. 26R-457
Appointing Holly Bowen to the Commission on Women and Gender for a term to expire September 1, 2027.
- 8.c. 26R-458
Reappointing Amanda Baron and Jill Flagel to the Mayor's Multicultural Advisory Committee for terms to expire September 18, 2029.
- 8.d. 26R-459
Approving the Construction Engineering Services Supplemental Agreement No. 1 for construction engineering services related to the pavement rehabilitation project on Cornhusker Highway, from 39th Street to L55X, LCLC-6-6(165), CN13497, City Project #705551.

8.e. 26R-460

Accepting and approving the report of new and pending claims against the City for September 1 through September 15, 2026.

8.f. 26R-461

Approving an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Lincoln, on behalf of the Lincoln Police Department and the State of Nebraska, on behalf of the Nebraska State Patrol, to provide for the development, administration, implementation, management, and evaluation of a relationship of the parties to conduct joint narcotics investigations.

9. ORDINANCES - 1ST READING & RELATED RESOLUTIONS (ITEM 9.a. HAD 1ST READING)

9.a. 26-106

Adopting the supplements to the Lincoln Municipal Code dated June 2025 and December 2025 as part of the official Lincoln Municipal Code.

10. PENDING LIST (EXTENDED ONE WEEK)

10.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)**

10.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)**

10.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 September, open microphone sessions will be held on September 21 & September 28, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT 4:22P.M.

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From: [Kellie Cave](#)
Subject: LES Administrative Board Meeting Minutes 9.18.26
Date: Wednesday, September 23, 2026 4:26:27 PM
Attachments: [09-September 18, 2026 Administrative Board Minutes.pdf](#)

Good afternoon,

Please see the attached minutes from the September 18th 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, September 18, 2026, at the Kevin Wailes Operations Center, 9445 Rokeby Rd., Lincoln, Nebraska. Public notice of today's meeting was published in the Lincoln Journal Star on September 11, 2026.

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

Board Members Absent: David Spinar.

LES Staff Present: Emeka Anyanwu, Emily Koenig, David Malcom, Katie Lechner, Paul Crist, Jason Fortik, Shelley Sahling-Zart, Jim Rigg, Jennifer Bangert, Steve Bartunek, Marc Shkolnick, Scott Benson, Nathan Walters, Joe Cocklin, Wade Leibbrandt, Jessi Stilwagon, Kelley Porter, Keith Snyder, Denise Parrott, Kellie Cave.

Others Present: Nathan Svatora, Kim Morrow, and numerous virtual participants via Microsoft Teams.

News Media Present: Tomer Ronen, Lincoln Journal Star.

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 that a copy of the Act is posted on the wall at the back of the room and available from the Assistant Secretary. Shelley Sahling-Zart, General Counsel, reviewed the duties and responsibilities of LES Board members.

Call to Order, Safety Briefing, and Board Member Duties and Responsibilities

Secretary Eskridge moved to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2026, LES Administrative Board meeting. Andy Hunzeker seconded the motion. The vote for approval of the minutes was:

***Approval of Minutes**

Aye: Carl Eskridge, Andy Hunzeker, Chelsea Johnson, Lucas Sabalka, Eric Schafer.

Nay: None

Abstain: Kate Bolz, Alyssa Martin, Donna Garden.

Absent: David Spinar.

Ken Winston, speaking on behalf of the Nebraska Sierra Club, expressed continued appreciation for LES employees, services, and programs. Winston also shared comments regarding renewable energy, the proposed rate structure for 2027, facilities charges, and potential impacts to residential customers.

Comments from Customers

Emily Koenig, Vice President of Financial Services and Chief Financial Officer, introduced Jennifer Bangert, Specialist II, Energy Solutions, and recognized her for 20 years of dedicated service. The Board congratulated Bangert on this achievement.

Introduction and Recognition of Staff

Paul Crist, Chief Operating Officer, introduced Steve Bartunek, Night Service Technician, and recognized him for 50 years of commitment and service to LES. Shelley Sahling-Zart, General Counsel, also offered comments of appreciation and recognition. The Board congratulated Bartunek on this achievement.

Chelsea Johnson, Chair of the Operations & Power Supply Committee, reported on committee discussions held on August 26 and September 3, 2026, including: 1) TBGS South Power Block Expansion Project Update, 2) FERC Order 719 Overview and Status, 3) 2026 NERC Audit Results Overview, 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 September 4, 2026 including: 1) 2027 Preliminary Budget & Rates Review. (Exhibit II)

Finance Committee Report

Jessi Stilwagon, Lead, Compensation and HRIS Admin, provided an overview of the 2026 LES/IBEW United Way campaign. Stilwagon reported that the campaign reflected strong employee participation and engagement, exceeded its overall goals, and included several activities and outreach efforts that connected employees with United Way's impact in the community. She recognized the campaign committee and thanked employees for their support. (Exhibit III)

2026 United Way Campaign Report

Emily Koenig, Vice President of Financial Services and Chief Financial Officer, provided an overview of the proposed 2027 budget, rates and financing plans. She reviewed the timeline for Board consideration, including anticipated action on related resolutions in October before the proposed budget is forwarded to the Lincoln City Council. Koenig reviewed proposed operating and capital budget items, anticipated power cost and transmission expense impacts, financing authorization needs, and the proposed rate path. She noted the proposal supports continued investment in system reliability, capacity and future load growth needs. Board discussion included questions regarding residential customer impacts, customer income data, facilities charges, projected transmission cost increases and refinancing options for transmission costs. (Exhibit IV)

2027 Proposed Budget & Rates

Scott Benson, Director of Strategy & Innovation, provided an update on the renewable request for information process. Benson reported that LES is evaluating renewable energy opportunities that could provide long-term value, support future resource needs and allow LES to consider available federal clean energy tax incentives. Benson noted that while current forecasts do not show an immediate need for additional generation capacity, LES issued a public request for information regarding wind or solar power purchase agreements and is reviewing responses as part of its long-term resource planning. Actual costs and rate impacts will depend on the outcome of the evaluation process and any future discussions with developers. (Exhibit V)

Renewable RFI Status Update

The next regular meeting of the LES Administrative Board will be held Friday, October 16, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. at the Kevin Wailes Operations Center, 9445 Rokeby Road.

