

ITEM NO. 1 ANNEXATION; 45.4 ACRES; W 6TH ST & SOUTH LAWRENCE TRAFFICWAY (MJL)

A-9-5-11: Consider annexation of approximately 45.4 acres of a city owned future park, located north and east of the intersection of W. 6th Street and the South Lawrence Trafficway. Submitted by the City of Lawrence, property owner of record.

STAFF PRESENTATION

Ms. Michelle Leininger presented the item.

PUBLIC HEARING

Ms. Gwen Klingenberg, Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods, said she talked to the President of the West Lawrence Neighborhood Association and they supported parks and would like to see more in the neighborhoods. She stated she also supported the protection of Baldwin Creek.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Commissioner Liese said that was his regular running trail and he was excited about the project.

ACTION TAKEN

Motioned by Commissioner Liese, seconded by Commissioner Blaser, to approve the annexation of approximately 45.5 acres located north and east of the intersection of W. 6th Street and the South Lawrence Trafficway, and to initiate rezoning from A (Agriculture) District to OS (Open Space) District and A (Agricultural) District to OS-FP (Open Space-Floodplain Overlay) District.

Commissioner von Achen asked if the park would be groomed or left somewhat in a natural state.

Ms. Leininger said if any grooming was done it would be minimal. She said there was potential for a clearing to be made for parking in the future.

Commissioner Liese said there were already a bunch of little parking areas for the trail. He said it was pretty naturally groomed and not overgrown at all.

Unanimously approved 8-0. Student Commissioner Davis voted in the affirmative.