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## \*\*ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION\*\*

#### NOTICE:

The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 22, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 112 on the first floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> St., Lincoln, Nebraska. For more information, call the Planning Department, (402) 441-7491.

\*\*PLEASE NOTE: The Planning Commission action is final action on any item with a notation of \*FINAL ACTION\*. Any aggrieved person may appeal Final Action of the Planning Commission to the City Council or County Board by filing a Notice of Appeal with the City Clerk or County Clerk within 14 days following the action of the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission action on all other items is a recommendation to the City Council or County Board.

The Planning Commission will be allowing testimony on agenda items by videoconferencing. For those who wish to testify by video, you must register with the Planning Department Office to participate by calling 402-441-7491 or emailing <a href="Plan@lincoln.ne.gov">Plan@lincoln.ne.gov</a> by 10:00 a.m. the day of the meeting. You will be asked to provide your name, address, phone number and the agenda item(s) you wish to speak on, and your position on this item. On the day of the hearing, you will receive a link via email, which will be needed to join the hearing to provide your testimony.

#### **AGENDA**

WEDNESDAY, June 22, 2022

### [Commissioners Ball, Edgerton and Rodenburg absent]

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held June 8, 2022. \*\*APPROVED: 5-1 (Corr abstained; Ball, Edgerton and Rodenburg absent)\*\*

#### 1. CONSENT AGENDA

(Public Hearing and Administrative Action)

#### **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONFORMANCE AND RELATED ITEMS:**

1.1a COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONFORMANCE 22011, to review as to conformance with the 2050 Comprehensive Plan, a request to declare the property located at approximately 27th Street and Woods Boulevard as surplus, on property generally located at South 27<sup>th</sup> Street and Highway 2.

Staff recommendation: In Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan Staff Planner: Ben Callahan, 402-441-6360, <a href="mailto:bcallahan@lincoln.ne.gov">bcallahan@lincoln.ne.gov</a>
Planning Commission recommendation: FINDING OF CONFORMANCE: 6-0 (Ball, Edgerton and Rodenburg absent). The public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for July 18, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

1.1b STREET AND ALLEY VACATION 22003, to vacate a small portion of ROW (Right-of-Way) along South 27th Street between Woods Boulevard and Nebraska Highway 2, adjacent to property generally located at South 27th Street and Highway 2. Staff recommendation: Conforms to the Comprehensive Plan Staff Planner: Ben Callahan, 402-441-6360, bcallahan@lincoln.ne.gov Planning Commission recommendation: FINDING OF CONFORMANCE: 6-0 (Ball, Edgerton, and Rodenburg absent). Public hearing before the City Council will be scheduled when the provisions 14.20 of the Lincoln Municipal Code have been satisfied.

#### **ANNEXATION AND RELATED ITEMS:**

1.2a ANNEXATION 22007, to annex approximately 26.45 acres, more or less, on property generally located at Rokeby Road and Friedman Street.

Staff recommendation: Approval

Staff Planner: Brian Will, 402-441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov

Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL: 6-0 (Ball, Edgerton and

Rodenburg absent). Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively

scheduled for July 18, at 3:00 p.m.

1.2b CHANGE OF ZONE 22019, from AG (Agricultural District) to R-3 (Residential District) associated with the Grandview Estates CUP (Community Unit Plan), on property generally located at Rokeby Road and Friedman Street.

Staff recommendation: Approval

Staff Planner: Brian Will, 402-441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov

Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL: 6-0 (Ball, Edgerton and

Rodenburg absent). Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively

scheduled for July 18, at 3:00 p.m.

### **TEXT AMENDMENT:**

1.3 TEXT AMENDMENT 22004, amending the Lincoln Municipal Code Section 27.72.040(a) Maximum Height and Minimum Lot Requirements for the H Districts to amend the rear yard setback requirement for the H-1, H-2 and H-3 Zoning Districts to allow a 5-foot rear yard setback when not abutting residential.

Staff recommendation: Approval

Staff Planner: George Wesselhoft, 402-441-6366, <a href="mailto:gwesselhoft@lincoln.ne.gov">gwesselhoft@lincoln.ne.gov</a> Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL: 6-0 (Ball, Edgerton and Rodenburg absent). Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for July 18, at 3:00 p.m.

