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November 19, 2013

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 Vice Mayor Amyx presiding and members Farmer, Riordan and Schumm present. Mayor Dever was absent.

A. RECOGNITION/PROCLAMATION/PRESENTATION

1. Proclaimed November 16 – December 24, 2013 as the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Season.
2. Proclaimed the month of November, 2013 as Alzheimer's Awareness Month.
3. Vice Mayor Amyx recognized Dwayne Peaslee who passed away today. Mr. Peaslee had a tremendous impact on our economy and many individuals in the Lawrence community.

B. CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Farmer, seconded by Riordan, to approve the consent agenda as below, minus consent agenda item number 14 regarding the City Commission's approval of licenses. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Approved City Commission meeting minutes from 10/22/13 and 11/05/13.
2. Received minutes from various boards and commissions:

Hospital Board meeting of 09/18/13
Joint Economic Development Council meeting of 07/12/13
Sales Tax Audit Committee meeting of 06/07/13
Sister Cities Advisory Board meetings of 09/17/13 and 10/09/13
Traffic Safety Commission meeting of 10/07/13
3. Approved claims to 286 vendors in the amount of \$4,154,678.80 and payroll from November 3, 2013 to November 16, 2013, in the amount of \$1,884,637.63.
4. Bid and purchase items:



- a) Set a bid opening date of December 3, 2013 for the owner provided gym equipment for the recreation facility at Rock Chalk Park.
 - b) Set a bid opening date of December 17, 2013 for Bid No. B1363, for project UT1308DS North Iowa Street Waterline Replacement.
 - c) Set a bid opening date of December 17, 2013 for Bid Number B1362, Project UT1302CS Pump Station 04 Redundant Force Main.
 - d) Set a bid opening date of December 17, 2013 for Bid No. B1367 project UT0701DS Kaw Water Treatment Plant Transmission Main Phase I.
 - e) Approved sale of surplus equipment on GovDeals.
 - f) Awarded the construction contract for Bid No. B1355 to Banks Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$191,800.50, and authorize the City Manager to execute the construction contract for project UT1309DS – 23rd Street Waterline Replacement, Phase III (Iowa to Ousdahl).
 - g) Authorized the City Manager to approve the payment to Cogent for \$19,439.27 for the rental of pump and piping during repairs of the Kaw Water Treatment Plant intake pump station.
 - h) Authorized payment to Samih K. Staiteh, Trustee and Tamara Agha-Jaffar, Trustee in the amount of \$25,000 for temporary easement acquisition at 1000 N 3rd for the Kaw Transmission Main Project.
 - i) Authorized payment to Southwest Properties, LLC in the amount of \$49,200 for required property interests needed for the 23rd Street and Iowa project.
 - j) Authorized the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Kansas Biological Survey/The University of Kansas Center for Research, Inc., to complete the Biota Study on the Wakarusa River as required by permit, in the amount of \$97,618.
5. Adopted the following ordinances on second and final reading:
- a) Ordinance No. 8934, annexing (A-13-00340) approximately 9.842 acres located at 1352 N 1300 Rd. (PC Item 3A; approved 8-0-1 on 10/21/13)
 - b) Ordinance No. 8935 and Ordinance No. 8939 rezoning (Z-13-00337) approximately 9.842 acres from County A (Agricultural) District to CR-FP (Regional Commercial-Floodplain Overlay) District, located at 1352 N 1300 Rd. (PC Item 3B; approved 8-0-1 on 10/21/13)
 - c) Ordinance No. 8932, rezoning (Z-13-00350) approximately 2.186 acres from RS10 (Single-Dwelling Residential) District to RS7 (Single-Dwelling Residential) District, located at 1146 Haskell Ave. (PC Item 2A; approved 9-0 on 10/21/13)
 - d) Ordinance No. 8936, rezoning (Z-13-00351) approximately 1.785 acres from RS10 (Single-Dwelling Residential) District to IL (Limited Industrial District) District, located at 1146 Haskell Ave. (PC Item 2B; approved 8-1 on 10/21/13)

