

**IN LIEU OF  
DIRECTORS' MEETING  
ADDENDUM  
Monday, May 24, 2021**

**I. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE  
FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

1. May 2021 Sales Tax Report reflecting March 2021 sales

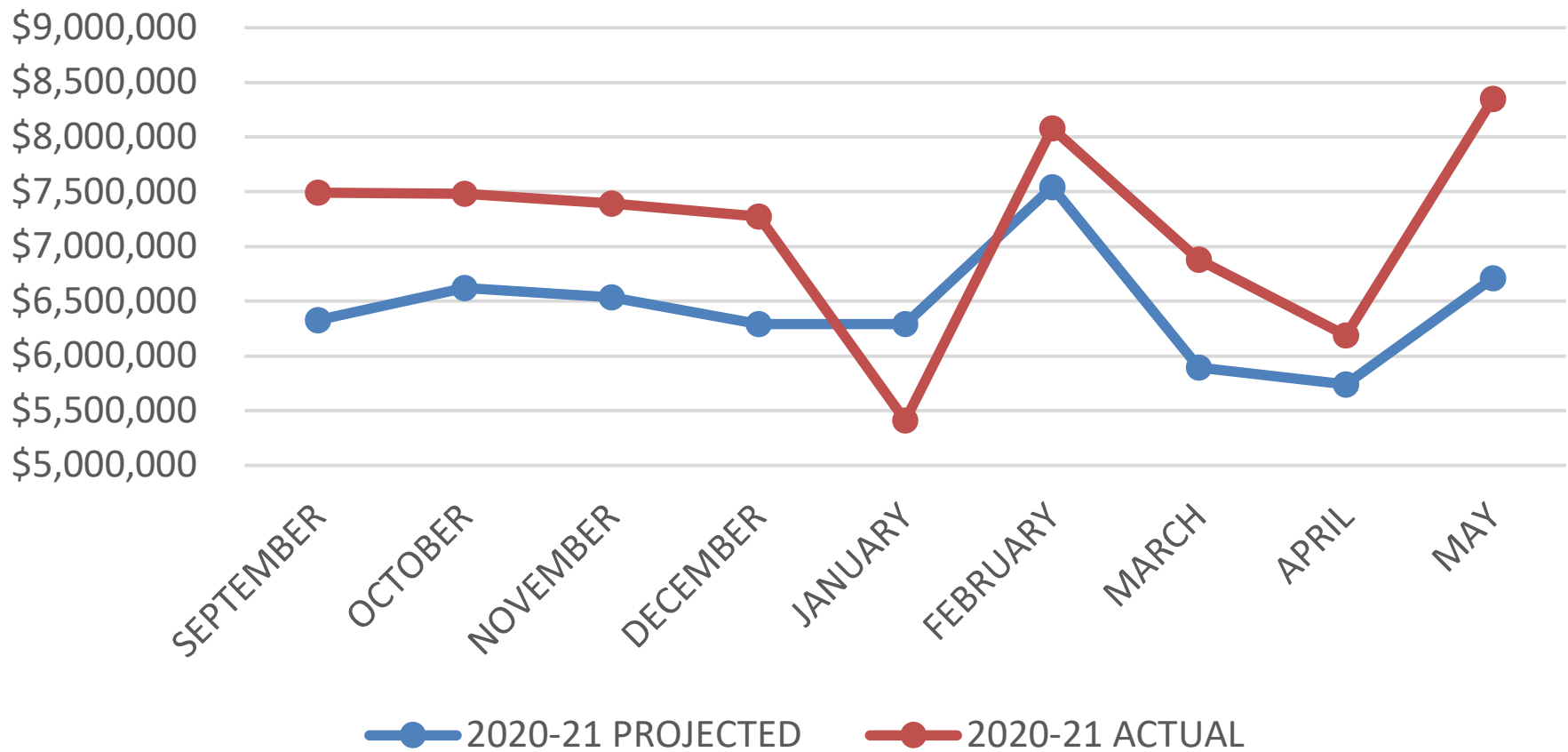
**PLANNING COMMISSION**

1. Administrative Approvals from May 11, 2021 through May 17, 2021

**II. CONSTITUENT CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Bluestem Montessori Elementary School – The students of Elementary Two
2. Spending the City's COVID American Rescue Plan Funds Wisely – Peter Katt  
Staff response provided by Councilperson Raybould
3. Just wow – Met Shafer Gallagher