#### **CHANGE OF ZONE AND RELATED ITEMS:**

1.4a CHANGE OF ZONE 22018, from AGR (Agricultural Residential District) to O-3 (Office Park District), on property generally located at 6601 South 70<sup>th</sup> Street.

Staff recommendation: Approval

Staff Planner: Brian Will, 402-441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov

Planning Commission granted the request on behalf of the applicant for a deferral, with CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION scheduled on July 13, 2022.

1.4b USE PERMIT 22006, on 4.82 acres, more or less, with waivers to allow cross-parking to meet minimum parking, parking in a side yard, to not require all information for a preliminary plat at time of submittal, internal light trespass, to allow a non-standard termination of a street using a non-standard cul-de-sac, and setbacks, on property generally located at 6601 South 70<sup>th</sup> Street.

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval

Staff Planner: Brian Will, 402-441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov

<u>Planning Commission granted the request on behalf of the applicant for a deferral, with CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION scheduled on July 13, 2022.</u>

#### **COUNTY SPECIAL PERMIT:**

1.5 SPECIAL PERMIT 22019, to allow for an ADU (Accessory Dwelling Unit), on property generally located at 4822 South 148<sup>th</sup> Street. The Planning Commission action is final.

\*\*\* FINAL ACTION \*\*\*

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval

Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 402-441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov

<u>Planning Commission "final action": CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the conditions of the amended staff report dated June 9, 2022: 6-0 (Ball, Edgerton and Rodenburg absent).</u> Resolution No. PC-01809.

1.6 SPECIAL PERMIT 22017, to allow for the sale of firearms, on property generally located at 1840 Olive Creek Road. The Planning Commission action is final. \*\*\* FINAL ACTION\*\*\*

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval

Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 402-441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov

Planning Commission "final action": CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the conditions of the staff report dated June 9, 2022: 6-0 (Ball, Edgerton and

Rodenburg absent). Resolution No. PC-01810.

#### **PRELIMENARY PLAT:**

1.7 PRELIMINARY PLAT 22002, for a new Preliminary Plat, on property generally located at Southwest 44<sup>th</sup> and O Streets. The Planning Commission action is final.

\*\*\* FINAL ACTION \*\*\*

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval

Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 402-441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov

Planning Commission "final action": CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the conditions of the staff report dated June 9, 2022: 6-0 (Ball, Edgerton and

Rodenburg absent). Resolution No. PC-01811.

#### **SPECIAL PERMIT:**

1.8 SPECIAL PERMIT 1873A, to allow for the revision of the antenna array on an existing cell tower, on property generally located at 4700 Antelope Creek. The Planning Commission action is final.

\*\*\* FINAL ACTION \*\*\*

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval

Staff Planner: Brian Will, 402-441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov

<u>Planning Commission "final action": CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the conditions of the staff report dated June 7, 2022: 6-0 (Ball, Edgerton and Rodenburg absent).</u> Resolution No. PC-01812.

1.9 SPECIAL PERMIT 22018, to allow for the expansion of a garage with a waiver to the rear yard setback, on property generally located at 4400 High Street. The Planning Commission action is final.

\*\*\* FINAL ACTION \*\*\*

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval

Staff Planner: George Wesselhoft, 402-441-6366, gwesselhoft@lincoln.ne.gov Planning Commission "final action": CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the conditions of the staff report dated June 9, 2022: 6-0 (Ball, Edgerton and Rodenburg absent). Resolution No. PC-01813.

#### 4. PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

#### **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONFORMANCE:**

4.1 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONFORMANCE 22008, to review as to conformance with the 2050 Comprehensive Plan, a request to declare the property generally located on the southeast corner of North 27th Street and Leighton Avenue as surplus. Staff recommendation: In Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan Staff Planner: Ben Callahan, 402-441-6360, bcallahan@lincoln.ne.gov Planning Commission recommendation: FINDING OF CONFORMANCE: 6-0 (Ball, Edgerton and Rodenburg absent). The public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for July 18, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

#### CHANGE OF ZONE AND RELATED ITEMS:

4.2a CHANGE OF ZONE 22015, from R-2 (Residential District) to R-T (Residential Transition District), on property generally located at the southeast corner of North 27th Street and Leighton Avenue.

Staff recommendation: Approval

Staff Planner: Ben Callahan, 402-441-6360, bcallahan@lincoln.ne.gov Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL: 6-0 (Ball, Edgerton and Rodenburg absent). Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for July 18, at 3:00 p.m.