- e) Ordinance No. 8933, rezoning (Z-13-00408) approximately 2.384 acres from RS10 (Single-Dwelling Residential) District to OS (Open Space) District, located at 1146 Haskell Ave. (PC Item 2C; approved 9-0 on 10/21/13)
 - f) Ordinance No. 8937, for a Text Amendment (TA-13-00336) to the City of Lawrence Land Development Code, Chapter 20, to include *Bar or Lounge* as a permitted use in the CN2 (Neighborhood Commercial Center) District. (PC Item 4; approved 8-1 on 10/21/13. Recommended option 2, permit the use by right with a use standard that limits the gross floor area to 3,000 gross sq. ft. including any outdoor space, with an amendment that permits uses greater than 3,000 gross sq. ft. with an SUP.)
6. Adopted Resolution No. 7050 authorizing the use of the City's eminent domain authority for the 23rd and Iowa Street intersection improvements and a survey of the interests to be condemned.
 7. Received the letter from the FAA for initiation of work for proposed AIP (Airport Improvement Program); Project No. 3-20-0047-020.
 8. Concurred with the following recommendations of the Traffic Safety Commission:
 - a) Approved traffic calming devices on Learnard Avenue between 19th Street and 23rd Street (TSC item #2; approved 8-0 on 10/07/13). No funding was currently available for this project.
 - b) Denied the request to establish a 25 mph speed limit on Lawrence Avenue between 31st Street and Clinton Parkway (TSC item #4; denied 8-0 on 10/07/13).
 - c) Denied the request to establish a multi-way stop at the intersection of Kasold Drive and Riverview Road (TSC item #5; denied 8-0 on 10/07/13).
 9. Authorized the City Manager to execute a contract with Parker Ag Services, LLC for the 2014 Biosolids Land Application Program with the option to extend for four additional 1 year periods with both parties' consent.
 10. Authorized the Vice-Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Kansas for coordinating transit operations.
 11. Authorized the City Manager to execute an Access Easement Agreement with Unified School District #497 that would grant USD #497 access to its property, the Holcom School Subdivision, off West 25th Street.
 12. Authorized the City Manager to execute a five year Beverage Agreement with PepsiCo to be the exclusive supplier of non-alcoholic beverages for the Parks & Recreation Department, beginning January 1, 2014.
 13. Authorized the Vice-Mayor to sign a Subordination Agreement for Angela Nascimento, 817 Alabama Street.
 14. THIS ITEM WAS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR SEPARATE VOTE. Approved a Cereal Malt Beverage License for Johnny Brusco's Pizza; the Drinking

Establishment Licenses for Cielito Lindo, 815 New Hampshire, Tonic, 728-730 Massachusetts; and Chipotle Mexican Grill, 1420 West 23rd Street.

Moved by Farmer, seconded by Riordan, to approve the Cereal Malt Beverage License for Johnny Brusco's Pizza; the Drinking Establishment Licenses for Cielito Lindo, 815 New Hampshire, Tonic, 728-730 Massachusetts; and Chipotle Mexican Grill, 1420 West 23rd Street. Aye: Amyx, Farmer, Riordan. Nay: None. Abstain: Schumm. Motion carried.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

David Corliss, City Manager, presented the report.

D. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

1. **Received presentation from Mother Earth News.**

Bryan Welch, Ogden Publications, presented information regarding the Mother Earth News. He said Mother Earth news was the fastest growing large magazine in North America, consistently over the past decade. The City hosted the Mother Earth News Fair in Watson Park which was judged as a great success. He said they had about 10,000 people attend the fair with people paying between \$25 and \$30 to attend. He said approximately 4,500 of the 10,000 had never visited Lawrence Kansas. He said they hoped to find an appropriate venue in Lawrence to hold a fall version of the Mother Earth News Fair. He said they appreciated the City's support.

Amyx said he appreciated Mother Earth News, Welch's organization and their work in bringing the fair to Lawrence. He said it was really a big weekend for the community. He said the City would like to accommodate and help find a location for the Mother Earth Fair next year.

Schumm said he attended the parade both Saturday and Sunday and saw far more people that he didn't recognized and presumed those people came from other cities. He said the fair was unique, including the other events and demonstrations. He said because he was integrated in the downtown scene, he knew a lot of the merchants and the hospitality industry had a great weekend based on the number of people and overnight stays.

Vice Mayor Amyx called for public comment.

After receiving no public comment, the City Commission received the presentation from Mother Earth News.