## FY 2020-21 Projected vs Actual Net Sales Tax



**Actual Compared to  
Projected Sales Tax Collections**

	2020-21 PROJECTED	2020-21 ACTUAL	VARIANCE FROM PROJECTED	\$ CHANGE FROM 19-20	% CHANGE FROM 19-20
SEPTEMBER	\$6,325,838	\$7,492,398	\$1,166,560	\$693,111	10.19%
OCTOBER	\$6,621,779	\$7,480,919	\$859,140	\$401,905	5.68%
NOVEMBER	\$6,537,834	\$7,392,815	\$854,981	\$281,686	3.96%
DECEMBER	\$6,292,944	\$7,273,404	\$980,460	\$389,694	5.66%
JANUARY	\$6,294,730	\$5,412,199	(\$882,531)	(\$567,472)	-9.49%
FEBRUARY	\$7,542,765	\$8,079,047	\$536,282	\$49,294	0.61%
MARCH	\$5,894,467	\$6,878,810	\$984,343	\$611,930	9.76%
APRIL	\$5,740,899	\$6,188,984	\$448,085	(\$130,335)	-2.06%
MAY	\$6,709,386	\$8,346,042	\$1,636,656	\$2,052,740	32.62%
JUNE	\$6,338,704				
JULY	\$6,445,755				
AUGUST	\$6,914,489				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$77,659,590</b>	<b>\$64,544,618</b>	<b>\$6,583,976</b>	<b>\$3,782,553</b>	<b>6.23%</b>

Actual collections for the fiscal year to date are 11.36% over projections for the year.

**CITY OF LINCOLN**  
**GROSS SALES TAX COLLECTIONS (WITH REFUNDS ADDED BACK IN)**  
**2016-2017 THROUGH 2020-2021**

	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>% CHG.</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>% CHG.</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>% CHG.</b>
	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>FROM PRIOR</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>FROM PRIOR</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>FROM PRIOR</b>
				<b>YEAR</b>		<b>YEAR</b>		<b>YEAR</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	\$6,265,764	\$6,386,734	\$6,457,192	1.10%	\$6,927,862	7.29%	\$7,514,711	8.47%
<b>OCTOBER</b>	\$6,598,756	\$6,811,452	\$6,817,440	0.09%	\$7,116,483	4.39%	\$7,514,902	5.60%
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	\$6,471,721	\$6,537,754	\$6,637,486	1.53%	\$7,146,575	7.67%	\$7,422,009	3.85%
<b>DECEMBER</b>	\$6,128,386	\$6,371,026	\$6,493,888	1.93%	\$6,897,823	6.22%	\$7,316,836	6.07%
<b>JANUARY</b>	\$6,285,444	\$6,432,363	\$6,516,808	1.31%	\$6,776,561	3.99%	\$6,749,486	-0.40%
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	\$7,293,928	\$7,459,132	\$7,386,107	-0.98%	\$8,118,745	9.92%	\$8,105,671	-0.16%
<b>MARCH</b>	\$5,521,761	\$5,930,406	\$5,981,967	0.87%	\$6,303,510	5.38%	\$6,886,017	9.24%
<b>APRIL</b>	\$5,639,028	\$5,618,037	\$5,586,708	-0.56%	\$6,350,301	13.67%	\$7,267,560	14.44%
<b>MAY</b>	\$6,708,815	\$6,759,407	\$6,623,556	-2.01%	\$6,308,611	-4.75%	\$8,386,779	32.94%
<b>JUNE</b>	\$6,255,952	\$6,325,718	\$6,721,994	6.26%	\$5,793,431	-13.81%		
<b>JULY</b>	\$6,440,709	\$6,644,137	\$6,804,001	2.41%	\$6,282,775	-7.66%		
<b>AUGUST</b>	\$6,736,493	\$6,770,977	\$7,199,568	6.33%	\$7,595,398	5.50%		
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$76,346,757	\$78,047,143	\$79,226,715	1.51%	\$81,618,075	3.02%	\$67,163,971	8.42%

