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March 31, 2015

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Lawrence met in regular session at 5:45 p.m., in the City Commission Chambers in City Hall with Vice Mayor Farmer presiding and members Dever, Riordan and Schumm present. Amyx was absent.

A. RECOGNITION/PROCLAMATION/PRESENTATION:

1. Proclaimed the week of April 6 – 12, 2015 as Public Health Week.
2. Proclaimed the month of April, 2015 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.
3. Proclaimed the month of April, 2015 as Mathematics Awareness Month.
4. Proclaimed the month of April, 2015 as Lawrence Poetry Month.

B. CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Schumm, seconded by Dever, to approve the consent agenda as below. Motion carried.

1. Received minutes from various boards and commissions:

Horizon 2020 Steering Committee meeting of 03/09/15
Human Relations Commission meeting of 11/20/14
Planning Commission meeting of 02/23/15
Traffic Safety Commission meetings of 02/02/15 and 03/09/15

2. **REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR SEPARTE VOTE.** Approved claims to 396 vendors in the amount of \$2,387,736.95
3. Approved licenses as recommended by the City Clerk's Office.

Sidewalk Dining & Hospitality

Global Café
Global Café LLC
820 Massachusetts St.

Expiration

November 1, 2014

Cereal Malt Beverage – Off Premise

Miller Mart
Clinton Stop Inc.
2301 Wakarusa Dr. Suite A

New License



4. Bid and purchase items:

- a) Awarded Bid No. B1518, Project No. PW1513, 2015 Overlay, Patch, and Microsurfacing Program, to Sunflower Paving, Inc. in the total amount of \$1,088,070.60.
- b) Awarded Bid No. B1508 – Construction of the Burcham River Trail, to the low bidder, RD Johnson Excavation, for \$107,950 and authorized the City Manager to sign a grant agreement with the Sunflower Foundation to provide funding of \$49,775 toward the project.
- c) **REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION.** Authorized the City Manager to enter into an agreement with CFS Engineers for design and engineering of the Baldwin Creek Trail Project for a total of \$39,556.62.

5. Adopted on second and final reading, the following ordinances:

- a) Ordinance No. 9093, authorizing up to \$23 million in industrial revenue bond (IRB) financing for the 100 E. 9th Street project located on the northeast corner of 9th & New Hampshire Street for the purpose of accessing a sales tax exemption on construction materials. Aye: Dever, Farmer, Riordan, and Schumm. Absent: Amyx. Motion carried
- b) Ordinance No. 9075, authorizing the sale, possession, and consumption of alcoholic liquor in the 100 block of E. 8th Street and the intersection of 8th Street and New Hampshire Street from 12:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. on Friday, April 17, 2015 for the Downtown Olympic Shotput Event.
- c) Ordinance No. 9094, allowing the sale, possession and consumption of alcohol in the 100 block of E. 8th Street, from 12:00 p.m. on Friday, August 7, 2015, to 1:30 a.m. on Sunday, August 9, 2015, for the 2015 Sandbar Birthday Party.
- d) **REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR A SEPARATE VOTE.** Ordinance No. 9095, allowing the possession and consumption of alcohol in the 800 block of Pennsylvania Street and the 600 block of E. 8th Street on Saturday, May 2, 2015, from 12:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. for the Kansas Food Truck Festival.
- e) Ordinance No. 9076, allowing the sale, possession and consumption of alcohol in the public right-of-way in the 900 block of New Hampshire Street on Friday, May 29, 2015, from 12:00 p.m. to Saturday, May 30, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. during the Art Tougeau and Final Friday events.
- f) Ordinance No. 9077, allowing the sale, possession and consumption of alcohol in the public right-of-way in the 100 block of E. 8th Street, Friday, May 29, 2015 from 12:00 p.m. to Sunday, May 31, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. and the 900 block of New Hampshire Street, from Saturday, May 30, 2015 at

2:00 p.m. to Sunday, May 31, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. during the 2015 Lawrence Buskerfest event.