4.2b USE PERMIT 22005, to allow for development flexibility for up to 20 residential units and 15,000 square feet of commercial floor area, with waivers to setbacks, minimum lot size, and parking requirements, on property generally located at the southeast corner of North 27<sup>th</sup> Street and Leighton Avenue.

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval

Staff Planner: Ben Callahan, 402-441-6360, bcallahan@lincoln.ne.gov

Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL: 6-0 (Ball. Edgerton and Rodenburg absent), as set forth in the conditions of the staff report dated June 9, 2022. Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for Monday, July 18, 2022, 3:00 p.m.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS:**

4.3 MISCELLANEOUS 22010, to allow for Reasonable Accommodation, under the Fair Housing Act and Section 1.28 of the Lincoln Municipal Code, to the zoning code definition Of "family" to allow fourteen unrelated persons to reside together as a family, on property generally located at 1923 B Street.

Staff recommendation: Finding in Compliance with Requirements of Fair Housing Act with Conditions

4.4 MISCELLANEOUS 22009, to allow for Reasonable Accommodation, under the Fair Housing Act and Section 1.28 of the Lincoln Municipal Code, to the zoning code definition of "family" to allow nine unrelated persons to reside together as a family, on property generally located at 5203 Walker Avenue.

Staff recommendation: Finding in Compliance with Requirements of Fair Housing Act with Conditions

Staff Planner: Steve Henrichsen, 402-441-6374, <a href="mailto:shenrichsen@lincoln.ne.gov">shenrichsen@lincoln.ne.gov</a>
Planning Commission recommendation: FINDING OF COMPLIANCE: 5-1 (Corrdissenting; Ball, Edgerton and Rodenburg absent). The public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for July 18, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

4.5 MISCELLANEOUS 22008, to allow for Reasonable Accommodation, under the Fair Housing Act and Section 1.28 of the Lincoln Municipal Code, to the zoning code definition of "family" to allow nine unrelated persons to reside together as a family, on property generally located at 315 North 35th Street.

Staff recommendation: Finding in Compliance with Requirements of Fair Housing Act with Conditions

Staff Planner: Steve Henrichsen, 402-441-6374, <a href="mailto:sherrichsen@lincoln.ne.gov">sherrichsen@lincoln.ne.gov</a>
<a href="mailto:Planning Commission recommendation: FINDING OF COMPLIANCE: 5-1 (Corr\_dissenting; Ball, Edgerton and Rodenburg absent). The public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for July 18, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.</a>

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

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Adjournment: 5:26 p.m.

# PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION NOTIFICATION

TO: Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird

Lincoln City Council

FROM: Shelli Reid, Planning

**DATE**: June 24, 2022

**RE:** Notice of final action by Planning Commission: June 22, 2022

Please be advised that on June 22, 2022, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission adopted the following resolutions:

**Resolution PC-01811**, approving PRELIMINARY PLAT 22002, for a new Preliminary Plat, on property generally located at Southwest 44<sup>th</sup> and O Streets.

**Resolution PC-01812**, approving SPECIAL PERMIT 1873A, to allow for the revision of the antenna array on an existing cell tower, on property generally located at 4700 Antelope Creek.

**Resolution PC-01813**, approving SPECIAL PERMIT 22018, to allow for the expansion of a garage with a waiver to the rear yard setback, on property generally located at 4400 High Street.

The Planning Commission action on these applications is final, unless appealed to the City Council by filing a notice of appeal with the Planning Department within 14 days of the action by the Planning Commission

The Planning Commission Resolution may be accessed on the internet at <a href="www.lincoln.ne.gov">www.lincoln.ne.gov</a> (search for "PATS"). Click on "Planning Application Tracking Service (PATS)" at the top of the page, click "Selection Screen" under "PATS Tools" on the right side of the screen, type in the application number (i.e. PP22002, SP1873A, SP22018), click on "Search", then "Select", and go to "Related Documents".

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# Memorandum

**Date:** June 28, 2022

To: City Clerk

From: Alexis Longstreet, Planning Dept.

**Re:** Administrative Approvals

cc: Shelli Reid, Planning Dept.