2. **Considered authorizing the City Manager to enter into a License Agreement with Presto Convenience Stores, LLC to allow for the installation and maintenance of ground water collection equipment within the right of way in the 800 block of Ohio Street.**

Mark Thiel, Assistant Public Works Director, presented the staff report.

Schumm asked who would pay for the installation and maintenance of that equipment.

Thiel said the installation would be paid by the KDHE Petroleum Storage Tank Release Trust Fund.

Amyx said when the manholes were installed he asked if everything would be restored to its current condition.

Thiel said the area would be restored to its original condition or better.

Amyx asked if the bricks would be reclaimed.

Thiel said yes.

Amyx asked if staff had discussions with the property owners in that area about the improvements.

Thiel said yes. He said there were agreements in place with the existing property owners where the equipment would be placed on the property.

Vice Mayor Amyx called for public comment.

After receiving no public comment, **it was moved by Riordan, seconded by Farmer**, to authorize the City Manager to enter into a License Agreement with Presto Convenience Stores, LLC. Motion carried unanimously.

3. **Considered accepting donation of property for the creation of the Sandra J. Shaw Community Health Park and the Outside for a Better Inside trail.**

David Johnson, Bert Nash CEO, presented the report. He said they purchased this property from the proceeds of a life insurance policy that the Board of Directors had bought

years ago on Sandra Shaw's life. He said he wished Ms. Shaw was present to see the collaboration and linking of a community treasure and people's health. He said with the remainder of the property, they intended to use as a wellness campus in partnership with Heartland Community Health, and link mental health and primary health care for the citizens of this community.

Amyx said he appreciated the work of Johnson and many others.

Corliss said this Commission appreciated the fact that the City didn't receive donations or partnerships like this very often.

Schumm said he had been working with trail projects and the ultimate goal was to connect a multi-use path around the City. He said this trail was in the vicinity of that connecting area that might work very nicely. He asked if the trail that was being contemplated was built to the standard of multi-use path. He said where the path looped around the back of the lake, he asked if there was a way to take that and continue the trail.

Johnson said it was a topography challenge and certainly not something that could be ADA compliant to continue and they needed to configure the trail where it would be compliant. He said they laid out their specifications with Parks and Recreation to make sure it was a trail that connected and in fact, believed the initial Sunflower Grant and private funds would allow to extended into Burcham Park and continue the path down the road.

Schumm said he was thinking of the other direction, but Johnson was talking about going back to the north and east whereas he was talking about going to the north or north and west if there was a place along this new trail that it could intersect and continue to carry west. He asked if there would be any objection to that idea.

Johnson said they wouldn't have any objection.

John McGrew, McGrew Real Estate, said he walked the area with Elizabeth Stewart, Sunflower Foundation, and determined that it wouldn't work unless bridging the steep drop-off. He said there was no reason there couldn't be a trail, it just couldn't be a handicapped

accessible trail without bridging that area in some way. He said he was hopeful that in the Woody Park area, next to the hospital, that they would be able to bring down the old right-of-way on Maine Street where the old Beer Garden was located. He said there was a lot of history at that location and should continue the trail, in some fashion, on to the west and take the trail along Peterson Road and out to the Rock Chalk Park. He said not many people knew that a pond was in that area and it would be a nice jewel to add to the park and trail system.

Amyx asked Corliss to give a brief background on how the program worked.

Corliss said there was a grant application and the match was coming from some donated funds that McGrew and others were working to obtain. The plan was that there would be no city costs in the construction of the trail site. Staff would be happy to help with any of the administrative duties as far as contracting or whatever was appropriate to occur and once that happened then that land would then transfer to the city and be part of the parks system. Part of the request was to call the park the "Sandra J. Shaw Community Health Park" and call the trail "The Outside for the Better Inside Trail" and staff would maintain that property. He said overtime, as there were funds for additional amenities at that location such as the parking lot, as Schumm indicated, they were trying to look at a master plan for a lot of the trail connections in the area and would look at this property to see how that would fit in, knowing that this had already been approved and wanting to see how all of those different types of connections could occur.

Ernie Shaw, Interim Director of Parks and Recreation, said this was something staff had been working on for a long time as far as the complete loop around the city and making not just an exercise path, but a way to get from point "A" to point "B" which was the ultimate goal.

Amyx asked about the width of the sidewalk on the Maine Street side.

Corliss said it was a 6 foot sidewalk.