Next Meeting

Without further business before the Board, Chair Sabalka declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:15 a.m.

Adjournment

Carl Eskridge, Secretary

BY: Kellie Cave
Kellie Cave, Assistant Secretary

Exhibit I



Operations and Power Supply Committee Meeting Summary September 3, 2026

Attendees: C. Johnson (Committee Chair), A. Martin, L. Sabalka, D. Spinar
E. Anyanwu, S. Benson, P. Crist, J. Fortik, D. Malcom, J. Meyer, A. Nelson, T. Rajewski, E.
Ruskamp, M. Shkolnick, S. Sahling-Zart, N. Wischhof

TBGS South Power Block Expansion Project Update (Nick Wischhof, Tim Rajewski):

- 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 owner furnished equipment packages. The bid package for procuring a general construction contractor is expected to be issued in early September 2026 with the bidding process, bid evaluations, negotiations, and contract signing expected to conclude by early March 2027.
- The Southwest Power Pool expedited resource adequacy study and generator interconnection agreements have been fully executed for this project.
- The recently formed LES Project Management Office is engaging in the project and will be providing additional visibility, reporting, risk monitoring, schedule management, and other helpful project management functions for the project.

FERC Order 719 Overview and Status (Jessica Meyer, Marc Shkolnick):

- Staff provided an overview of FERC Order 719 that adopted rules for demand response.
- Staff provided an overview of the existing demand response programs LES has in place for customers.
- Future updates will be provided to the Committee on the ongoing status and efforts of LES staff regarding demand response.

2026 NERC Audit Results Overview (Eric Ruskamp):

- MRO conducts onsite compliance audits of LES's adherence to the NERC Reliability Standards every three years, LES's most recent audit occurred during the February through June timeframe this year.
- Prior to the audit, staff performed its annual internal review of all NERC standards applicable to LES to prepare for the audit. The compliance audit included a focus on certain NERC Operations & Planning standards and certain NERC Critical Infrastructure Protection standards.
- Cold weather preparedness and cyber system information, access, and change management comprised most of the audit focus areas.
- There was one Potential Non-Compliance, one Area of Concern, and one Recommendation identified. LES's Regulatory Compliance staff and subject matter experts are working through the post-audit process with MRO on these items.
- The auditors noted several Positive Observations that included commending LES staff for being ".....responsive, cooperative, and well prepared....."

Renewable Resource Evaluation (Scott Benson):

- The Committee also met with staff on August 26th to continue the discussion on the possibility of LES contracting for renewable generation to be added to its resource portfolio.
- Evaluation of the vendor responses to LES's recently issued Request for Information continues. Additional status updates will continue to be brought before the Committee.

Exhibit II



Finance Committee – September 4, 2026 (In-Person)

Attendees: K. Bolz (Chair), C. Eskridge, E. Schafer, L. Sabalka, E. Anyanwu, E. Koenig, S. Sahling-Zart, D. Malcom, K. Lechner, W. Leibbrandt, J. Cocklin

1. 2027 Preliminary Budget & Rates Review (Emily, Wade & Joe)

Note: This information will be presented in detail by Emily during the presentation of the proposed budget and rates at today's board meeting.

- a. The committee reviewed the preliminary 2027 budget and potential rate adjustment.
- b. Staff presented several rate case scenarios for consideration by the committee.
- c. Additionally, there was discussion about the possible rate impacts related to a potential solar addition being considered by LES.
- d. The committee determined the proposed budget and rate adjustments to be presented to the board at today's meeting.

Exhibit III

LES/IBEW United Way 2026 Campaign Report

Co-Chairs

Jessi Stilwagon, Employee Services | Trent Anderson, Energy Delivery | Taletha Kryzsko, Technology Services



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Cc: [Benjamin A. Sobel](#)
Subject: Selection Ceremony for PSD Supervisors Ron Wever, Jayme Evans & Police Records Supervisor Diana Mendez!
Date: Thursday, September 24, 2026 10:15:12 AM

Good day LPD!

Please join Chief Morrow, Assistant Chiefs Stille and Dale in congratulating Jayme Evans and Ron Wever for being selected as Public Safety Dispatch Supervisors and Diana Mendez for being selected as Police Records Supervisor! A selection ceremony will be held **Thursday, October 1, from 1500-1600 hours at the LPD Classrooms B & C**. If you are able to, stop by and congratulate them on their accomplishments!

Thank you!



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Benjamin A. Sobel

Subject: 3rd Annual LPD/LFR Halloween Swearing-In
Location: 6601 Pine Lake Road

Start: Thu 10/29/2026 5:00 PM
End: Thu 10/29/2026 8:00 PM
Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Organizer: Erika Thomas
Required Attendees: Erika Thomas; Michon Morrow; Jason Stille; Ryan Dale; Mary J. Lierman; Jason Hellmuth; Roy Rivera Barcenas; Duane A. Winkler; Mayde McGuire; Cassandra Nissen; Andre O'Connor; Sara Genoways; Donald Scheinost; Patrick Murphy; Ben Kopsa; Justin Armstrong; Tom J. Beckius; Tom Duden; David T. Engler; Max Hubka; Tarvis Banks; Dustin Romshek
Optional Attendees: Benjamin A. Sobel; Mairead Rew; Garret C. Swanson; Tom Beckius <tbeckius@theinagroup.com>; Shawn Woods; Bradley Junker

Categories: Copied to Directors' Report

UPDATE (9/24/2026) | The event is LIVE on social media:

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1071779622228798/>

X: https://x.com/Lincoln_Police/status/2103148113636548738

RSVP link: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/lincolnpolicedepartment/2424775>

Looking forward to seeing everyone there! Please reach out with any questions or issues in the next month before the event on Thursday, October 29. Assignments are listed below. Thanks! Erika

Hello everyone! Hard to believe we're planning for October, but it'll be here before we know it. That means it's time for our **3rd Annual Halloween Swearing-In** with LPD and LFR, where kids dress up as police officers or firefighters and get "sworn in" to the departments.

