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The Board of Commissioners of the City of Lawrence met in regular session at 4:30 p.m., in the City Commission Chambers in City Hall with Mayor Cromwell presiding and members Amyx, Carter, Dever and Schumm present.

A. STUDY SESSION:

1. The City Commission held a study session with the Solid Waste Task Force.

After a break at 6:00 p.m., the regularly scheduled City Commission Meeting began at 6:35 p.m.

B. RECOGNITION/PROCLAMATION/PRESENTATION

1. None.

C. CONSENT AGENDA

Schumm asked that consent agenda item number 4, licenses, be pulled from consent for a separate vote because he had a conflict of interest.

Schumm asked that consent agenda item number 7b, regarding artificial turf, be pulled from consent for a separate vote.

Schumm requested that item number 11 be removed for consent for a short discussion.

It was moved by Schumm, seconded by Amyx to approve the consent agenda as below, with exception of items 4, 7b, and 11. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Approved City Commission meeting minutes from 02/07/12.
2. Received minutes from Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting of 02/14/12, Human Relations Commission meeting of 11/17/11, Public Health Board meeting of



12/19/11, Homeless Issues Advisory Committee meeting of 01/10/12, Community Development Advisory Committee meeting of 01/26/12.

3. Approved claims to 198 vendors in the amount of \$3,505,838.25; and payroll from February 12, 2012 to February 25, 2012 in the amount of \$1,919,961.45.

4. THIS ITEM WAS REMOVED FROM CONSENT FOR SEPARATE VOTE. Approved licenses as recommended by the City Clerk's Office.

Drinking Establishment licenses for The Pool Room, 925 Iowa, Quinton's Bar & Deli, 615 Massachusetts, Yokohama Sushi, 1730 West 23rd St., Papa Keno's, 1035 Massachusetts, Yacht Club, 530 Wisconsin, Dempsey's Burger Bar, 623 Vermont and a Class A Club license for Columbus Club Association, 2206 East 23rd.

5. Approved appointment of Scott Kimzey to a Board of Zoning Appeals/Sign Code Board of Appeals position that expires 09/30/13 and David Vance to a Library Board position that will expire 04/30/15.

6. Bid and purchase items:

- a) Waived bidding requirements and authorized the purchase of two (2) one ton extended cargo vans for the Parks and Recreation Department to Laird Noller Automotive for \$27,115.00 each total purchase \$54,230.

- b) Approved the "Base Bid" and "Alternate Bid" from Vance Brothers, Inc. for the 2012 Microsurfacing Program, Project No. PW1204, in the total amount of \$1,561,648.19.

- c) Awarded bid for Project No. PW1126, Delaware Street, 8th to 9th Street (Poehler Building), Street, Storm Sewer and Waterline Improvements to King's Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$809,061.40.

7. Approved the following regarding the use of synthetic turf:

- a) Approved Text Amendments (TA-4-6-11) and adopted on first reading, Ordinance No. 8693, pertaining to the use of Synthetic Turf as a landscaping material in the Land Development Code.

- b) THIS ITEM WAS REMOVED FROM CONSENT FOR SEPARATE VOTE. Adopted on first reading, Ordinance No. 8709, regulating the use of synthetic turf for all properties within the city, including requiring City Commission approval of synthetic turf installations.

8. Adopted on first reading, Ordinance No. 8691, enacting scrap metal dealer registration requirements as mandated by the State of Kansas.

9. Authorized the City Manager to execute a License Agreement between the City of Lawrence and the University of Kansas to allow installation of a communications duct and cables in the 11th Street right-of-way between the stadium and GSP Hall.

10. Approved a Temporary Use of Public Right-of-Way Permit for the St John Mexican Fiesta, allowing the closure of Vermont Street from South Park Street to 12th Street on June 22-23, 2012; and adopted on first reading, Ordinance No. 8708, allowing the possession and consumption of alcohol on Vermont Street as part of the event.
11. THIS ITEM WAS REMOVED FROM CONSENT FOR SEPARATE VOTE. Received request for additional funding from the Lawrence Community Shelter; referred to staff for review.
12. Received the 2011 System Development Charge report.
13. Authorized the Mayor to sign a Release of Mortgage for Joseph Stafford, 1342 Connecticut.
14. Received 2011 annual report of revenues and expenses related to the regulation of building activity.

