

CITY OF LINCOLN
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
AGENDA
AUGUST 25, 2026
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
700 BROADWAY STREET
6:00 PM

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Recognition of Marilyn Montgomery for her service on the Fire & Police Commission.**
- 4. Public Participation**
- 5. Proclamation – Constitution Week September 17 – September 23, 2026.**
- 6. Request to Permit: Lincoln Community High School Homecoming decorating and white washing.**
- 7. Economic Development Grant Approval**
- 8. Discussion Regarding the Purchase of Museum Gift Shop Merchandise from McCoy Core USA LLC**
- 9. Transfer Ownership of Large Donut to Mel-O-Cream**
- 10. Amendment to Ordinance No. 2026-1069 Removing Stop Signs and One Way Street**
- 11. Announcements**
- 12. Executive Session 2 (C) 5 Purchase or Lease of Property**
- 13. Adjournment**
- 14. Regular City Council Meeting – September 8, 2026 at 6:00 PM**
Committee of the Whole Meeting – Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at 6:00 PM



Proclamation 2026-533
CONSTITUTION WEEK
SEPTEMBER 17-23, 2026

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States of America, the guardian of our liberties, embodies the principles of limited government in a Republic dedicated to the rule of law; and

WHEREAS, September 17, 2026, marks the two hundred and thirty-ninth anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this magnificent document and its memorable anniversary, and to the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate the occasion; and

WHEREAS, public law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17th through the 23rd as Constitution Week,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tracy L. Welch, Mayor of the City of Lincoln, Illinois, do hereby proclaim September 17-23, 2026, as CONSTITUTION WEEK in the City of Lincoln and ask our citizens to affirm the ideals the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties remembering that lost rights may never be regained.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Lincoln, Illinois to be affixed this 15th day of September 2026.

Tracy L. Welch

Tracy L. Welch
Mayor

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THE CITY OF LINCOLN

Date Received _____

RECEIVED

REQUEST TO PERMIT EVENT WITH STREET CLOSURE

Must Have Council Approval

Date(s) of Event: 10-1-2026 A copy of this form must be available at the Event

Please describe below your request for use of City Property.

Description of Event (including participating merchants, vendors, exhibitors, and units, etc.)

LCHS homecoming decorating and white washing. This event includes members of both youth and High School Football and cheer along with many outside volunteerLocation of Event Property: (Address Utilized Space) Wyatt aveItems occupying street space utilized: Football boostersDate(s) and time(s) for usage of Property: Oct 1st 4:30pm-7:30pm

Are licenses needed, if yes, please attach. YES NO

Street Closures and Parking Street(s) will be closed (Please attach map or sketch of all closures.)

If closed, which streets and blocks? Wyatt ave from Kickapoo to LCHS w/ barricade at each intersectionClosed from 4:30 a.m./p.m. until 7:30 a.m./p.m. (circle a.m. or p.m.)

If different times on different days, please specify.

Does this street normally have access to a permitted parking lot? Specify, _____

Certificate of Insurance Liability for event must be attached to request before approval.

Business/Organization/Sponsor Name: LCHS Football Boosters
Contact Name: Nichole Tinker Email: Nichole.Tinker@carle.com
Address: 1000 Ratter Way Signature: Nichole Tinker
Phone: Business: _____ Cell: 636-385-3410

APPROVED: (signatures)

Police Department: Joseph H. Meister Jr.Fire Department: Walt Sanders

Street Department: _____

Mayor: [Signature]

Vote: Council Approval _____ Years _____ Nays

Date: _____

As soon as all signatures are obtained, you will be contacted at the phone number you provided.

If your special event will be held more than once during this year with the same location and arrangements, you may use the same application with a change in dates.



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CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)
7/22/2026

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must have ADDITIONAL INSURED provisions or be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

PRODUCER Worthy Insurance Group	CONTACT NAME: PHONE (A/C, No, Ext): E-MAIL ADDRESS:	FAX (A/C, No):
	INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE	NAIC #
	INSURER A : Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust	
INSURED Lincoln CHSD #404 1000 Railer Way Lincoln, IL 62656	INSURER B : INSURER C : INSURER D : INSURER E : INSURER F :	

COVERAGES

CERTIFICATE NUMBER:

