

ITEM NO. 4A A TO OS-FP; 8.68 ACRES; NW CORNER OF W 31ST ST & LOUISIANA ST (SLD)

Z-13-00445: Consider a request to rezone approximately 8.68 acres from County A (Agricultural) District to OS-FP (Open Space-Floodplain Overlay) District, located on the northwest corner of 31st St & Louisiana Street. Submitted by the City of Lawrence, property owner of record.

ITEM NO. 4B PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR PUMP STATION NO. 10; NW CORNER OF W 31ST ST & LOUISIANA ST (SLD)

PP-13-00447: Consider a 1 lot Preliminary Plat for Pump Station No. 10 Addition, located at the northwest corner of 31st St & Louisiana St. Submitted by the City of Lawrence, property owner of record.

STAFF PRESENTATION

Ms. Sandra Day presented Items 4A and 4B together.

APPLICANT PRESENTATION

Ms. Melinda Harger and Mr. Dave Wagner, City Utility Department, were present for questioning.

PUBLIC HEARING

No public comment.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Commissioner von Achen inquired about the protections of the floodplain overlay.

Ms. Day said the floodplain overlay district had a requirement that flood proofing would occur 2' above the base flood elevation. She said the improvements would be flood proof to 2' additional freeboard. She said the intent was to recognize as it was built out that over time the floodplain could rise.

Commissioner Denney asked for more details about the pump station.

Mr. Dave Wagner, Utility Department, said pump station 10 was part of the Capital Improvement Program that the City Commission adopted and integrated in planning documents with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to address some existing overload issues along the 31st Street corridor. He said it would be a critical part of the system to relieve weather overloading on the 31st Street corridor and provide extended capacity to other areas of the city. He said it would provide additional treatment capacity and relieve some of the load of the existing treatment plant. He said the facility was expected to be operational in late 2017.

Commissioner Denney asked if the pump station would have an effect on potential flooding in the area during heavy weather.

Mr. Wagner said as it was developed it would have to meet the City's requirements for not influencing additional flooding in the area. He said because of the management of that area versus what alternatively might go there it was a better situation than if something else was there.

Commissioner Denney asked if rainwater from that area would be pumped elsewhere.

Mr. Wagner said it was designed as a sanitary system, not a storm system.

Commissioner Josserand asked if there would be a structure on top.

Mr. Wagner said yes. He said there would be opportunity for comments on how it would look and function. He said it did not have to look like a traditional pump station.

ACTION TAKEN on Item 4A

Motioned by Commissioner Liese, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve the request to rezone 8.68 acres from A (Agricultural) District and F-F (County-Floodway Fringe Overlay) to OS-FP (Open Space-Floodplain Overlay) District based on the findings presented in the staff report and forwarding it to the City Commission with a recommendation for approval.

Unanimously approved 8-0.

ACTION TAKEN on Item 4B

Motioned by Commissioner Liese, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve the Preliminary Plat of Pump Station No. 10.

Unanimously approved 8-0.