Schumm left the room at 6:38 p.m.

Moved by Amyx, seconded by Carter to approve item number 4, licenses. Motion carried 4-0 with Schumm abstaining

Schumm returned at 6:39 p.m.

Regarding item 7b, Schumm said he had voted in the negative previously and wanted to continue to vote no on this item.

Moved by Carter, seconded by Amyx to approve consent agenda item number 7b. Motion carried 4-1 with Schumm in the negative.

Regarding consent agenda item number 11, receiving a letter from Lawrence Community Shelter, Schumm said we had received the letter from the shelter. He said their story was one of success in reaching the goal for the capital campaign and hopefully they would move into it and occupy it this year. They now found themselves short on operational funds. The needs and usage at the same time had increased. He asked that this be put on the agenda next Tuesday night for an answer whether we would provide funding or not, and how much.

Cromwell said he thought that sounded fine and we could have staff prepare for it by next week.

Moved by Schumm, seconded by Dever to receive the letter from the Lawrence Community Shelter. Motion carried unanimously.

D. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

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

E. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Receive Solid Waste Task Force report.

Mayor Cromwell introduced the item.

Mayor Cromwell called for public comment.

Bill Mitchell said the goal of incentivizing trash reduction was good, but the report, while it stated the goal, failed to provide the incentive. Broadly speaking there are two types, moral and financial. The moral incentive had been present for many years and many people had reduced their trash voluntarily. The heavy trash users needed the financial incentive, and the 95 gallon cart would not provide that. At the get go, a meaningful financial incentive had to be created. Maybe start with a 30 gallon cart and charge 1X, then charge 2X for a 60 gallon cart and 3X for 90 gallons. He said it sounded like really bad planning not to include commercial recycling in the RFP.

Barbara Beck said yard waste could be problematic. Could many home owners afford the fees? What are the costs to home owners, apartment owners, apartment dwellers? What happens to the current employees? What happens to the small business recycling groups? Are containers going to be provided free for yard waste? What has the city done to have recycling inculcated in the whole city? Trash containers create smells and attract pests. Many homeowners already recycle. Who is learning about recycling other than the home owners? Olathe is an unusual comparison because they are not a college town. What has the city done to provide recycling containers in parks, downtown, and other locations? How do the elderly get

the containers to the curb? Where is the homeowner going to store the containers? She said she really saw dollar signs at the end of this rainbow and she didn't like it. More information needed to be provided to the public.

Armond Enclarde said he had a few questions. Some multi-family properties pay the residential fee for their trash pickup. When you implement this and there is a price increase, would their prices increase?

Cromwell said if the residential rate increases it will increase for anyone that pays it. He said the item before us was to receive the report. We are a point at this juncture of investigating.

Enclarde said if you were going to increase the rates it would be for recycling.

Cromwell said we were considering putting out an RFP

Enclarde asked how recycling would be provided to multifamily properties.

Cromwell said there would be opportunities for companies to bid on collecting such recycling.

Chad Luce, Sustainability Advisory Board, said a 2008 survey showed overwhelming support for curbside. Standard containers would introduce variable rate pricing and would decrease employee injuries. They had found in Olathe that people had concerns such as were mentioned by a previous speaker, which concerns were greatly alleviated after implementation.

Jeff Joseph, Jeff's Curbside Recycling, said currently most citizens knew where and how to recycle. He felt that if people want to recycle they already are. The people he spoke to were against government run mandatory recycling. People should have the opportunity not to be forced into it.

Schumm asked if Mr. Joseph would want to respond to an RFP.

Joseph said he didn't have enough people to do it at this time. He would need to see the numbers from the city first. He would want to provide professional service.

Leslie Soden said the ELNA board voted unanimously to support the recommendations. They were pro recycling and hoped the city would make it easier for people to do it. She hoped recycling would be extended to multifamily at some point.