Please **SAVE THE DATE** for **Thursday, October 29 from 6-7:30 p.m.** at the Public Safety Center – SE Team Station & Fire Station 15. New this year, we'll be working with LPU to design custom mini patches for the kids being sworn in as police officers!

@Ben Kopsa and I have already confirmed the date and added it to the calendar. In the fall, I will set up a Facebook event and an RSVP link through Ticket Tailor so we can make sure we don't have parking overflow issues. I have tagged everyone below with various requests. Please advise if you're not able to assist.

EVENT TIMELINE:

SETUP/PREP: 5-6 PM (*families start showing up by 5:45 or so*)

EVENT: 6-7:30 PM – touch-a-truck, photos with chiefs, pass out candy/swag

Session #1 (6-6:45): 6:30 PM swearing-in with council members, chiefs (earlier crowd)
(*people move in and out around 6:45 for parking availability*)

Session #2 (6:45-7:30): 7:15 PM swearing-in with council members, chiefs (later crowd)

CLEAN-UP: 7:30-8 PM

NEEDS:

[@Erika Thomas](#) – create/manage Ticket Tailor RSVPs, create Facebook event, media invite, extra parking at Franklin drywall, Dunkin' donation, setup/event management

[@Mary J. Lierman](#) – LFR rigs and setup truck bags, LFR swag, LFR Explorers to assist, Sparky the Fire Dog, setup/event management

[@Jason Hellmuth](#) – Diplomat & recruiting vehicle, LPD Explorers to assist, child ID kits, transport LPD backdrops for photos

[@Roy Rivera Barcnas](#) – PA system for using during event, help passing out treats (if you're available again!)

[@Duane A. Winkler](#) – transport & setup of command post

[@Romshek](#) [@Cassandra Nissen](#) [@Andre O'Connor](#) – LPD swag from E&P, recruiting table at event (?) – could sell America 250 patches

[@Sara Genoways](#) – Motor Unit bike from Traffic Unit (again this year, please!)

[@Donald Scheinost](#) [@Patrick Murphy](#) – Bike Patrol officer with e-bike (new this year, if possible!)

[@Ben Kopsa](#) [@Justin Armstrong](#) – setup and reserve space at SE, coordinate officers to attend

[@Tom J. Beckius](#) [@Tom Duden](#) – candy/treat donations & help manning the tables

[@Michon Morrow](#) [@David T. Engler](#) – chiefs present for “photos with the chiefs”

Would love ACs and Team Captains to attend if possible ([@Jason Stille](#) [@Ryan Dale](#) [@Donald Scheinost](#) [@Max Hubka](#) [@Ben Kopsa](#) [@Tarvis Banks](#))

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Cc: [Benjamin A. Sobel](#)
Subject: SAVE THE DATE!
Date: Thursday, September 24, 2026 10:45:02 AM
Attachments: [2027 LPD Awards Banquet Save The Date.png](#)

Please mark your calendars for the **5th Annual LPD Awards Banquet & Ceremony** on **Friday, March 19, 2027!**

This year's event is extra special as we celebrate the 5th anniversary of our awards banquet. It's an opportunity to come together and recognize the incredible work happening across the Lincoln Police Department.

The banquet is **FREE** for ALL LPD employees (sworn and professional staff), a plus one and children. The evening includes a delicious meal, entertainment and much more. We hope you'll join us to celebrate the people, accomplishments and contributions that make our department so special.

More information about nominations, the event and how to RSVP will be coming soon. We look forward to celebrating with you!

LPD Awards Committee



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LINCOLN STATION GREAT HALL
5-8 PM



From: [Sue K Burgason](#)
To: [Benjamin A. Sobel](#)
Cc: [Yohance L. Christie](#); [Sarah J. Rada](#)
Subject: Claims against the City set for Public Hearing 9/28/2026
Date: Tuesday, September 22, 2026 2:25:20 PM
Attachments: [26R-460 Resolution.pdf](#)
[26R-460 Claims Report.pdf](#)
[Letter to Mark Ballmer re Claim 9.11.2026.pdf](#)
[Letter to Jordan Spatz re Claim 9.11.2026.pdf](#)
[Letter to Leslie & Sharon Cook re Claim 9.11.2026.pdf](#)
[Letter to Shayna Pratt re Claim 9.17.2026.pdf](#)
[Letter to Brianna Salts re Claim 9.17.2026.pdf](#)
[Letter to Amy Schaffer re Claim 9.11.2026.pdf](#)
[Letter to Steven Moore re Claim 9.11.2026.pdf](#)

Ben: Attached is Resolution and Claims Report that is set for public hearing on September 28, 2026, and letters to claimants that are on the list of denied claims.



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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 September 16, 2026, of new and pending tort claims filed with the
4 Office of City Attorney or the Office of City Clerk, as well as claims which
5 have been disposed of, are hereby received as required by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-
6 905 (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>
8		
9	Mark Ballmer \$ 230.00	Dillon Ballagh \$68,463.00
10	Jordan Spatz 807.51	Richard Burianek 287.55
11	Leslie & Sharon Cook 3,573.51	Michelle Strange 1,600.00
12	Shayna Pratt Unspecified Amount	
13	Brianna Salts Unspecified Amount	
14	Amy Schaffer 341.19	
15	Steven Moore Unspecified Amount	

16 The City Attorney is hereby directed to mail to claimants listed herein a
17 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



September 16, 2026

Mayor & City Council
Lincoln, Nebraska

RE: Report of Claims Against City of Lincoln for September 1 through September 15, 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 September 1 through September 15, 2026. This report will describe claims and dispositions or status of these claims.

DENIED CLAIMS:

Mark Ballmer filed claim during the month of May 2026 in the amount of \$230.00 for damage to sprinkler system due to possible water hammer that occurred when Lincoln Fire and Rescue responded to garage fire in the vicinity of claimant's property. This claim has been reviewed by this office and has been **denied**.