**CITY OF LINCOLN  
SALES TAX REFUNDS  
2016-2017 THROUGH 2020-2021**

	ACTUAL 2016-2017	ACTUAL 2017-2018	ACTUAL 2018-2019	% CHG. FROM PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2019-2020	% CHG. FROM PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2020-2021	% CHG. FROM PRIOR YEAR
SEPTEMBER	(\$217,212)	(\$98,235)	(\$52,954)	-46.09%	(\$128,575)	142.81%	(\$22,314)	-82.65%
OCTOBER	(\$31,712)	(\$30,920)	(\$7,524)	-75.66%	(\$37,469)	397.97%	(\$33,982)	-9.31%
NOVEMBER	(\$81,460)	(\$923)	(\$2,944)	218.96%	(\$35,446)	1104.01%	(\$29,194)	-17.64%
DECEMBER	(\$79,179)	(\$46,365)	(\$58,585)	26.36%	(\$14,114)	-75.91%	(\$43,432)	207.72%
JANUARY	(\$294,431)	(\$379,926)	(\$342,169)	-9.94%	(\$796,890)	132.89%	(\$1,337,287)	67.81%
FEBRUARY	(\$90,752)	(\$719)	(\$33,054)	4497.22%	(\$88,992)	169.23%	(\$26,624)	-70.08%
MARCH	(\$92,105)	(\$49,445)	(\$40,643)	-17.80%	(\$36,630)	-9.87%	(\$7,207)	-80.32%
APRIL	(\$29,707)	(\$41,280)	(\$31,464)	-23.78%	(\$30,982)	-1.53%	(\$40,355)	30.25%
MAY	(\$67,726)	(\$91,272)	(\$41,555)	-54.47%	(\$15,309)	-63.16%	(\$40,737)	166.10%
JUNE	(\$83,394)	(\$51,268)	(\$13,186)	-74.28%	(\$10,195)	-22.68%	(\$5,738)	-43.72%
JULY	(\$1,932)	(\$347,486)	(\$29,772)	-91.43%	(\$45,946)	54.32%		
AUGUST	(\$17,202)	(\$96,471)	(\$9,385)	-90.27%	(\$34,190)	264.30%		
TOTAL	(\$1,086,812)	(\$1,234,310)	(\$663,236)	-46.27%	(\$1,274,738)	92.20%	(\$1,586,870)	32.84%

**CITY OF LINCOLN  
NET SALES TAX COLLECTIONS  
2016-2017 THROUGH 2020-2021**

	<b>ACTUAL 2016-17</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2017-18</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2018-19</b>	<b>% CHG. FROM PRIOR YEAR</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2019-20</b>	<b>% CHG. FROM PRIOR YEAR</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2020-21</b>	<b>% CHG. FROM PRIOR YEAR</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	\$6,048,552	\$6,288,498	\$6,404,239	1.84%	\$6,799,287	6.17%	\$7,492,398	10.19%
<b>OCTOBER</b>	\$6,567,045	\$6,780,531	\$6,809,916	0.43%	\$7,079,014	3.95%	\$7,480,919	5.68%
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	\$6,390,261	\$6,536,831	\$6,634,499	1.49%	\$7,111,129	7.18%	\$7,392,815	3.96%
<b>DECEMBER</b>	\$6,049,207	\$6,324,661	\$6,435,303	1.75%	\$6,883,710	6.97%	\$7,273,404	5.66%
<b>JANUARY</b>	\$5,991,013	\$6,052,437	\$6,174,639	2.02%	\$5,979,671	-3.16%	\$5,412,199	-9.49%
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	\$7,203,175	\$7,458,413	\$7,353,053	-1.41%	\$8,029,753	9.20%	\$8,079,047	0.61%
<b>MARCH</b>	\$5,429,656	\$5,880,960	\$5,941,323	1.03%	\$6,266,880	5.48%	\$6,878,810	9.76%
<b>APRIL</b>	\$5,609,320	\$5,576,757	\$5,555,244	-0.39%	\$6,319,319	13.75%	\$6,188,984	-2.06%
<b>MAY</b>	\$6,641,089	\$6,668,135	\$6,582,001	-1.29%	\$6,293,302	-4.39%	\$8,346,042	32.62%
<b>JUNE</b>	\$6,172,558	\$6,274,450	\$6,708,808	6.92%	\$5,783,236	-13.80%		
<b>JULY</b>	\$6,438,777	\$6,296,651	\$6,774,229	7.58%	\$6,236,829	-7.93%		
<b>AUGUST</b>	\$6,719,292	\$6,674,506	\$7,190,183	7.73%	\$7,561,209	5.16%		
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$75,259,945	\$76,812,830	\$78,563,436	2.28%	\$80,343,339	2.27%	\$64,544,618	6.23%



# *Memorandum*

**Date:** ♦ May 18, 2021

**To:** ♦ City Clerk

**From:** ♦ Rhonda Haas, Planning Dept.

**Re:** ♦ Administrative Approvals

**cc:** ♦ Geri Rorabaugh, Planning Dept.

This is a list of City administrative approvals by the Planning Director from May 11, 2021 through May 17, 2021:

**Administrative Amendment 21023**, to Change of Zone 08010A, Woodside Village, approved by the Planning Director on May 11, 2021, to update the multi-family and commercial layout, apply the 48-foot height waiver to two additional multi-family buildings, reduce the commercial square footage from 12,000 square feet to 2,000 square feet and increase the number of dwelling units from 275 to 300 on property generally located at NW. 48<sup>th</sup> Street and W. Holdrege Street.

**Administrative Amendment 21026**, to Pre-Existing Use Permit 9U, Edgewood/Vandervoort Regional Shopping Center, approved by the Planning Director on May 11, 2021, to update the number of rooms for the hotel located on Lot 3 to 76 on property generally located at South 56<sup>th</sup> Street and Highway 2.