Cromwell said he would address a few questions. One of the big comments was the size of the carts. The task force recommendations did not specify a size that would be the standard. That would be left to the professionals to decide. He didn't feel qualified to judge what size is needed by other people at this time. The recommendation does encourage a move toward variable rate pricing but doesn't go so far as saying we need to immediately start tagging bags. First we would perhaps go to standard containers and recycling. It was a laudable goal but we needed to grow into it. The changes we have talked about are enough to cause concern for some at this time. As for downtown bins and other things, that is something that belongs in the RFP. There is a group that has been encouraging that already. It belongs in the RFP. There may be additional venues but definitely was needed in downtown. Regarding the size of the carts being too big for some people to move around, the answer is a little bit of education. We do a great job at reaching out to those that have a physical need. Our guys will go get the carts from the top of the driveway if needed. That is what we do now. We talked about costs. A lot of the input we got was along the lines of "I'm a senior on a fixed income, don't raise our rates." We have already a program for people who are both over 60 and lower income, which was only 35% of the normal rate. That kind of thing was going to continue, and gets at the most vulnerable part of the community. The opt-out question – we currently have an opt out program and it has resulted in 20% recycling and another 7% occasional recycling. Studies in other cities show that when a bin is provided, 90% of people use them. The point of not having the opt out is to increase efficiencies and broaden the participation in recycling. In order to accomplish that it needs to be an additional service provided throughout town. A lot of the concerns expressed were addressed in attachment 6 to the SWTF report. Another question to address was the affect on private providers of recycling and it was an unfortunate situation and hopefully they could

adjust and find new services to provide. He said he believed very strongly that a change needed to be made. The task force was a diverse group that came together in unanimous support of the report.

Amyx said between the study session and the meeting, a person from the task force reminded him that their job was to keep the city clean. We had to commend the current city employees who provided the service. He said he and the city commission appreciated that work and everyone in the community appreciates it. As we look at the plans he appreciated the mayor's enthusiasm and that of the task force. There is one part of this he wanted us to understand. One of the recommendations was a desire for a phased approach – containers, then automation, then a recycling bid. Public education was important and we needed to make sure it happened at each stage. There are some costs we can't control such as fuel. Our workers comp costs are another thing that we can't necessarily control or predict. It's a dangerous job and people get hurt. He believed the commission would put together a plan to phase in plans over time and do it right. We are going to take into consideration the Jeff Joseph's around town. We can't forget those people. He hoped the RFP would be written so people like him could participate. We had been asked many questions such as the previous speaker. One of the biggest concerns he had was the variable rate pricing. He thought that was important. A lot of people did a good job recycling or just didn't produce as much trash. They should only pay for what they use. He wanted people to understand is that this just starts a process on a number of items we would consider over time. As we consider different portions of it there would be plenty of opportunities for people to participate. Public outreach is critical at each step.

Dever said it was a great report. A lot of the questions people had were answered in it. One thing he wanted people to understand is that none of the changes will happen overnight. They may be hard for different people because change is difficult. We need to be patient and careful. If we care about having great service we need to also be concerned about the safety of

the people providing it. Whatever change occurs we will keep their health in mind. Automation will be more efficient. We need to think about providing a competitive service whether it is in-house or outsourced. Any change should make the service safer and more efficient. Many communities have already done this and are reaping benefits.

Schumm said twenty years ago we had a major change and went from two trash pickups a week to one trash pickup and one lawn waste pickup. We heard some of the same comments tonight that he heard twenty years ago. We worked through all that and it had been a success. It was a great endeavor that worked well. Although this change will be difficult for some people it would be a positive overall. It would help us recycle more and benefit the safety of our employees. It would make us greener.

Carter said change was difficult even if it was for the better. He said he had lived in 10 different states. When he moved back to Lawrence he noted two things. One, the condition of our streets, and two, the lack of curbside recycling. It was the weakest of any place he had lived. He was proud of the progress we had made. Change was difficult but needed to be done. His biggest concern for this project was from a cost standpoint. A lot of concerns could be alleviated through public outreach. There are a lot of options and things to consider. He felt comfortable that we would come to the right and best conclusion.

Cromwell said he thanked staff. We had at least 20 meetings with at least four staff at each meeting as well as behind the scenes work. We were able to take advantage of expertise in other communities and we were able to learn from them. He thanked the participation of the task force members. The participation rate was very high. He said it was very interesting because the more we got into the issues the more interesting it became. The report is a reflection of the hard work of the task force and the staff. A lot of the questions, concerns and fears are answered in the report. There are obviously concerns but the report is there. We would continue to offer outstanding service in Lawrence no matter what. No one is going to want to change this for the worse. We have a good system but there are opportunities for

improvement. We need to do what we can to help the small businesses. We had a great start but we had a journey ahead of us still. Change is ongoing and we want to provide the best service to the community.