Jordan Spatz filed claim during the month of June 2026 in the amount of \$807.51 for expense incurred to remove fallen tree limb and damage to fence as the result of fallen tree limb. This claim has been reviewed by this office and has been **denied**.

Leslie and Sharon Cook filed claim during the month of June 2026 in the amount of \$3,573.51 for damage to property due to possible water hammer that occurred when Lincoln Fire and Rescue responded to garage fire in the vicinity of claimants' property. This claim has been reviewed by this office and has been **denied**.

Shayna Pratt filed claim during the month of July 2026 in an unspecified amount for damage to vehicle as the result of fallen tree limb. This claim has been reviewed by this office and has been **denied**.

Brianna Salts filed claim during the month of July 2026 in an unspecified amount for damage to vehicle as the result of fallen tree limb. This claim has been reviewed by this office and has been **denied**.

Amy Schaffer filed claim during the month of July 2026 in the amount of \$341.19 for damage to vehicle as the result of fallen tree limb. This claim has been reviewed by this office and has been **denied**.

Steven Moore filed claim during the month of July 2026 in an unspecified amount for damage to rental vehicle as the result of fallen tree limb. This claim has been reviewed by this office and has been **denied**.

ALLOWED AND SETTLED CLAIMS:

Dillon Ballagh filed claim during the month of October 2025 in the amount of \$500,000 for injury incurred as the result of fall from wheelchair while claimant was passenger on StarTran van. This claim has been reviewed by this office and has been **settled** in the amount of \$68,463.00.

Richard Burianek filed claim during the month of July 2026 in the amount of \$287.55 for damage to tire as the result of striking an exposed metal plate in curb. This claim has been reviewed by this office and has been **allowed** in the amount of \$287.55.

Michelle Strange filed claim during the month of August 2026 in the amount of \$1,600 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 \$1,600.

PENDING CLAIMS:

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Lisa Gordon filed claim during the month of March 2026 in an unspecified amount for alleged injury incurred as the result of accident involving StarTran bus. This claim is under review and is pending.

Matthew Pewthers filed claim during the month of April 2026 in the amount of \$205.73 for damage to property when struck by tree limb from tree that was being removed by City Forestry personnel. This claim is under review and is pending.

Judy Johnson filed claim during the month of April 2026 in the amount of \$1,000,000 for injury incurred when claimant fell on StarTran van. This claim is under review and is pending.

United States Postal Service filed claim during the month of April 2026 in the amount of \$264.56 for damage to vehicle as the result of accident involving City vehicle. This claim is under review and is pending.

Raymond Hill filed claim during the month of May 2026 in an unspecified amount for alleged injury incurred while claimant was passenger on StarTran bus that was involving in accident. This claim is under review and is pending.

Lillian Tangeman filed claim during the month of May 2026 in the amount of \$150,000 for alleged injury incurred as the result of trip and fall on sidewalk. This claim is under review and is pending.

Norman Sefrna filed claim during the month of May 2026 in the amount of \$52,200 for injury and damage to motorcycle when the motorcycle that claimant was operating struck a no U-turn sign laying in the street. This claim is under review and is pending.

Abdul Ghafoor filed claim during the month of May 2026 in an unspecified amount for damage to vehicle as the result of fallen tree limb. This claim is under review and is pending.

Sue Sun filed claim during the month of May 2026 in an unspecified amount for injury incurred as the result of trip and fall incident at Holmes Lake Park walking trail. This claim is under review and is pending.

LaMia Union filed claim during the month of May 2026 in the amount of \$6,000 for injury incurred when claimant was exiting StarTran bus. This claim is under review and is pending.

SubroClaims on behalf of Geico as subrogee of Teri and Armando Chavez filed claim during the month of May 2026 in the amount of \$18,606.53 for damage to insureds' vehicle as the result of accident involving City snowplow. This claim is under review and is pending.

USAA as subrogee of Jo and Bruce Waldo filed claim during the month of May 2026 in the amount of \$16,833.53 for damage to insureds' vehicle as the result of accident involving City snowplow. This claim is under review and is pending.

Alexa Morales Compos filed claim during the month of May 2026 in an unspecified amount for damage to vehicle as the result of fallen tree limb. This claim is under review and is pending.

Richard and Debra Nogorski filed claim during the month of May 2026 in the amount of \$81.13 for damage to mailbox when struck by City equipment. This claim is under review and is pending.

Barb Bailey filed claim during the month of June 2026 in the amount of \$166.78 for damage to sprinkler system as the result of action by L.E.S. This claim is pending review and ratification by L.E.S. Administrative Board.

Daniel Black filed claim during the month of June 2026 in the amount of \$128.34 for damage to sprinkler system as the result of action by L.E.S. This claim is pending review and ratification by L.E.S. Administrative Board.

Jack Skivanek filed claim during the month of June 2026 in the amount of \$400.00 for damage to mailbox when struck by City vehicle. This claim is under review and is pending.

Christopher Kortum filed claim during the month of July 2026 in the amount of \$657.51 for damage to sprinkler system as the result of sidewalk construction. This claim is under review and is pending.

First Evangelical Covenant Church filed claim during the month of July 2026 in the amount of \$304.20 for damage to sprinkler system as the result of water improvement project. This claim is under review and is pending.

Maddox Logistics Corporation filed claim during the month of July 2026 in the amount of \$1,291.27 for damage to delivery vehicle when struck by Aging vehicle. This claim is under review and is pending.

Zlatko Hadzisabic filed claim during the month of July 2026 in the amount of \$699.87 for water bill that claimant alleges was excessive due to new water meter and pipes installed at and in the vicinity of claimant's property. This claim is under review and is pending.

Melissa Freye filed claim during the month of July 2026 in the amount of \$8,139.43 for damage to vehicle when allegedly struck by debris from mower while parked at Wilderness Park Trailhead. This claim is under review and is pending.