- g) Ordinance No. 9073, allowing the sale, possession, and consumption of alcohol in the public right-of-way in the 900 block of New Hampshire Street, from Monday, June 22, 2015 from 12:00 p.m. to Sunday, June 28, 2015 at 11:59 p.m. during the 2015 Freestate Festival.
 - h) Ordinance No. 9097, allowing the sale, possession, and consumption of alcohol in the 700 and 800 blocks of Vermont Street and west 100 block of 8th Street from Massachusetts Street to Vermont Street , including the intersection of 8th and Vermont Street and the plaza area between the Vermont Street parking garage and the Public Library on Friday, June 26, 2015, from 4:00 p.m. until 11:59 p.m., and the 700, 800 and 900 blocks of Massachusetts Street and the east & west 100 blocks of 8th Street from Vermont Street to New Hampshire Street, on Sunday, June 28, 2015, from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., provided the sale, possession and consumption of alcoholic liquor are pursuant to City of Lawrence and State of Kansas law.
6. Concurred with the following recommendations from the Traffic Safety Commission:
- a) Established a 15-Minute Loading Zone, 9am-6pm, Tuesday-Saturday in front of 905 Rhode Island Street. It should be noted that loading zones were not generally actively enforced by police officers or parking control officers, but, were usually enforced on a complaint basis and adopt on first reading, Ordinance No. 9096, established a 15-Minute Loading Zone, 9am-6pm, Tuesday-Saturday, in front of 905 Rhode Island Street (TSC item #3; approved 7-0 on 02/02/15).
 - b) Established a 15 Minute Parking Zone for 50 feet in the recessed parking area on the north side of 6th Street, east of Mississippi Street. It should be noted that short term parking zones were not generally actively enforced by police officers or parking control officers, but, were usually enforced on a complaint basis and adopt on first reading, Ordinance No. 9097, established a 15-Minute Parking Zone for 50 feet in the recessed parking area on the north side of 6th Street, east of Mississippi Street (TSC item #4; approved 7-0 on 02/02/15).
 - c) Denied the request to establish Yale Road as a one-way eastbound between Murrow Court and Crestline Drive (TSC item #5; denied 7-0 on 02/02/15).
7. Approved the dedication of pedestrian easement along Hilltop Drive and Harvard Road adjacent to Hillcrest Elementary.
8. Authorized staff to negotiate a scope and fee for financial services with Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc.
9. Authorized the Vice Mayor to sign the City/State Safe Routes to School Grant Agreement.

10. Authorized the City Manager to execute a License Agreement permitting Presto Convenience Stores, LLC, a Kansas limited liability company, to install and maintain eleven ground water monitoring wells within the City's rights of way on Ohio Street, Tennessee Street, and Eighth Street, in the vicinity of 602 West Ninth Street, in accordance with the terms of that Agreement.
11. Authorized the City Manager to execute a License Agreement permitting Larsen & Associates, Inc., a Kansas corporation, to install and maintain two ground water monitoring wells within the City's Right of Way near the intersection of 23rd Street and Naismith Drive.
12. Considered an amendment to lease between the City of Lawrence, Douglas County and the Bioscience Technology Business Center (BTBC) to extend the lease repayment schedule for the BTBC expansion facility located at 4950 Bob Billings Parkway for three years through 2017 as requested by the BTBC.
13. Received the PIRC recommendation to issue industrial revenue bonds for the Dwayne Peaslee Technical Training Center for the purpose of accessing a sales tax exemption certificate for the labor and materials used on the building renovation. Adopt Resolution No. 7110, authorized the issuance of up to \$3.2 million in industrial revenue bond financing to finance the renovations of the Dwayne Peaslee Technical Training Center. Aye: Farmer, Dever, Riordan, and Schumm. Absent:
14. Authorized the Vice Mayor to sign Releases of Mortgage for Rosalie Ketter, 1315 Sunchase Drive and Loznell Rhodes, 325 Lincoln Street.
15. Authorized the Vice Mayor to sign a Mortgage Subordination for Brenda Davis Miller, 1622 Powers Street.

Moved by Riordan, seconded Dever, to approve non-Rock Chalk Park related claims to 394 vendors in the amount of \$2,387,736.95. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Schumm, seconded by Dever, to approve Rock Chalk Park related claims to 2 vendors in the amount of \$8,809.99. Motion carried unanimously.

Schumm removed authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with CFS Engineers for design and engineering of the Baldwin Creek Trail Project for a total of \$39,556.62. Schumm stated, "Just a discussion on the option of using the easement right-of-way versus acquiring more right-of-way in favor of reducing the cost so concrete could be used instead of a soft surface.

Corliss stated, "What we're doing is we're entering into an agreement with CFS Engineers and they're going to do design and engineering services for this. We are going to

look at the option of fewer creek crossings so that we can get to the issue of perhaps saving money with fewer bridges and putting in a more permanent surface such as concrete. We don't want to start contracting the property owners before we've got information about where the possible alignments would be, letting them know a little bit more about the introduction of the project and those types of things. We're very successful, we think in being able to acquire property from property owners and that's the process that we would follow in this situation."

Schumm stated, "So that would be at least 2 alignments that come back from this engineer."

Corliss stated, "That's a good thing about retaining engineers, is that we're not telling them it's 2 or 20, we're going to come back and talk to them and see what they think makes sense and understanding that one of our goals is to reduce the number of string crossing so that we could have more money to put in a more durable surface."

A person from CFS stated, "That's what we're going to do is look for you and see exactly what we need to do to help you get what you want."