This is a list of City administrative approvals by the Planning Director from June 21, 2022, through June 27, 2022:

**Administrative Waiver 22004** was approved on June 23, 2022, to adjust the Design Standards for Outdoor Lighting standards to adjust vertical light trespass for the Cotswold Building on property generally located at 311 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street,

From: Parker Franzen
To: Council Packet
Subject: Fireworks

**Date:** Wednesday, June 22, 2022 5:03:48 PM

Hello, I am Parker Franzen a 14 year old that lives in Lincoln. I was looking up when fireworks could be sold in Nebraska. I saw that Grand Island could sell and light from June 28 to July 4 with some time restrictions with times of course. I also saw that Omaha could sell starting June 28 and light after the 3rd. I was thinking Lincoln could start to sell and light on July 1. Light them from 8am-10pm on July 1st and 2nd and July 3rd 8am-midnight and July 4th 8am-midnight. With this approach to time to light and enjoy fireworks it would allow shows to be more spread out allowing people to go and enjoy multiple shows instead of just 2 right now. With extending the window it would also allow more time to light and enjoy fireworks off with friends and family.

-Parker Franzen

From: Andrew R. Willis
To: Council Packet

**Subject:** Gold"s Building public hearing at June 27 City Council Meeting- 22R-251

**Date:** Thursday, June 23, 2022 4:10:02 PM

### Members of the Lincoln City Council –

I represent the owner and redeveloper of the Gold's building. On Monday, June 27, 2022, the public hearing on Resolution 22R-251, the proposed Gold's building redevelopment plan, will take place at the City Council meeting (item 5.a. on the agenda). I will be present with representatives of the redeveloper to discuss the project and answer any questions, but I wanted to reach out ahead of the meeting to clarify questions regarding an issue that I believe will be brought up during the public hearing—the demolition of the four-story tower that is the south half of the Gold's building (referred to herein as the "South Tower").

I will provide this information on Monday during the public hearing, but I wanted to set forth my three main points relevant to the opposition:

# 1. Demolition of the South Tower is not part of the Redevelopment Plan Amendment.

First and foremost, I want to make sure it is clear that the demolition of the South Tower is not part of the redevelopment plan amendment that will be in front of the Council. The Gold's building consists of two separate condominium units—the original, six-story tower (the "North Tower") and the South Tower. The proposed plan that will be in front of Council on Monday is the redevelopment of the North Tower. The redevelopment plan and the redevelopment project does not include the South Tower.

Demolition of the South Tower is a separate matter. The owner intends to demolish the South Tower regardless of the outcome of the redevelopment plan for the North Tower, for the reasons set forth below. To be clear, the redevelopers do intend to come back with a plan for phase two of this redevelopment project relating to the site of the South Tower, but for now that is not included in the plan and not a direct subject of the public hearing.

With that said, I still want to provide some context as to the condition of the building and why the South Tower must be demolished in order to preserve the North Tower.

#### 2. Condition of the Gold's Building.

The condition of the Gold's building has been declining for some time, but recently the condition has become significantly worse.

• In January 2020, the building was 60% vacant, and the State of Nebraska was the only remaining tenant. But the end or 2021, the State of Nebraska moved out and the building was (and is currently) 100% vacant.

- The State of Nebraska's decision to not renew their lease appears to be tied to the condition of the building. In 2020, several DHHS employees filed a grievance against DHHS based on the poor working conditions in the Gold's building. According to a press release from Nebraska Association of Public Employees: "Workers at the Gold's Building in Lincoln have been working in unsafe and uncomfortable working conditions for years. A leaky roof, rodents, mold, and uncontrollable temperatures were just a few of the problems facing state employees each day." (https://napeafscme.org/2020/04/01/golds-building-victory/)
- In 2019, the assessed valuation of the entire building was \$7,440,700. The current valuation of the building is \$2,681,200. This is a 64% decrease in assessed value.
  - o With no tenants or active use, there is no reasonable expectation of turning around this decline.

The building is in need of redevelopment, but the deterioration and major issues are not uniformly spread throughout the building. The South Tower was not built to the same level of quality as the North Tower and is in much worse condition than the North Tower. The goal of the series of South Tower additions was to save cost and specifically provide retail floor space, not to provide a reliable structure that could be repurposed for other uses in the future. More specifically:

- The South Tower has not received the required annual maintenance for 20+ years and this has resulted in multiple mechanical, electrical and ADA issues building up and not addressed. If a remodel was completed the current building code would require complete update of all mechanical, electrical and ADA requirements to meet current codes.