Westlake Financial Services filed claim during the month of July 2026 in the amount of \$1,643.00 for proceeds from sale of vehicle. This claim is under review and is pending.

Clinton Brooks Jr. filed claim during the month of July 2026 in the amount of \$250,000 for alleged damages related to incident involving Lincoln police. This claim is under review and is pending.

Michael Miller filed claim during the month of July 2026 in the amount of \$777.56 for expense incurred as the result of sewer back-up. This claim is under review and is pending.

Lailoma Ayubzai filed claim during the month of July 2026 in the amount of \$190,000 for damage to property as the result of fallen tree. This claim is under review and is pending.

Jeffery Holt Jr. filed claim during the month of July 2026 in an unspecified amount for alleged injury incurred when claimant encountered uneven sidewalk as he was operating an e-scooter bike on sidewalk. This claim is under review and is pending.

Mary Lynn Froeschle and Pat Donahue filed claim during the month of July 2026 in the amount of \$15,736.86 for damage to property as the result of water main construction in the vicinity of claimants' property. This claim is under review and is pending.

Jade Lobo on behalf of minor child Ben Lobo filed claim during the month of July 2026 in the amount of \$33,000 for injury incurred to her son while attending summer recreation program at Calvert Recreation Center. On August 13, 2026, claimant increased demand to \$100,000. This claim is under review and is pending.

Ahmad Jan Khaz Yar filed claim during the month of August 2026 in the amount of \$297.81 for damage to vehicle as the result of fallen tree limb. This claim is under review and is pending.

Bryan Gray filed claim during the month of August 2026 in the amount of \$1,200,000 for damages related to alleged retaliation for becoming a whistleblower concerning safety issues at L.E.S. This claim is pending review and ratification by L.E.S. Administrative Board.

Rick Bott filed claim during the month of August 2026 in the amount of \$50,000 for injury incurred when claimant allegedly fell on broken concrete in gutter/street. This claim is under review and is pending.

John Korus filed claim during the month of August 2026 in the amount of \$1,850.00 for damage to trailer as the result of accident involving StarTran bus. This claim is under review and is pending.

Angel Alvarez filed claim during the month of August 2026 in an unspecified amount for damage to windshield of vehicle as the result of fallen bark from City tree. This claim is under review and is pending.

Chris Krivda filed claim during the month of August 2026 in the amount of \$950.00 for damage to vehicle as the result of striking tree limb. This claim is under review and is pending.

Conor DoRan filed claim during the month of August 2026 in an unspecified amount for alleged damage to property as the result of water main project in 2024. This claim is under review and is pending.

Lauren Myers filed claim during the month of August 2026 in the amount of \$5,300.00 for damage to vehicle as the result of obstruction and flooding on City street. This claim is under review and is pending.

Kyan Lacher filed claim during the month of August 2026 in the amount of \$1,000 for damage allegedly incurred to windshield when parking enforcement officer placed parking violation ticket under windshield wiper. This claim is under review and is pending.

Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach filed claim during the month of August 2026 in the amount of \$95.00 for expense incurred during sewer maintenance activity. This claim is under review and is pending.

Dean Investments LLC filed claim during the month of August 2026 in the amount of \$1,957.99 for damage to rental property as the result of action by Lincoln police. This claim is under review and is pending.

Emily Varenhorst-Johnson filed claim during the month of August 2026 in an unspecified amount for damage to vehicle as the result of accident involving City vehicle. This claim is under review and is pending.

NEW CLAIMS FILED DURING PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 15, 2026:

Jerry Vaughn Taylor filed claim in an unspecified amount for injury incurred when claimant stepped on displaced manhole cover. This claim is under review and is pending.

Justin Drewes filed claim in the amount of \$198.00 for damage to tire as the result of striking fallen light pole. This claim is under review and is pending.

Suvarna Ganadal filed claim in an unspecified amount for damage to vehicle as the result of accident involving StarTran bus. This claim is under review and is pending.

Paul Valenti filed claim in the amount of \$750.00 for damage to vehicle while parked at a Park & Go garage. This claim is under review and is pending.

Angela Bettenhausen filed claim in the amount of \$772.81 for damage to tire rim as the result of striking a displaced water main cap in the street. This claim is under review and is pending.

Jami Crutchfield filed claim in the amount of \$3,844.89 for damage to property as the result of fallen tree limb. This claim is under review and is pending.

Jacob Kimbrough filed claim in the amount of \$300.00 for damage to sprinkler system as the result of tree stump removal activity. This claim is under review and is pending.

Marchelle Versaw filed claim in the amount of \$6,539.94 for damage to vehicle as the result of fallen tree limb. This claim is under review and is pending.

Vayda Grayce Kirchman filed claim in an unspecified amount for damage to vehicle as the result of fallen tree limb. This claim is under review and is pending.

Jake Davis filed claim in an unspecified amount for damage to vehicle when struck by StarTran bus. This claim is under review and is pending.

Nate Bird filed claim in the amount of \$16,831.11 for damage to vehicle as the result of fallen tree limb. This claim is under review and is pending.

Matthew Birch filed claim in an unspecified amount for injury incurred when claimant fell as he was exiting StarTran bus. This claim is under review and is pending.

Allen Mason filed claim in the amount of \$5,000 for injury incurred when claimant hit his head on a stop sign. This claim is under review and is pending.

Terry Olson filed claim in the amount of \$9,445.13 for damage to vehicle as the result of accident involving L.E.S. vehicle. This claim is under review and is pending.

Ryan Esch filed claim in the amount of \$471.88 for damage to vehicle when struck by police vehicle. 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. This 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.

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.

Erica Brent filed claim during the month of December 2025 in the amount of \$60,000 for alleged injury incurred while claimant was passenger on StarTran bus. This claim was reviewed by this office and denied. Suit was filed in Lancaster County District Court. Litigation 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. Suit was filed in Lancaster County District Court. Litigation is pending.