Moved by Schumm, seconded by Dever to receive the report. Motion carried unanimously.

Cromwell said there are two more immediate recommendations. The first is providing standardized carts. We can help people and get around the issues of moving carts. He wanted staff to bring back a report on how we could implement this and what the costs were. That is priority number one because we have workers being injured.

Corliss said we would come back with an implementation report regarding costs and how it would be rolled out.

Schumm asked if we would also discuss size and prize.

Cromwell said he would include an educational component. Olathe did an outstanding job of that. We could learn from their success.

Schumm said the other part would be whether there are any equipment changes needed.

Corliss said our trucks could do it now.

Moved by Cromwell, seconded by Dever, to direct staff to bring back an implementation report for containerization. Motion carried unanimously.

Cromwell said the second part was an RFP for recycling. He said it would be difficult to get it right on the first try and it would need a lot of discussion. There were a lot of elements to consider including bins downtown and other groups that currently do recycling. He said he would like to improve that process.

Schumm said what if we asked for a report back on RFPs. There are many elements and it may be that there are different types of RFPs. Maybe the city wants to do it. Maybe we

want a single source. Another issue was what materials would be collected. Maybe we could consider those items separately in a report rather than in an RFP.

Corliss said that was probably the right way to proceed. There would be some standard language that would be appropriate but a lot of choices to make also. City staff would not prepare a response on behalf of the city unless directed by the Commission. We would like to do that but wouldn't unless directed.

Dever said whatever the RFP was, let's make it modular so people could bid on different portions of the city. That would allow smaller vendors to participate as well. That could help companies that are already here but also be able to incorporate a larger vendor to do all of the community.

Cromwell said there were communities that had done that. There may be other options. A menu was critical. There may be pieces to peel off. There are so many different situations from commercial, to Oread, to other locations. Parceling off those may be better.

Amyx said at this point we would have a report from staff about the procedure for establishing an RFP.

Corliss said yes, perhaps with as many of the modules we could think of as staff.

Cromwell said this would take a number of times to get it done.

Carter asked if we should have the city begin working on their own proposal also.

Cromwell said they would need to know what they are bidding on. He wanted to see the service out to bid but it would be irresponsible for the city not to bid on it also.

Moved by Schumm, seconded by Carter, to direct staff to prepare a report regarding RFP options, and to start preparing a program of price and services provided by city employees.

Amyx asked if this was just for the report.

Cromwell said just for the report.

Motion carried unanimously.

Corliss said we didn't want to lose track of other elements in the task force report. We would keep that in mind while evaluating our own services. We have captured the major items tonight but we will continue to look at the smaller items.

2. **Receive City Auditor's performance audit on the Rental Housing Licensing Program.**

Michael Eglinski, City Auditor, presented the staff report.

Schumm asked why one side of the street in RS required inspections and the other side didn't.

McCullough said it was a technical issue. There can be RS on one side of the street and another zoning on the other side. Regarding the PUD issue, when the development code changed in 2006, some of the RS was converted to PUD. There was a determination in the Planning Department administration at that time that PUD didn't require licensing because the code called for it in RS. He said we agreed that that interpretation should change.

Eglinski continued his presentation.

Carter asked about the Manhattan program and why they canceled last year.

Eglinski said the program was pretty new, maybe created in 2008.

Brian Jimenez, Code Enforcement Manager, said it was 2010.

Eglinski said they were considering some changes. There was no agreement and then a vote to eliminate it.

Jimenez said they were going to license everything in the first year, then something major happened and they dropped the program.

Schumm said there was an election.

Schumm asked about the PUD. How many areas were covered by PUD relative to RS.

Eglinski said about 10% of single family parcels are in PUD.

Jimenez said the three main areas were Deerfield, Alvamar, and south of Clinton Parkway between Crossgate and Kasold.

Schumm said the complaints in his neighborhood were then handled differently.

Jimenez said they didn't have to be licenses in PUD, and the occupancy limit was 4.

Schumm asked how the neighborhood became a PUD.

McCullough said the history would be good to bring back in a report. We know it was a consequence of the development code changes and the rezoning.

Eglinski said if you looked at the makeup, the number of parcels by land use, they are very similar. There are a few more duplexes in PUD than RS, but they were very similar. That may be the reason some properties are licensed and they don't have to be.