   This cost would be in the tens of millions and is not feasible.
- The roof on the South Tower is approximately 40 years old and has been leaking for nearly 20 years. Deferred roof replacement has resulted in significant damage to the roof membrane and deteriorating the metal deck structure. To properly repair this roof and structure the entire roof membrane, insulation and the metal roof deck will require replacement. This cost was estimated at over \$4MM and would require the building to be vacant during the process.
- There are significant environmental concerns in the South Tower. There is mold and moisture throughout the South Tower. These same issues do not exist in the North Tower.

# 3. Demolition is necessary to preserve the Original Gold's Building.

There have been two attempts in the last two years to redevelop the entire Gold's building, and both have failed because they were not financially feasible. After two failed attempts, the previous owner would have torn the *entire building* down. According to the Lincoln Journal Star, "The owner of the Gold's Building -- the once venerable downtown department store anchoring 11th and O streets -- says he plans to demolish the building after the latest redevelopment plans fell through." (See "Gold's Building up for Sale, Lack of Historic Tax Credits Scuttles

Redevelopment Plans", Lincoln Journal Star, July 22, 2021).

The current owner has made preservation of the North Tower—the Original Gold's Building—a priority. The only financially feasible way to preserve this historic structure, is to demolish the south side of the block and rebuild a new, functional building. The conditions of the structure were outlined above, but the large structure is functionally obsolete for the owner's desired uses.

The lack of windows on the South Tower is a difficult obstacle to overcome. Any repurposing of the building containing an office or residential component would require exterior windows in the building to meet natural light requirements. This would significantly change the historic look of the building and would more than likely result in a complete removal of the building exterior and a new exterior wall being built with proper air and moisture protection to accommodate the new window openings. The State Historic Preservation Office would not approve the previous developer's plan to add the necessary windows because it was not a preservation of the existing building. So effectively any functional use of the building runs contrary to preservation.

If you have any questions prior to the meeting, please let me know. Otherwise, I am looking forward to presenting this information at the public hearing on Monday.



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From: George Wolf
To: Council Packet

Subject:Another municipality Joins FairnessDate:Friday, June 24, 2022 9:46:31 AM

Dear Councilmembers:

https://www.newsobserver.com/news/local/article262786043.html

George Wolf

Sent from Mail for Windows

From: <u>Jallah Bolay</u>

To: Mayor; Council Packet; Tammy J. Ward; Tom J. Beckius; James M. Bowers; Richard W. Meginnis; Jane Raybould;

Sandra J. Washington; Bennie R. Shobe

Cc: <u>seyi.olowolafe@ololawfirm.com</u>; <u>Jallah Bolay</u>

Subject: Important Concern (Jallah Bolay Resident of Lincoln, NE)

**Date:** Saturday, June 25, 2022 5:28:38 PM

Dear Lincoln City Council and Mayor Baird,

Thank you for your service and all you do to make our community a better place for everyone.

In addition to being a prominent and civic-minded member of our community, I believe in our leadership. And this is why I thought it wise to officially inform you about a few unpleasant experiences that I have had, particularly involving our law enforcement officers (Police).

About one year, six months ago, I started noticing some random and strange police encounters that occurred so much until it became apparent to me. In some instances, I came home from the grocery store, and while I was getting my groceries from my car, a police officer arrived, parked a few inches behind me, and was stirring in my vehicle. As I got my head out of my car with my groceries, the police officer and I made eye contact, and he instantly accelerated his police vehicle and pulled away. (Similar instances/harassment went on for a while). So out of my right and curiosity, I called the Lincoln Police Department (LPD) 402 to register my concern about the strange experiences in January 2021. On my first call to the LPD. I was forwarded to an internal/professional standard staff who collected my information and went through my issue about the strange police encounters/harassment. The LPD Professional Standard staff apologized for the unfortunate experience stating that it was not targeted at me, noting that some neighbors at my North 9th St residence often make calls to the police about missing bikes and a couple of other cases. The LPD staff explained that even the North 27th St grocery store close to my residence makes many police calls regarding shoplifting and other issues. I accepted the apology and decided to let the matter go. Also, the police harassment or harassment attempts subsided after I initially contacted the LPD.