Submitted by City Law Department



September 11, 2026

Mark William Ballmer

RE: Claim Against the City of Lincoln

Dear Mr. Ballmer:

This is in response to your claim against the City of Lincoln received in this office on May 30, 2026, for expenses incurred due to a water hammer event at [REDACTED] in Lincoln, which you believe occurred when Lincoln Fire & Rescue operated a fire hydrant in the neighborhood on May 24, 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. The City of Lincoln understands the financial impact you have incurred, however 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. Following a review of your claim and consultation with relevant City departments, I do not believe there exists any negligence on the part of the City of Lincoln or its employees to establish liability, and therefore 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 September 28, 2026, at 5:30 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. **If you intend to appear at the City Council meeting in person, please advise this office prior to Friday, September 25, 2026, by phone at 402-441-7281.**

Sincerely,

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Assistant City Attorney
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September 11, 2026

Jordan Spatz

RE: Claim Against the City of Lincoln

Dear Jordan Spatz:

This is in response to your claim against the City of Lincoln received in this office on June 14, 2026, for damage incurred to fence at [REDACTED] in Lincoln as a result of a fallen tree limb on May 15, 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.

The City of Lincoln understands the financial impact you have incurred as the result of this incident, however, because taxpayer funds are used to pay claims of this type, this office can only recommend to the Lincoln City Council payment of claims in which there exists a legal basis to establish liability. In order for a claim to be authorized for payment from public funds, it must be shown that there exists evidence of some failure of duty owed to you. Based on information obtained from City Forestry personnel, I can find no evidence that the City, its employees or agents, failed to act or acted in a negligent manner which resulted in the expense and property damage incurred. The City has no record of notification to the City that the tree was prone to failure or required any maintenance prior to the incident causing damage to your fence. Therefore, your claim will be referred to the Lincoln City Council with a recommendation that your claim be denied.

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September 11, 2026

Leslie and Sharon Cook



RE: Claim Against the City of Lincoln

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Cook:

This is in response to your claim against the City of Lincoln received in this office on June 24, 2026, for expenses incurred due to a water hammer event, which you believe occurred when Lincoln Fire & Rescue operated a fire hydrant in your neighborhood on May 24, 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. The City of Lincoln understands the financial impact you have incurred, however 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. Following a review of your claim and consultation with relevant City departments, I do not believe there exists any negligence on the part of the City of Lincoln or its employees to establish liability, and therefore your claim will be forwarded to the Lincoln City Council with a recommendation that the claim be denied.

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September 17, 2026

Shayna L. Pratt
[REDACTED]

RE: Claim Against the City of Lincoln

Dear Ms. Pratt:

This is in response to your claim against the City of Lincoln received in this office on July 3, 2026, for damage incurred to your vehicle as a result of a fallen tree branch on July 3, 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 the City of Lincoln failed to act or acted in a negligent manner, or in this case, that the City should have acted to treat, trim, or remove the subject tree and failed to do so. You stated in your claim that the subject tree may have been infested with emerald ash borer at the time the branch fell and hit your car. I have had an opportunity to investigate your claim with City Forestry personnel. City Forestry does not consider a tree to be in poor condition simply because emerald ash borer is present in the area or on a tree. In 2025, City Forestry determined the subject tree was in good condition and was able to receive an injection to treat the tree for any emerald ash borer. The subject tree was not due or in need of another injection to treat emerald ash borer at the time of the incident. City Forestry personnel reports the City has received no notice that the subject tree was in need of treatment, trimming, or was in otherwise poor condition prior to July 3, 2026.

The City of Lincoln understands the inconvenience and financial impact you have incurred as the result of this incident, however, because taxpayer funds are used to pay claims of this type, this office can only recommend to the Lincoln City Council payment of claims in which there exists a legal basis to establish liability. Based on information provided by City Forestry personnel, it does not appear that the City or its employees failed to act or acted in a negligent manner, and therefore your claim will be referred to the Lincoln City Council with a recommendation that your claim be denied.

The Lincoln City Council will consider your claim at its regularly scheduled meeting on September 28, 2026, at 5:30 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 Lincoln City Council in writing prior to that date by email at council@lincoln.ne.gov. **If you do intend to appear at the City Council meeting in person, please advise this office prior to Friday, September 25, 2026, by phone at 402-441-7281.**

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September 17, 2026

Brianna Salts



RE: Claim Against the City of Lincoln

Dear Ms. Salts:

This is in response to your claim against the City of Lincoln received in this office on July 9, 2026, for damage incurred to your vehicle as a result of a fallen tree branch on July 6, 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.

The City of Lincoln understands the financial impact you have incurred as the result of this incident, however, because taxpayer funds are used to pay claims of this type, this office can only recommend to the Lincoln City Council payment of claims in which there exists a legal basis to establish liability. In order for a claim to be authorized for payment from public funds, it must be shown that there exists evidence of some failure of duty owed to you. Based on information obtained from City Forestry personnel, I can find no evidence that the City, its employees or agents, failed to act or acted in a negligent manner which resulted in damage to your vehicle. The subject tree was pruned in 2020. Since 2020 the City has had no record of complaints from the community that the tree was prone to failure or required any maintenance prior to July 6, 2026. Therefore, your claim will be referred to the Lincoln City Council with a recommendation that your claim be denied.

The Lincoln City Council will consider your claim at its regularly scheduled meeting on September 28, 2026, at 5:30 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. **If you intend to appear at the City Council meeting in person, please advise this office prior to Friday, September 25, 2026, by phone at 402-441-7281.**

Sincerely,

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September 11, 2026

Amy Schaffer

RE: Claim Against the City of Lincoln

Dear Ms. Schaffer:

This is in response to your claim received in this office on July 22, 2026, for damage to your vehicle as the result of a fallen tree limb on June 11, 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 the City of Lincoln or its employees failed to act or acted in a negligent manner, or in this case, that the City should have acted to remove, trim branches, or treat the subject tree and failed to do so. I have had an opportunity to investigate your claim with City Forestry personnel. City Forestry personnel reports that the City had no notice that the subject tree was in need of treatment or trimming, and that the reason the branch fell was due to a storm on the date in question.