Amyx said if that sidewalk could be used for connecting part of that path and asked staff to check on the topography.

Vice Mayor Amyx called for public comment.

KT Walsh said she was close to Sandra Shaw and wanted to thank everyone for honoring Ms. Shaw. She said she heard through the City's Planning Department that they would keep the log cabin which was a wonderful piece of history for the VFW. She said she was also happy that perhaps there would be a trail connecting with the other trails because they all had a dream of a completed trail network. She said regarding handicapped accessible, she had friends in Albuquerque who were veterans and used wheel chairs and the Veterans Administration had money for bridging areas to make outdoor spaces accessible. She wanted to thank McGrew, Bert Nash and everyone who had been working on this project. It was wonderful that this city would be fighting the silly idea that mental health was separate from physical health.

Linda Bush, Pinckney Neighborhood Association, said the association wanted to reaffirm their support of the creation and development of the Sandra Shaw Community Health Park and the Inside for a Better Outside Trail. She said they were fiercely protective of their green space in their neighborhood area and were excited about this project.

Riordan said this was a great project and liked the fact that it was going to be a piece of the puzzle.

Farmer said there was discussion about the partnership the City had, but the city would need to do more in order to make this what it was really intended to be which was a place of whole wellness for the community. He said as the City Commission approved this project, he hoped the City Commission would do this in mind of the idea that in the future they're going to need to kick in some more resources to be committed to making this a wellness facility not only for those who struggle with mental health issues in this community, but also those that struggle with physical health, hunger and those sorts of things. He said they were going to continue to make connections and provide resources to make this an even stronger piece of the puzzle in this community.

Schumm said he was in favor of this project and it had multiple potentials for the community and the connectivity of the existing trails. He said this would be a nice natural site and a great deal.

Amyx said he agreed with everyone's comments. He said it was a real privilege to be part of accepting the donation from Bert Nash.

Corliss said regarding the acceptance and approval of the donation staff would enter into some type of letter of agreement. He suggested that the City Commission authorize staff to accept this donation and direct staff to prepare any other necessary documents according to the letters that had been presented.

Moved by Schumm, seconded by Riordan, to approve acceptance of donation; direct staff to prepare any other necessary documents; and the naming of the park, "Sandra J. Shaw Community Health Park" as well as naming the trail, "The Outside for a Better Inside Trail". Motion carried unanimously.

4. **Consider Traffic Safety Commission recommendation to deny the request for traffic calming at Montana Street and Park Hill Terrace (TSC item #3; denied 7-1 on 10/07/13).**

David Woosley, Transportation/Traffic Engineer, presented the staff report.

Vice Mayor Amyx called for public comment.

After receiving no public comment, Amyx said the comment regarding the low traffic counts was one reason for the decision by the TSC. He said he knew there was a lot of cut through traffic that went through that entire neighborhood.

Schumm said he received an email indicating that the City Commission should take a comprehensive view of the area and look at it in concert to see what should or should not be done. He said if there were multiple areas that were problems, they should be looking at the area and not just piecemeal one at a time.

Corliss said staff could look at that area. He said it was an area a little bit in transition with some of the traffic changes to the south so it was probably worthy of some additional

review. He said it was also good for the Commission and other citizens to understand the City's transportation framework as well.

Amyx said the Commission had a request years ago about 27th Street, west of the Naismith Park about adding traffic calming or other types of devices. He said the idea was brought up about changing traffic at the south end of Louisiana and how it might have an effect on 27th Street. He said staff might want to look at that area too.

Corliss said staff was looking at a number of items and they would include that area. He said they were about ready to have a fairly large change for this community in traffic patterns with the installation of the South Lawrence Trafficway, Bob Billings Parkway Interchange, and 31st Street connecting Haskell and O'Connell. He said there were going to be a number of items that needed to be analyzed. He said it was good to look at the existing neighborhoods first.

Amyx said he suggested that the City Commission concur with the TSC with the caveat that this item would be brought back, at a later date, to be considered by the City Commission or the TSC.

Moved by Farmer seconded by Schumm, to deny the request for traffic calming at Montana Street and Park Hill Terrace. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **Considered Traffic Safety Commission recommendation to establish no parking along the east side of Jana Drive from 50 feet north of Rogers Place to 50 feet south of Rogers Place, and consider adopting on first reading Ordinance No. 8941, establishing no parking (TSC item #6; approved 6-2 on 10/07/13).**

David Woosley, Transportation/Traffic Engineer, presented the staff report.