May 3, 2021

Bluestem Montessori Elementary School  
6300 A St.  
Lincoln, NE 68510  
bluestemmontessori.com

Dear Community Leader,

We are students at Bluestem Montessori Elementary School, a non-profit private school located in Lincoln NE. Some of our students recently read a book called *Front Desk*, by Kelly Yang, in which the main character writes letters to people in her community to make a change in her life. We were inspired by this, and we decided to write a letter to people in our community to make a change in our school, asking people to donate to Bluestem.

We love going to Bluestem because the community is very well built. Everyone is always very kind and supportive. As a Montessori school, Bluestem allows children learn at their own pace and explore interests they find exciting. Another good thing about our school is that kids can start their own projects as long as the teachers approve it. For instance, the idea for this project of writing letters as a fundraiser was created by a student and is being run by us. Other ideas we have come up with include an art sale fundraiser for Hurricane Florence victims, a bake sale for animals caught in the flames of the Australian wildfires, and the city of Lincoln folding ten thousand paper cranes for healing during the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Bluestem Montessori is a very small and new school, and we do not yet have very much funding, or all the materials of other schools. We are hoping to raise enough money for new computers and a projector. We also wish to put money aside for a scholarship fund, and so we can eventually purchase our own building. We are writing to you in the hope that you will consider donating money to our cause. Your donation does not have to be big, because to a small school like Bluestem, even a small donation can make a big difference. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

The students of Elementary Two at Bluestem Montessori Elementary School

Eleanor, Lizzie, Cameron, Ned, and Henry

NED HENRY



## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** Peter Katt <pkatt@charter-title.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 23, 2021 9:12 AM  
**To:** Jane Raybould; Cheri L. Howard  
**Cc:** Mayor; Council Packet; Daniel K. Marvin  
**Subject:** Spending the City's COVID American Rescue Plan Funds Wisely

Jane:

What updated did the Mayor provide to the Council last Monday? I had a response from the Mayor's office that a process would be developed but have had no further word about the process to be used.

The materials I have read about the funds will permit spending for water and sewer which if put to use in certain parts of Lincoln could be quite helpful.

The legislation also supports "affordable" housing initiatives which I think would allow spending to encourage starter homes.

Lastly, jobs and skills training for socially and economically disadvantaged person in the construction trade would be helpful to those individuals and our local economy.

I have begun an effort to reach out to the local trade unions to see if they have the capacity to scale up what they do to provide this program. There is no need to reinvent an entirely new system to meet these needs.

Thanks. I look forward to learning what others think might be the best use of these funds for Lincoln.

Peter

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**From:** Jane Raybould [mailto:JRaybould@lincoln.ne.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 13, 2021 1:07 PM  
**To:** Peter Katt <pkatt@charter-title.net>  
**Subject:** Re: Jane Raybould- Starter Homes

It is my understanding that the Mayor's office is working on the public engagement process and will give us an update on Monday since they just received the guidelines this past Monday along with everyone else!

Jane

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**From:** Peter Katt <[pkatt@charter-title.net](mailto:pkatt@charter-title.net)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 12, 2021 5:44 PM  
**To:** Jane Raybould <[JRaybould@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:JRaybould@lincoln.ne.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Jane Raybould- Starter Homes

Thanks. I will read it in greater detail but first pass indicates we can use it for water and sewer:

"These funds can also be used to make necessary investments in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure."

How will decisions be made on what we spend it on? Will the public have any input?

Peter

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**From:** Jane Raybould [<mailto:JRaybould@lincoln.ne.gov>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 12, 2021 4:36 PM

**To:** Peter Katt <[pkatt@charter-title.net](mailto:pkatt@charter-title.net)>

**Subject:** Re: Jane Raybould- Starter Homes

Sorry Peter but I was in our regular executive committee meeting. We were briefed on the guidelines for the funding and it cannot be used for road infrastructure. Here is a link on the guidelines that just came out on Monday, May 10.

<https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/coronavirus/assistance-for-state-local-and-tribal-governments/state-and-local-fiscal-recovery-funds>

## Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds | U.S. Department of the Treasury

The American Rescue Plan will deliver \$350 billion for eligible state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments to respond to the COVID-19 emergency and bring back jobs. The Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds provide a substantial infusion of resources to help turn the tide on the ...

[home.treasury.gov](https://home.treasury.gov)

Jane

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Met Shafer Gallagher <metshafergallagher@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 24, 2021 9:52 AM  
**To:** Mayor; Council Packet  
**Subject:** Just wow

I'd like the Mayor and city council to know this group is threatening our police department. What is going to be done about this?



Black Leaders Movement 12h



**THANK YOU TO OUR VERY  
OWN @buschlandia FOR  
THESE DOPE ASS STICKERS**



Reply to Black Leaders...