The City of Lincoln understands the inconvenience and financial impact you have incurred as the result of this incident, however, because taxpayer funds are used to pay claims of this type, this office can only recommend to the Lincoln City Council payment of claims in which there exists a legal basis to establish liability. Because there is no basis to conclude that the City was negligent, your claim will be forwarded to the Lincoln City Council with a recommendation that it be denied.

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September 11, 2026

Steven L. Moore



RE: Claim Against the City of Lincoln

Dear Mr. Moore:

This is in response to your claim received in this office on July 28, 2026, for damage to your rental vehicle as the result of a fallen tree limb on July 28, 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 the City of Lincoln or its employees failed to act or acted in a negligent manner, or in this case, that the City should have acted to remove, trim branches, or treat the subject tree and failed to do so. I have had an opportunity to investigate your claim with City Forestry personnel. City Forestry personnel report that the subject tree was not considered diseased. Furthermore, the City had no notice from the community that the subject tree was in need of treatment, trimming, or other maintenance and that the reason the branch fell was due to a storm on the date in question.

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From: [Forms & Workflow](#)
To: [Benjamin A. Sobel](#)
Subject: Council Comment - Jeff Stevens
Date: Saturday, September 19, 2026 10:53:37 AM
Attachments: [SubmissionReceipt-SubmitAComment-390.pdf](#)

Council Comment - Jeff Stevens

Jeff Stevens has submitted a comment for Council. Please see the attached comment

Name	Jeff Stevens
Phone number	[REDACTED]
Email address	[REDACTED]
Your comment	The City Council needs to immediately ban Flock cameras and other invasive surveillance systems within Lincoln city limits. These systems illegally track vehicles and people, they violate our privacy, they are susceptible to misuse, and they are hackable, giving this information to bad actors. These cameras provide minimal benefit with great societal costs. Ban these cameras immediately and protect Lincoln residents and visitors from this insidious, authoritarian surveillance system.



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From: [Forms & Workflow](#)
To: [Benjamin A. Sobel](#)
Subject: Council Comment - Vicky L Valenta
Date: Monday, September 21, 2026 5:53:02 PM
Attachments: [SubmissionReceipt-SubmitAComment-391.pdf](#)

Council Comment - Vicky L Valenta

Vicky L Valenta has submitted a comment for Council. Please see the attached comment

Name	Vicky L Valenta
Phone number	[REDACTED]
Email address	[REDACTED]
	Dear Mayor Gaylor Baird and Lincoln City Council, I just wanted to share something that happened to us today on our way home from a doctor's appointment. While traveling northbound on 40th St. (all the other streets are closed, of course) we came upon traffic backed up for blocks before Sheridan Blvd. We waited for traffic to break and noticed cars trying to turn around to head back south on 40th. When we got closer to the intersection of 40th and Sheridan we noticed what looked like an accident and people waiting by their cars I assume for the police to arrive. Northbound traffic was not moving at all with damaged cars blocking the way. So there were cars going south on 40th and then dozens of cars trying to turn around to go back south and it was a NIGHTMARE!!! There was no place to turn around and we finally found an alley we could use to exit 40th. Now this entire time I am thinking "How is an ambulance going to

Your comment

navigate something like this at the intersection of 48th and Sumner when dying people are trying to get to the ER and there is NO PLACE TO GO!" with cars stopped and nobody can move!!!! Can you please explain to Lincoln how this is going to work at the entrance to a very busy emergency room???

In the 50+ years I have lived in Lincoln, these roundabouts are the worst ideas I have ever seen. Especially at all the proposed locations. Randolph doesn't need them either. Church, school etc. Kids crossing the street. What are you thinking??

I wish you would give this some thought. We keep hearing from you how safe they are and we keep seeing accidents in them all the time. We're not stupid. We don't appreciate being lied to. I don't know who does your studies, but I hope they aren't charging you MONEY?????

Vicky Valenta

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From: [Wesley Newton](#)
To: [Maggie J. Stuckey-Ross](#)
Cc: [Doug Holle](#); [Tracy Mumford](#); [Roth, Alexander](#); [Dani Mat](#); [Tom J. Beckius](#); [Justin P. Carlson](#); [Brodey B. Weber](#); [Sandra J. Washington](#); [Bennie R. Shobe](#); [James M. Bowers](#); [David R. Cary](#); [Carmen Modrcin](#); [Tom Duden](#); [Alexander E. Durvea](#); [Council Packet](#); [Planning@lincoln.ne.gov](#)
Subject: Waterford Trail — affected owners are not the HOA/Lake Association; use 98th / Holdrege / 104th
Date: Wednesday, September 23, 2026 10:07:16 AM

You don't often get email from [REDACTED] [Learn why this is important](#)

We are Waterford Estates residents on the proposed lakeside alignment along Waterside Way, 104th Street, and Shoreline Drive. We are writing as affected lot owners. We are not writing for the Waterford Estates Homeowners Association or the Waterford Lake Association.

Please do not treat those boards as speaking for the homes this trail would pass behind.

The Waterford Lake Association president, Chuck Richter, openly supports the current shoreline/greenway route for his own personal reasons. He will not represent the owners on that route. **Lake Association support for the current plan is not consent from the lot owners whose backyards, walkouts, and docks sit on the alignment.**

Those owners support a trail connection from the 84th Street Trail to 104th and Holdrege. They do not support building this segment behind our homes. The alignment we are asking the City to use is **N. 98th Street, Holdrege Street, and N. 104th Street.**

This is also a funding and property-rights issue, not only a preference:

- Parks staff told the Pedestrian/Bicycle Advisory Committee that right-of-way and public engagement are still needed with private homes and businesses in the alignment.
- Design near Waterford Estates Dam has been submitted to DNR and LPSNRD. That dam is high-hazard. That review is not finished or has not been presented to the public.
- The programmed cost of about \$2.74M is a project-wide planning number, from SCC campus to Holdrege, \$2.74M will not come close to covering the half-mile segment that runs behind our homes. It has not been shown to cover retaining walls, special grading, dam coordination, erosion control engineering and ROW on this backyard segment. It has already grown from \$900,000 to \$2.74M, and hasn't been updated since 2018. This lakeside/dam route will be the most expensive half mile of bike trail constructed in the state of Nebraska if it's built, this is not a responsible use of tax payers dollars when a much more practical, safer and economically efficient route is available.
- Ownership along the strip is mixed: private lakefront lots, NRD control of the dam and flood-pool restrictions, and association maintenance of lake/common areas. The City does not appear to own this corridor in fee.