REVISION NUMBER:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

INSR LTR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	ADDL SUBR INSR WYD	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFF (MM/DD/YYYY)	POLICY EXP (MM/DD/YYYY)	LIMITS
A	☒ COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY ☐ CLAIMS-MADE ☒ OCCUR GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER: ☒ POLICY ☐ PRO- JECT ☐ LOC OTHER:		ICRMT-001000967-R-2627-01	7/1/2026	7/1/2027	EACH OCCURRENCE \$ 1,000,000 DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (EA occurrence) \$ MED EXP (Any one person) \$ 10,000 PERSONAL & ADV INJURY \$ 1,000,000 GENERAL AGGREGATE \$ 3,000,000 PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG \$ 3,000,000 EBL EACH EMPLOY \$ 1,000,000 COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (EA accident) \$ 1,000,000
A	AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY ☒ ANY AUTO OWNED AUTOS ONLY ☐ SCHEDULED HIRED AUTOS ONLY ☐ NON-OWNED AUTOS ONLY		ICRMT-001000967-R-2627-01	7/1/2026	7/1/2027	BODILY INJURY (Per person) \$ BODILY INJURY (Per accident) \$ PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident) \$ \$
A	UMBRELLA LIAB ☐ OCCUR ☒ EXCESS LIAB ☐ CLAIMS-MADE DED ☒ RETENTION \$ 0		ICRMT-001000967-R-2627-01	7/1/2026	7/1/2027	EACH OCCURRENCE \$ 5,000,000 AGGREGATE \$ AGGREGATE \$ 5,000,000 PER STATUTE ☐ OTH- ER ☐
	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NH) If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below	Y/N ☐ N/A				E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$ E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$ E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$
A	Educators Legal		ICRMT-001000967-R-2627-01	7/1/2026	7/1/2027	Aggregate 1,000,000
A	Sexual Misconduct		ICRMT-001000967-R-2627-01	7/1/2026	7/1/2027	Aggregate 5,000,000

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)
(All city grounds, streets, and facilities for any and all LCHS events)

CERTIFICATE HOLDER

CANCELLATION

City of Lincoln P.O Box 509 Lincoln, IL 62656	SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.
	AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Ashley Metelko, Administrative Assistant
MEETING DATE: August 25, 2026
RE: Economic Development Commission Grant Approvals

Background:

On August 21, 2026, the Economic Development Grant Commission met and approved the following applications:

STRUCTURAL & FACADE GRANTS:

1. MLWH LCC – 1200 N. Logan St.

- Repair to block wall/trim around garage doors
- Amount requested \$7,500.00

Approved amount by Economic Development Commission on August 21, 2026: \$7,500.00

2. Trinity Episcopal Church – 402 Pekin St.

- Tuck Pointing
- Amount requested \$7,500.00

Approved amount by Economic Development Commission on August 21, 2026: \$7,500.00

Council Recommendation: Place on Regular City Council Meeting Agenda for Sept. 8, 2026.

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council Members
FROM: Mayor Welch
MEETING DATE: August 25, 2026
RE: Transfer Ownership of Large Donut to Mel-O-Cream

Background

The City of Lincoln currently owns the large donut located in the Mel-O-Cream parking lot. Ownership was transferred from the Logan County Tourism Bureau to the City of Lincoln in early 2026. While the donut continues to serve the community as a recognizable tourism attraction, it is located on private property and is specific to the Mel-O-Cream business.

I recommend transferring ownership of the donut to Mel-O-Cream. This would allow the attraction to remain in place and continue benefiting Lincoln's tourism efforts while transferring responsibility for ownership, maintenance, insurance, and liability to Mel-O-Cream. I have spoken to the owners of Mel-O-Cream and they are amenable to the proposed transfer.

Fiscal Impact

Transfer of ownership to Mel-O-Crème would eliminate the City's responsibility for maintaining and insuring the donut and reduce potential liability associated with a City-owned asset located on private property. The City and community would continue to receive the tourism benefit associated with the attraction without the corresponding ownership obligations.

COW Recommendation

Place "Approval of transfer of ownership of the City-owned donut to Mel-O-Cream" on the September 8, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting agenda.

Council Recommendation

Approve the transfer of ownership of the City-owned donut to Mel-O-Cream and authorize the necessary documents to transfer ownership and responsibility for the asset.