Amyx said Roger's Place was steep. He said he thought it was a good recommendation.

Schumm asked if the whole issue was just during snow storms or ice.

Woosley said yes.

Schumm asked if there was any way to establish a temporary no parking sign, no parking designated when certain type of weather was in place or would that be impossible to enforce.

Woosley said thought it wouldn't be impossible to enforce, but difficult to describe what all those conditions might be and put those conditions on a sign in order for a motorist to understand.

Schumm said anyone that read a sign like that, they wouldn't want to park at that location. He said it would be a shame to lose all that parking just for the half dozen times a year, unless it was other than ice and snow.

Amyx said the roadway was steep and if it was a little damp, cars could not possibly stop.

Schumm asked why the TSC denied the request.

Woosley said they recommended approval. He said the amount of parking that would be removed was limited because on that east side there were a couple of large driveways. He said the number of actual spaces that would be eliminated was limited.

Vice Mayor Amyx called for public comment.

Rhonda Roy, neighbor in the area at the top of the hill, said at the last TSC, they discussed concerns about parking for those townhouses being affected and there actually 18 double garages, plus 4 single garages and room for 40 cars behind the townhouses. There wasn't really a lot of concern in her opinion for not enough parking for those people who lived in that area. The other thing mentioned was that there were 2 large driveways at the bottom of the hill and one single car driveway, fire hydrant next to that driveway and then the big driveway which went into the condominiums. She said all they were asking for was 3 parking spots, 2 on the north side and 1 on the south side. She said 3 parking spots were not a lot considering they risked their lives, not only during the snow and the ice, but also during the rain. She said a lot of people looking at those homes in that area didn't want to live at that location because it wasn't

safe. She said she had spoken to the Fire Department and the Captain indicated that it was difficult, if not impossible, if there were cars parked on either side of Jana Drive to come up their hill because there was no room for that truck to turn. She said the south wasn't quite so bad because there was a fire hydrant with no parking. She said her concern regarding a temporary seasonal no parking was that college students wouldn't obey the sign.

Jeanne Pees, President of Sunset Hills Neighborhood Association, said Roger's Place was in their neighborhood and was present to give support to the request of the neighbors on Roger's Place. She said this issue was a matter of safety.

Riordan said living on Tennessee Street and having some significant grades at that location with ice and snow were very difficult. Also living with college students could be very difficult at times too. He said he agreed that Schumm's concept was good in theory, but in reality, if making it a seasonal no parking, it wouldn't work.

Moved by Schumm, seconded by Riordan, establishing no parking along the east side of Jana Drive from 50 feet north of Rogers Place to 50 feet south of Rogers Place and adopt on first reading, Ordinance No. 8941. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Received presentation of 2013/2014 snow operation and preparations.**

Mark Thiel, Assistant Public Works Director, presented the staff report.

Farmer asked how Thiel's prediction was last year.

Thiel said it was spot on.

Farmer said he just pulled it up and it stated milder than normal with average precipitation.

Thiel said they had 8 events and 29 inches and 22 inches took up 2 ½ events.

Riordan said he was pleased when looking at the "In Focus" on the City website. He said it was a nice presentation. He said he wanted to reiterate that safety was important. He encouraged citizens to look at the City's website.

Amyx said regarding steep residential streets, he asked if there had been consideration in moving those streets up in the priority process.

Thiel said yes. The areas that had been identified as having steep slopes were actually in staff's priority 1 and 2 considerations. Those streets were always a challenge in residential areas because of their narrowness. He said even if staff treated and plowed residential streets, for any number of reasons, those streets would still remain a little slick until the actual snow event ended. He said staff's goal was to get in those areas right away. He said those areas were heavily pretreated and had a map that identified all the City's streets by percentage of grade. He said staff started snow removal at the intersection and worked their way back.

Corliss said staff knew this was a major community priority and was an important municipal service. He said he was very proud of what staff accomplished and improved on regarding snow removal. He said staff paid attention to priorities and if someone knew of a street that wasn't getting the appropriate attention, he asked that they let staff know that and it would be placed on the list. He said it didn't mean that that particular street would be bumped to the top, but staff would make sure they hadn't stepped over it.