After a while, the same issue of police harassment (harassment attempts) resurfaced. This time, on a few instances, police vehicles would aggressively come/swing right at my car and then accelerate away while I was driving. Found that very unacceptable. [(A)I felt it was rude and disrespectful. (B)It was a potential threat to road safety, a recipe for an accident, and poses a danger to other road users (other drivers and pedestrians).]

I contacted the office of the Chief of Police (COP) of the Lincoln Police Department for the second time and insisted that I wanted to speak with the COP. My call was redirected to a sergeant who spoke with me. And like when I first reached out to the LPD, I got another apology and promised that situation would be looked into to ensure we do not have these sorts of things happening. Again, I accepted the apology and decided to let the matter go.

Fast forward, I called the police on April 29th, 2022, to report pollution incidents that had been going on at my North 9th St residence for a while. [Mind you, I had in the past reported the very pollution incident to two officers from the LPD who came into the apartment and attested to the strange pollution/chemical that was smelling very strongly in my apartment. But we could not figure out what it was or who was doing it. So, I decided I would not leave that apartment until I established the source of the pollution/chemical. In summary, I was able to establish an active pollution source, which was the apartment below my North 9th St apartment. And it was at that point that I decided to follow the rule of law and report the source of the pollution to our law enforcement/LPD.]

Now, without the police taking the time to listen or understand, investigate, or review the previous police report about the very pollution incident at my North 9th St apartment, one of the LPD officers instantly ignored my case about the pollution right upon arrival. This officer, in the person of Officer Gallagher #1846, stereotypically, biasedly, and maliciously classified me as mentally ill and dangerous to myself and others. I was maliciously handcuffed and forced out of my residence that I had called to report the pollution/chemical incident and taken to the Lancaster Mental Center, where I was detained for seven days before the court hearing was held. My privacy was violated. My DNA was unlawfully acquired without my consent. I was maliciously tested for drugs and illegal substances which I had never taken in my entire life (and, of course, the result of the drug test was negative). My freedom of movement was abused over the seven days. I was deprived of the healthy choice of nutrition that I am used to having. My time was wasted, and I was terribly inconvenienced. Yes, I may be pro-police by ideology and a strong supporter of our law enforcement organizations. But these kinds of actions by some members of our law enforcement institutions are totally unacceptable. It is a gross violation of civil rights, neglect of due diligence, and abuse of the rule of law.

On top of that, we had the court hearing; the judges, in their wisdom and unwavering quest for justice and respect for the rule of law, investigated the facts and evidence without any fear or favor. They dropped all claims against me, and I won the case.

I still decided that the last thing I would want to do was to sue the police (or a police officer), with one of the reasons being that there is already so much news about police misconduct, trust, and credibility issues— and I would prefer to help them improve than merely add to the negative image of our selfless law enforcement organizations. So, I preferably went ahead to call the office of the Chief of Police of the LPD again with the hope that we could use my case as a prime example to help improve police professionalism and stereotypes, biases, and preconceived notions. But to no avail!

And that saddens me. And I am even more concerned about the justice and rights of the innocent and vulnerable out there.

With Justice and respect for human dignity, respectfully yours.

Jallah

#Love

 From: <u>kathy Ope</u>
To: <u>Council Packet</u>

**Subject:** Parking garage office should be open longer and hours be on parking tickets

**Date:** Monday, June 27, 2022 7:13:55 AM

I got a parking citation on June 20th, which is a holiday, and I didn't think they would be giving tickets on a holiday or I wouldn't have parked where I did. You only have 7 days to pay this and then it increases from \$10 to \$25, and I went to pay it this past Friday after 5, thinking the parking office would be open but it was closed and now I have to pay \$25 instead of \$10! This makes me angry because I got this ticket on a holiday and when I went to pay the ticket, the parking office (located inside a garage) was closed. Why wouldn't their hours be on the ticket (and it is not) and why would they keep hours as 8 to 5 like the courthouse, when this is a parking office located inside a parking garage and I'm sure some people, as myself, think they're open later than 5. I think the parking office should stay open later than 5 and be open half a day on Saturdays, and their hours should be on citations. I don't think LAZ management is fair nor cares what people think. Jumping the cost of a ticket from \$10 to 25 in 5 days is too much, especially when the parking office hours is not even on the ticket and people may want to pay it but can't. And \$10 and \$25 is a lot of money for the low income, as I am!

Kathy Opperud, senior citizen