Mayor Cromwell called for public comment.

Gwen Klingenberg said she lived in a PUD. It had to do with the multiple uses in the area. If you were to go through the neighborhood you could easily tell which properties were rentals and which were owner occupied by the level of maintenance. In some of the neighborhoods around the golf course it was because of the apartment complexes that they were zoned PUD rather than RS. We have neighborhoods like Pinkney where most of the homes are single family but they are RM zoned. There are problems all over town where the zoning doesn't match the use. Unless we change the zoning we have the situation where people think they are in RS but they aren't. Expansion of the rental licensing program is one way to equalize the community. She said she was concerned about the fees because in most cases the costs are passed on to the tenants. She knew one way was to get the cost first and then implement it. One city not looked at was Lincoln where a private company makes money by doing this. Landlords want to be licensed there because the school distributes a list of the licensed rentals and students like it because they know they are inspected. She supported the expansion of the program and looking at correcting the PUD issue.

Candice Davis said she had supported the rental licensing program for at least five years. She thought it was an infrastructure issue just like roads. People come to the community and look at the buildings and get an impression of the city. She said there are good landlords,

but we need inspections because it is obvious there are many that are not so good. It is not working now. We need accountability. These are businesses and they need to be accessible and accountable. Students and renters need to be safe. The notion of demolition by neglect had been discussed over the years and these rentals contributed to that.

Jim Mullins said the express purpose of this program was another case of the city being able to collect a fee. If landlords don't sell value, they won't get money. That is what will control this situation rather than having government's heavy hand coming in. Growing the program and increasing the number of employees is what happens. Manhattan got it right. They let the free market run the program.

Leslie Soden said she went to K-State and lived in some really bad places. As much as she liked the free market she preferred regulation.

Dan Dannenberg said he lived on a street that had a lot of rental properties. Fortunately the situation had improved as owner occupants moved in. We still had problems with properties being occupied by, in one case, a pig. We need an effective rent control and code enforcement in this community. You have successfully kept the code enforcement program understaffed and underfunded. You could find money for Theatre Lawrence but not code enforcement. You can identify rentals in his neighborhood just by looking at them by their appearance. We need effective regulation. He said he walked through Oread earlier this year and was appalled. It is what the private sector wreaks, then we don't need it. It could be explained only as neglect or corruption. These rentals are the equivalent of Asian carp and zebra mussels. They wreak havoc on the environment. We need to have in this community a change of perception of what our neighborhoods should be and look like. It is frustrating to talk about this because we all know this isn't going to change. There is a perfect example just a block from the mayor's business.

Schumm asked about expanding to include PUDs, would it change the occupancy to three.

McCullough said we would have to research that.

Schumm asked how his house was different than other single family zones. He didn't like that.

McCullough said we would get some info on the code changes. How the neighborhood developed, it may never have been considered single family because of the multi-uses.

Cromwell said he thought of a problem house where he lived in college. He said it was difficult when you were 18 years old and you were getting an apartment. In his case it was unbelievably bad and it was in RM, so no licensing requirement. There are a lot of good landlords and rentals in this town. Some people keep them up and some don't, both owner occupied and rentals. He saw an expansion of the rental registration program as an important thing for the kids out there. It was a health and safety issue. It was about protecting young adults just finding their way. An expansion of this made sense to him. KU was in favor of this because it was about protecting their students. If we don't have a fee high enough to cover the costs than everyone else was subsidizing it.

Amyx asked what he wanted to expand it to.

Cromwell said he thought staff should come back with a report.

Eglinski said there were two things that could happen. Expand it to do something with PUD. There are opportunities through technology to make the inspectors time more efficient. If we have some efficiency we can add some registrations without adding cost. He didn't feel like he had a good sense of what the cost should be.

McCullough said in 2009 we provided a report on options and fees. We can update that and provide it again.

Jimenez said that memo was attached to the agenda yesterday, dated 12/03/08. We could update that easily enough.

McCullough said you had to drill down a little bit to get to it. We would get back to it and update it.

Dever said we needed to clean up the unintended consequences of the zoning changes, besides just the registration and the occupancy limits. One of the things Michael pointed out was that a cursory review turned up multiple unlicensed properties. He wanted to make sure we had the systems in place to properly manage what we had in place. Until we can enforce what we have, how can we broaden it and do any better. Find what we can before we expand it. It has been my lack of comfort in expanding something that we didn't already have the staff to manage well.