Farmer said there were some call services that other communities utilized. He said for instance, he would receive a call when his power went out from Westar. He asked if it was possible that citizens could receive service calls indicating what priority list they fell under and when the street would be expected to be plowed.

Corliss said staff had used electronic media and LJW.com to let people know what the City was doing. He said staff had looked at reverse 911 type systems to be involved with, but had not seen that application. He said staff thought about pursuing it for dire emergencies. He said staff was trying to educate the public that if they wanted to know, as opposed to maybe having their life interrupted; they had any number of means where staff was trying to communicate on the City's website or LJW.com. He said regarding the camera and GPS work, staff had made progress and had issues worked out so that people could access that

information as well. He said that was how staff tried to communicate with the public as opposed to trying to have people sign-up for a call system.

Thiel said as part of their GPS system in place, those road systems changed colors as the plows went past. He said it was interactive that if the public had access and went to the City's website, they could actually see which streets had been plowed and treated. He said during major events, staff had a 24 hour call center at the Street Department and if calling, the citizen would get a live person that they could report any number of issues that they might have or questions of where staff was in priority list.

Farmer said the map was great, but he was thinking in terms of a lot of folks that they worked with at Just Food, but he thought java script needed to be installed and someone had to have a computer. He asked how the City could help folks that didn't have access to internet or wouldn't be able to utilize those services to know. He said he wasn't saying they shouldn't do it this late in the game, but for future consideration.

Corliss said he would have staff look at that idea. In addition to internet, they communicated with the local radio as well. He said those were good suggestions to look at because staff wanted to get the word out. If the public was informed about what City staff was doing, that would get at the patience issue and also helped the public be smarter drivers about when they could proceed.

Amyx said one of things staff had to worry about was planning for those big events. The last 5 years they had some really huge snow events and it had taken a lot of resources to get the City's street back up. He said as a homeowner and a downtown merchant, he appreciated all the work staff did.

Vice Mayor Amyx called for public comment.

After receiving no public comment, the City Commission received the presentation regarding the 2013/2014 snow operation and preparations.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jeanne Pees, President of Sunset Hills Neighborhood Association, said after hearing the City Manager announce that Iowa Street was now open, she said her neighborhood was greatly impacted by that construction and she couldn't tell anyone how pleased they were with the Public Works Department. She said that department was so thoughtful and considerate of the neighbors, the churches, and especially at the intersection at Iowa and Bob Billings Parkway, retail businesses and apartments. She said when Public Works heard of their concerns they had a special meeting. She said Meadowbrook Apartments was concerned about students that were moving in and out and city staff had special signs made that indicated "Meadowbrook detour this way." She said Chuck Soules, Public Works Director, called to let her know that staff would be going through her neighborhood. She said it was that kind of interaction between the Public Works Department with retail and the neighbors that was amazing. She said she wanted to applaud the City of Lawrence and the Public Works Department for a great job.

Corliss said he appreciated Pees comment and wanted to mention that it was the same season that the Public Works Director and his department initiated all the infrastructure work at the former Farmland property now VenturePark, worked on all the infrastructure work at Rock Chalk Park, and worked very closely with KDOT as KDOT launched their largest economic impact of the T-Works project in the State, in Douglas County. He said there had been a lot of work happening in the Public Works Department and he was very proud of that department.

F. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

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

G: COMMISSION ITEMS:

Riordan said three of the City Commissioners went to the National League of Cities conference in Seattle, Washington. He said they discussed problem solving and methods of tax financing. He said it was interesting to know that Lawrence did a good job with tax financing. He said he was most struck by the recommendations on best practices and realized that

Lawrence has already implemented many of them. He said Lawrence was very interested in receiving public input.

H: CALENDAR:

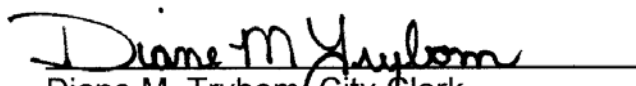
David Corliss, City Manager, reviewed calendar items

I: CURRENT VACANCIES – BOARDS/COMMISSION

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

Moved by Schumm, seconded by Riordan, to adjourn at 8:19 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES APPROVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION ON NOVEMBER 26, 2013.


Diane M. Trybom (City Clerk)