I am asking Parks and Council to:

1. Stop treating HOA/Lake Association board support as neighborhood consent for this alignment and provide the affected homeowners a seat at the table with representatives aside from the HOA/Lake Association.
2. Use the much more fiscally efficient 98th / Holdrege / 104th route for this segment.
3. Not treat the \$2.74 million TIP figure as proof the current lakeside alignment is funded for 2028 construction.

4. Allow affected home-owners a few representatives at the upcoming stakeholders meeting as we will not have representation from our HOA/Lake Association members in attendance.

Respectfully,

Wes Newton, Sam Futterman, Regan Anson, Ben Owens, Amanda Woodward, Dave Sutko, Brian Vineyard, Jil Buchanan, Doug Fitzgerald, Taylor Wyatt, Mike Bals, Greg Gates, Matthew Goracke, Michael Borst, Jon-Michael Fazi, Katy Fazi, Morgan Futterman, Anne Newton, and other concerned Waterford Estates neighbors.

On Mar 25, 2026, at 1:18 PM, Wesley Newton <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear Director Stuckey-Ross and Members of the Lincoln City Council,

I am writing to follow up on my earlier correspondence regarding the proposed Waterford Trail alignment, particularly the segment that would run between private homes and private greenspace/docks/shoreline within Waterford Estates. A central concern remains the very real potential for increased trespassing and unauthorized use of not only private property but NRD-owned land as well, including the dam, outlet, and the adjacent greenspace behind the dam.

Public posts within the Waterford Estates Neighbors: Lincoln, Nebraska Facebook group—spanning multiple years—demonstrate a consistent and ongoing pattern of residents disregarding existing “no access” guidance for the NRD-controlled dam and surrounding areas. These are not isolated incidents, but rather a well-documented pattern of behavior that already conflicts with established restrictions.

Exact quotes from Facebook include:

- “Great spot to fish at the dam outlet... was tempted to take the weed whacker down there and clear a path...”
- “Why can’t we fish the dam? That is one of my top spots to fish.”
- “Never heard of such a rule. Will continue to never hear of such a rule.”
- “Na just do it man, no matter what u do someone is gonna be butthurt about it.”
- “I’ll just take my chances with a NE Game Warden.”

In addition to fishing-related comments, multiple posts and photos show residents and families actively using the dam for recreation:

- “I took my kids on a little hiking adventure to the top of the dam.”
- “Sunset yesterday from the dam.”
- “Watched a mass ascension as I walked across the dam yesterday.”
- “Just a heads up: I found two ticks after walking across the dam.”

These examples clearly illustrate that the dam and surrounding NRD-controlled areas are already being treated as informal public access points for hiking, fishing,

photography, and general recreation—despite HOA/WLA meeting minutes explicitly stating that “the dam area is fenced off and controlled/managed by NRD (no access).”

This trail project is not occurring in isolation; it is being introduced into an area where unauthorized access and use are already well documented. It will materially increase foot traffic and, more importantly, will make access to the dam and the greenspace behind it significantly easier and more inviting. What is currently opportunistic trespassing will likely become normalized behavior.

This raises several foreseeable and practical concerns:

- Increased safety risks associated with public proximity to a high-hazard flood-control structure
- Greater access to and degradation of NRD-managed greenspace behind the dam, including erosion, vegetation damage, and litter
- Expanded trespassing onto adjacent greenspaces, private docks, shoreline buffers, and HOA-controlled outlots
- Increased interactions between residents and unauthorized users, raising the likelihood of conflict
- Heightened enforcement challenges for both the City and NRD
- Expanded liability exposure stemming from known, documented patterns of unauthorized use

Importantly, this is not a theoretical concern. The City now has actual, documented evidence demonstrating that unauthorized access and use of the dam and surrounding areas is already occurring with some frequency. From a risk management standpoint, this establishes a clear element of foreseeability. Advancing a design that predictably increases access to these areas—without incorporating meaningful mitigation measures or reconsidering alignment—could be viewed as knowingly amplifying an existing hazard condition rather than mitigating it.

Additionally, introducing a public trail in such close proximity to private lakefront properties and NRD-controlled infrastructure raises legitimate questions regarding the City’s duty of care—not only to trail users, but also to adjacent property owners who may experience increased trespassing, property damage, or safety concerns as a direct result of the project’s design and placement.

These real-world conditions differ materially from the assumptions that may have informed the trail alignment when it was originally conceived decades ago. The current proposal does not simply add recreational connectivity—it risks exacerbating an existing and well-documented compliance problem.

Given these factors, I respectfully request that the City and Parks & Recreation Department:

1. Re-evaluate the proposed alignment in light of this demonstrated pattern of use
2. Consider alternative routing options that do not funnel public traffic directly adjacent to the dam and sensitive greenspace areas
3. Engage directly with the Lower Platte South NRD to assess impacts to their property, enforcement capabilities, and liability exposure

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your response and to further discussion before the project advances further in design.

Sincerely,
Wes Newton

From: [Vish Reddi](#)
To: [Council Packet](#)
Subject: NSNA Annual Potluck - October 18
Date: Friday, September 25, 2026 5:33:12 AM

Dear Members of City Council,

NSNA Annual Potluck is on October 18, 2026.

We would love to see you there! This is great chance to meet neighbors and get to celebrate some of our successes in the past year.

Bring a dish to share if you would like.

Pete Smith will be speaking at the event regarding the importance of trees in our beloved neighborhood.

We hope to see you there!

Regards,
Vish



Near South
Neighborhood
Association

Vish Reddi, President

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