Carter said on the PUD thing, could we just look at a Text Amendment and just say they need to register?

McCullough said that change was relatively easy.

Carter said when it came to code enforcement, if we need to break it down strictly to safety issues to have the resources to do what we should, we should do that. When you look at it from a free market standpoint there are various rents and values, but the problem is that when it comes to safety there needs to be a floor established. He thought at a minimum look at who's doing it and who's doing it well, and at a minimum tackle the safety issues. We may not even have the staff to do that yet.

Schumm said he would like to know what other cities are spending on enforcement. Maybe we are staffed too lightly. If we could see what other cities are doing and what we would need to have an effective program. It may be time to cross train some other people or look at additional staff in this department. He said he is hearing about this issue out in the neighborhoods. He wanted to know we are staffed well enough to do the job well. If we could get info from other communities he would like to see it.

Eglinski said he could put together a memo for the commission.

Dever asked if Bloomington-Normal or Champaign-Urbana were looked at as comparisons.

Eglinski said no. He could look at his working papers and put something together quickly.

Cromwell said he firmly believed that expansion was needed. There are a lot of different areas out there where something is needed. It is high on the list for KU and we needed to be responsive to them. There are several potential problems and loopholes we could address now. There are personnel, costs and time involved.

Amyx said he would like to see us correct the PUD situation. Information that would be helpful would be what fee level was needed to support the program. Regarding expansion, he asked if the mayor was suggesting that every property used for a rental purpose in any residential zone should be licensed.

Cromwell said if houses are rented they need to be in the program regardless of zoning. He thought that was KU's position also.

Carter said they weren't specific on it.

Schumm asked if duplexes should be included.

Cromwell said that was for us to decide. Why do we want to register homes in RS but not in RM or PUD? Is there something different in RS? He thought the answer was no. You didn't even know without looking at a map which zone you were in. We need to be equal about how we are treating this. Whether to include duplexes we could have that discussion, but there are a lot of single family homes that need inspection to make sure they are safe. People shouldn't be subjected to unsafe conditions. We want safe places for students and others to live. If we have said that inspections are important, why are they only important in some zoning categories. We need to start there and then discuss if we want to go to other structure types.

McCullough said the major change would be to expand to any rental unit whether in single or multi dwelling structures. There could be other options regarding frequency of inspections. Other options could include the age of structures.

Amyx said one thing that could be provided was everything that currently received inspections.

Jimenez said he wasn't concerned about the ability to add PUD.

Amyx asked how many current addresses we had in Lawrence. Something like 35,000? If we're going to start licensing everyone, how big a staff would we need?

Jimenez said there were various ways to do it. If you pass an inspection or don't have any code violations maybe you get a longer cycle for the next inspection. You can reward the good properties.

Cromwell said that was common sense. He said we were at a point of needing all the info back in a report.

Jimenez said over the past few years we had cross trained staff. He had one inspector assigned to this program but they also do other things for the department.

Moved by Schumm, seconded by Amyx , to receive report and direct staff to follow up with a report on program options. Motion carried unanimously.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

G. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

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

H. COMMISSION ITEMS:

Carter said there had been some discussion of a downtown district study to be done. Having been on the Planning Commission for a few years they hadn't dealt with any downtown developments. He asked what we currently had regarding downtown development and there actually was quite a bit in place and maybe we needed a report on that before we start down the path of any other study.

Schumm said that was a great idea. It could be quite a lengthy study and would generate a lot of interest and discussion. His question was whether there was a reason to look at Massachusetts Street also.

McCullough said a report responsive to Carter's comments could cover the entire downtown district.

Schumm said it would probably be location and building height that were the issues more than anything else. The other area that needed to be looked at was the public areas committed to parking. There is a substantial amount of land there that could be otherwise used.

Schumm said we should make it clear that this would not be preceding the disposition of the current project underway.

Carter said no, he was not talking any kind of moratorium.

McCullough said in a few weeks we could get something together.

I. CALENDAR:

David Corliss, City Manager, reviewed calendar items

J. CURRENT VACANCIES – BOARDS/COMMISSIONS:

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

Moved by Dever, seconded by Schumm , to adjourn at 9:03 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED:

Aron E. Cromwell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jonathan M. Douglass, City Clerk