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February 22, 2011

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Lawrence met in regular session at 6:35 p.m., in the City Commission Chambers in City Hall with Mayor Amyx presiding and members Chestnut, Cromwell, Dever, and Johnson present.

A. PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

1. None.

B. CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Chestnut, seconded by Dever, to approve the consent agenda.

Motion carried unanimously.

1. Approved City Commission meeting minutes from 02/08/11 and 02/15/11.
2. Received minutes from various boards and commissions:

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meeting of 02/08/11
Traffic Safety Commission meeting of 02/07/11
Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission meeting of 01/12/11

3. Approved claims to 147 vendors in the amount of \$943,869.14.
4. Approved licenses as recommended by the City Clerk's Office.

Drinking Establishment License to Dempsey's Burger Pub, 623 Vermont; El Mezcal Mexican Restaurant II, 804 Iowa; Allstars, 913 North 2nd Ste: C; the Retail Liquor License for Myers Liquor North, 1805 West 2nd; the Cereal Malt Beverage On Premise License to Alvamar Orchards, 3000 Bob Billings Parkway; Cereal Malt Beverage License for Mass Stop, 1733 Massachusetts; and an additional vehicle Tax Cab License for Jayhawk Taxi, 850 East 13th Ste: F.

5. Approved appointments as recommended by the Mayor

Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission:



Appoint Marilyn Russell (764.0290) to a vacant term that expires 01/31/14.

Sister Cities Advisory Board:

Reappoint Ken Albrecht (841.5806), Dennis Christilles (749.2187), and Kelly Herndon to additional terms that would expire 12/31/13.

6. Bid and purchase items:
 - a) Set bid date of March 8, 2011 for City Bid No. B1111, Project No. PW1104, 2011 Overlay Program, Phase 1.
 - b) Awarded bid for Project No. PW1103, 2011 Microsurfacing Program, to Vance Brothers in the amount of \$906,980.57.
 - c) Approved annual phone systems support maintenance agreement with Innovative Service Solutions, Inc. for \$20,752.
 - d) Rejected the bids for the Comprehensive Rehabilitation projects at 407 Maine Street and 1046 Pennsylvania Street as the bids exceeded the program limit of \$25,000.
7. Adopted on second and final reading, Ordinance No. 8613, establishing NO PARKING along the north side of 27th Street between Kensington Road and Mayfair Drive.
8. Adopted Resolution No. 6919, committing expenditures of Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Funds.
9. Approved Special Event Permits, SE-1-2-11, requested for seasonal garden sales at 2300 Louisiana Street from May 27th through June 30th, 2011. (Four administrative permits have been approved for this property for April 1st through May 26th.) Submitted by Kaw Valley Greenhouses, Inc. for 2300 Louisiana Co, LLC, property owner of record.
10. Approved Special Event Permits, SE-1-3-11, requested for seasonal garden sales at 3301 Iowa Street from May 27th through June 30th, 2011. (Four administrative permits have been approved for this property for April 1st through May 26th.) Submitted by Kaw Valley Greenhouses, Inc. for Rock Chalk Land Development LLC, property owner of record.
11. Approved unanimous recommendations from the Bicycle Advisory Committee regarding riding on sidewalks (BAC Item 5 approved on 9/21/10) and riding abreast (BAC Item 7 approved on 11/16/10); and adopted on first reading, Ordinance No. 8615, to amend Lawrence City Code Sections 17-702, Riding on Sidewalks and 17-114, Riding Abreast.
12. Authorized staff to submit an application to KDOT for the 2013 Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Set Aside Funds, part of T-Works, for 23rd Street, Iowa to the East City Limits.
13. Approved unanimous recommendations from the Traffic Safety Commission for the following:
 - a) Concurred with recommendation from the Traffic Safety Commission to deny request to establish NO PARKING along the east side of Ousdahl

Road between 19th Street and 19th Terrace. (TSC Item #3; approved 2/7/11)

- b) Concurred with recommendation from the Traffic Safety Commission to deny request to establish RESERVED PARKING for persons with disabilities in front of 1130 Emery Road. (TSC Item #4; approved 2/7/11)
14. Authorized submittal of a Statement of Interest for the National Endowment of the Arts (NEA) grant opportunity.

C. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

David Corliss, City Manager, presented the City Manager's Report.

D. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Consider approving the following items related to KU Relays events in downtown Lawrence:

- a) Approve a Temporary Use of Public Right-of-Way Permit for the closure of the 100 block of E 8th St and the intersection of 8th St and New Hampshire St from 6:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. on 04/20/11; the closure of the 100 block of W 8th St from 11:00 a.m. on 04/21/11 until 6:00 a.m. on 04/22/10; the closure of portions of the 700 blocks of New Hampshire St and Vermont St from 4:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. on 04/21/11; the temporary use of portions of New Hampshire St, 11th St, and Vermont St as race routes from approximately 5:30 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. on 04/21/11; and associated parking prohibitions, if appropriate.
- b) Adopt on first reading, Ordinance No. 8614, authorizing the possession and consumption of alcoholic liquor on the 100 block of E 8th St and the intersection of 8th St and New Hampshire St from 4:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. on 04/20/11, and on the 100 block of W 8th St from 4:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. on 04/21/11, if appropriate.

Jonathan Douglass, Assistant to the City Manager/City Clerk, presented the staff report. He said the Convention and Visitors Bureau and Kansas Athletics were planning to bring events downtown associated with the KU Relays. The first event scheduled for Wednesday, April 20th, was a shot put event that would take place in the intersection of 8th and New Hampshire. The City's Street Department would help with the setup and cleanup of this event.

Signs would indicate streets closure to through traffic on Rhode Island, but 7th through 9th Streets would remain opened. There would be no parking on 8th Street.

The event planners were also requesting permission for possession and consumption of alcohol in the spectator area during these events.

He said he also wanted to mention that next week, the City Commission would likely hear a request to close the same area, including the intersection, for the Adult Swim Spring College Carnival.

On Thursday, April 21st, was a long jump event and were proposing to close the portion of 8th Street, west of Massachusetts Street for that event from 11:00 am Thursday to 6:00 am Friday. It would be closed until Friday morning at the request of City staff for street cleaning purposes because of less traffic.

The final event on Thursday was a mile run which would begin on the 700 Block of New Hampshire to 11th Street, to Vermont, and back up Vermont to the 700 Block. The north half of the 700 block of New Hampshire would be closed from 4:00 pm to 6:15 pm and the southern half of the 700 block of Vermont. The rest of the race route would remain opened until just before the race.

Race Marshalls and Police Officers would direct traffic so that shortly before the race traffic could only turn away from the runners, or in other words, traveling in the same direction of the runners. A few minutes before the race, the traffic would be blocked on those streets and no traffic would be allowed.

The applicants asked that parking be prohibited along the entire race route for 2 hours, 4 pm to 6 pm. The CVB would use no parking signs that were zip tied onto the meter poles, to not deter the public from using those metered parking spaces before the race and closure of those streets.

Mayor Amyx said regarding the event that would take place on April 20th, when the East 100 Block of 8th Street was blocked off, he asked if signs would be placed at 7th and 9th Streets detouring traffic through East Lawrence.

Douglass said the traffic could be detoured to Connecticut Street. Traffic would detour itself to Massachusetts and Vermont Streets as well, but did not anticipate any additional neighborhood traffic.

Bob Sanner, Convention and Visitors Bureau, said their board had worked very closely with the event Director for the Kansas Relays, Milan Donley, for these events.

Mayor Amyx asked if KU had a problem with the alcohol that would be served at this event.

Donley said no, he believed there would be no problem.

Sanner said he submitted the Temporary Right-of-Way application in conjunction with Kansas Athletics. He said they wanted the flexibility to serve alcohol and felt there were some opportunity for businesses nearby that might want to step in and expand their service area.

Mayor Amyx called for public comment.

After receiving no public comment, Vice Mayor Cromwell said notification was given to area businesses and asked if any opposition was heard.

Donley said he personally talked to the downtown merchants on 8th Street and there were no negative responses to this event. He said the merchants were excited about putting this event on.

Commission Chestnut said this was a great event. He said he did not think people knew how big of an event the relays were and would be good to expose the relays to more people.

David Corliss, City Manager, said Jonathan Douglass and others did a great job at coordinating this event. He said the City wanted to try and get more events downtown and KU Relays was a great Kansas and Lawrence tradition.

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Chestnut, to approve a Temporary Use of Public Right-of-Way Permit for KU Relays and adopt on first reading, Ordinance No. 8614, the authorization of the sale, possession, and consumption of alcoholic liquor on public property on

the 100 block of E 8th St and the intersection of 8th St and New Hampshire St from 4:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. on 04/20/11, and on the 100 block of W 8th St from 4:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. on 04/21/11, provided the sale, possession and consumption are pursuant to City of Lawrence and State of Kansas law. Motion carried unanimously.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT:

F. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

David Corliss, City Manager, outlined potential future agenda items.

G: COMMISSION ITEMS:

H: CALENDAR:

Corliss reviewed calendar items.

I CURRENT VACANCIES – BOARDS/COMMISSIONS:

Existing and upcoming vacancies on City of Lawrence Boards and Commissions were listed on the agenda.

Moved by Chestnut, seconded by Cromwell, to adjourn at 6:57 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED:

Mike Amyx, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jonathan M. Douglass, City Clerk