ORDINANCE NO.
AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 2026-1069
AN AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 2026-1069 REMOVING
STOP SIGNS AND ONE WAY STREET

THIS ORDINANCE is made and adopted by the CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN, LOGAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS, at a regular meeting held in the City Council Chambers in said City on the ____ day of _____, 2026, WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the CITY OF LINCOLN is a municipal corporation located in Logan County, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, North Elm Street is a road within the City of Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, the Council passed ordinance 2026-1069 which implemented stop signs, a one way street, and reduced speed limits; and

WHEREAS, the Council has had further time to deliberate the matter amongst themselves and City leadership, and as a result want to remove the previously passed stipulations for a one way street and stop signs while keeping the reduction in speed limit;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN, as follows:

1. That the one way road on Elm Street within the City of Lincoln between 8th Street and 10th Street for northbound traffic only is hereby removed. (See Attached Exhibit)
2. Any stop sign placement hereby previously agreed to is also removed, thereby keeping the status quo for signage in this area.
3. Effective Date. That this Amendment is effective immediately upon its passage.

The vote on the adoption of this Ordinance was as follows:

Alderman Parrott	_____	Alderman O'Donoghue	_____
Alderman Clemons	_____	Alderman Anderson	_____
Alderman Bateman	_____	Alderman McClallen	_____
Alderman Becke	_____	Alderman Downs	_____

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Absent: _____

Absent: _____

Passed and approved this ____ day of _____, 2026.

CITY OF LINCOLN,

BY: _____

Tracy Welch, Mayor
City of Lincoln, Logan County, Illinois

ATTEST: _____ (SEAL)

City Clerk, City of Lincoln,
Logan County, Illinois

EXHIBIT A

§ 9-10-3 One-Way Streets And Alleys.

[Ord. 243, 10-19-1987; Ord. 309, 6-19-1989; Ord. 352, 5-3-1993; Ord. 555, 12-2-2002; Ord. 565, 8-18-2003; Ord. 2011-724, 1-18-2011]

Upon those streets or parts of streets described below, vehicular traffic shall move only in the indicated direction when signs indicating the direction of traffic are erected and maintained at every intersection where movement in the opposite direction is prohibited.

(A) One-Way Streets And Alleys:

1. The alleys in blocks 10, 15 and 20 of the original town, now a part of the City (said blocks lie between Kickapoo and Chicago Streets), from Clinton Street to Pekin Street shall be one-way northbound alleys, except south 1/2 of block 20 and north 1/2 of block 10.
2. The following section of Clinton Street is hereby declared a one-way street, allowing traffic to proceed only in a westerly direction over the following portion of said street: Clinton Street, between Logan and Union Street, is hereby declared to be a one-way thoroughfare for westbound traffic only.
3. The alley lying between Sangamon Street and Logan Street and conveying traffic from Pulaski Street to Broadway is designated as a one-way alley for said block and traffic is directed to proceed from Pulaski Street to Broadway only, and appropriate signs shall be placed at the entrances of said alley with Pulaski Street and Broadway to so indicate that it is a one-way alley.
4. The alley between Tremont Street and the extension of Lincoln Avenue into the Centennial Courts housing authority, the said alley running along the northwest side of Centennial Courts and the southeast side of Heitmann Towney's survey of the City, is designated as a one-way alley, and traffic is directed to proceed only in a northeasterly direction in said alley, and appropriate signs shall be placed at the entrances of said alley to so indicate that it is a one-way alley.
5. The alley between Pekin Street and Broadway Street and blocks 12 and 16 in the original town of Lincoln be a one-way alley allowing traffic to travel towards Broadway Street only.
6. The alley between Kankakee Street to Ottawa Street in block 7 in Wyatt And Latham's Second Addition to the City be a one-way alley allowing traffic to travel easterly from Ottawa Street to Kankakee Street only.
7. The following section of Ottawa Street is hereby declared a one-way street, allowing traffic to proceed only in a northerly direction from Union Street to Broadway Street over

the following portion of said street: Ottawa Street between Union Street and Broadway Street is hereby declared to be a one-way thoroughfare for northbound traffic only.

8. The following section of Seventh Street is hereby declared a one-way street, allowing traffic to proceed only in a westerly direction from Union Street to the intersection of Seventh Street and Maple Street over the following portion of said streets: Seventh Street between Union Street and Maple Street is hereby declared to be a one-way thoroughfare for westbound traffic only.

~~9. The following section of Elm Street is hereby declared a one-way street, allowing traffic to proceed only in a northerly direction over the following portion of said street: Elm Street, between Eighth and Tenth Street, is hereby declared to be a one-way thoroughfare for northbound traffic only.~~