Schumm stated, "I was in the hallway before I came in with the LiveWell Lawrence people and they've got the overall bike map that shows a potential for connecting the dots and to finish out the entire loop and that could be a key part of it. Some of that then would later on have to be improved across the soft surface trails that we have on Rock Chalk Park, but it would line up and link up to the K-10 bike trail so it's just one more little step in the whole circumferential loop."

Mayor Farmer called for public comment. None.

Moved by Schumm, seconded by Riordan, to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with CFS Engineers for design and engineering of the Baldwin Creek Trail Project for a total of \$39,556.62. Motion carried unanimously.

Farmer stated, "I'm going to pass the baton to Commissioner Dever who will guide us through 5d while I step out." Farmer withdrew from the discussion at 6:10 p.m.

Dever stated, "Item 5d is an ordinance allowing the possession and consumption of alcohol in the 800 block of Pennsylvania Street and the 600 block of E. 8th Street on Saturday, May 2, 2015, from 12:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. for the Kansas Food Truck Festival. Vice Mayor Farmer has a conflict."

Commissioner Dever called for public comment. None.

Moved by Schumm, seconded by Riordan, to approve Ordinance No. 9095, allowing the possession and consumption of alcohol in the 800 block of Pennsylvania Street and the 600 block of E. 8th Street on Saturday, May 2, 2015, from 12:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. for the Kansas Food Truck Festival. Aye: Dever, Riordan and Schumm. Nay: None. Abstain: Farmer.

Farmer returned at 6:19 p.m.

C. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

David Corliss, City Manager, presented the report regarding the Public Works Projects receiving awards; Spring Compost and Woodchip Sale; Downtown Pedestrian Recycling Pilot Program, and, Daddy Daughter date night a Swashbucklin Success.

Schumm stated, "I'm getting asked a lot about the possibility of recycling downtown in terms of the commercial users, the restaurants, and the retail. Is there a schedule of events that's forthcoming that might address that?"

Corliss stated, "The Solid Waste Division plans on working up a proposal for a subscription basis for commercial businesses in the community so that it could be considered during budget time. It's obviously got some budget implications as far as revenue and expenditure, but we're looking and seeing what the parameters of a proposed program might be and the City Commission will look at that and see if that's something that they want to pursue."

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

1. **Considered awarding the construction contract for Bid No. B1502, Project No. UT1409, Avalon Road Waterline Replacement, 9th Street to Cambridge Street, to Westland Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$371,760 and consider authorizing the City Manager to execute the construction contract Consider approving the**

Traffic Control Plan for the road closure of 9th Street for Hilltop and Avalon Waterline Construction projects.

Troy Shaw, Utilities Department Project Engineer, presented the staff report.

Vice Mayor Farmer called for public comment. None.

Riordan stated, "We discussed this in depth before. We had some concerns about notification and I think everything else seem pretty on board to me. I really don't have any concerns about this. We're correcting a problem and we're doing it as efficiently as we can, even though it will be disruptive."

Moved by Riordan, seconded by Dever, to award the construction contract for Bid No. B1502, Project No. UT1409, Avalon Road Waterline Replacement, 9th Street to Cambridge Street, to Westland Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$371,760 and authorized the City Manager to execute the construction contract. Approve the Traffic Control Plan for the road closure of 9th Street for Hilltop and Avalon Waterline Construction projects. Motion carried unanimously.

2. **Considered request from Tenants to Homeowners for neighborhood infrastructure and public improvements assistance related to the Cedarwood Senior Cottages project.**

Britt Crum-Cano, Economic Development Coordinator, introduced the item.

Rebecca Buford, Executive Director of Tenants to Homeowners, presented their request related to the Cedarwood Senior Cottages.

Schumm asked, "Does the organization pay property tax on the finished product over the years or is it exempt under not-for-profit?"

Buford stated, "It depends in our homeownership units, they do pay property tax. In rental units, under state statute, we are able to file for an exemption, once the units are built and there a low income tenants using the units. During the construction phase, we will pay property taxes until those units are occupied and then we do have the right under state statute as a non-profit creating affordable housing to have exemptions."

Britt Crum-Cano presented the staff report regarding what staff is suggesting for an assistance package.

Corliss stated, "I just wanted to point out that the money for the sidewalks is part of the CDBG grant, the City successfully applied to through the CDBG program. When we talk about City funding for sidewalks which we talked about recently in regards to the pedestrian sidewalk bicycle taskforce and we talked about money we're spending on sidewalks. This is part of that money and we're dedicating some that money for sidewalks here as opposed to any other process for that money, for this year."

Vice Mayor Farmer called for public comment.

Dennis Domer, member of the Tenants to Homeowners Board, speaking indirectly in support of this project as President of the Campus Village Board which encourages the development of intergenerational communities, stated, "You might ask well this is a senior facility. It is, but it has taken major steps towards intergenerational development and for that reason the Campus Village Board is endorsing it as the first intergenerational new development in Lawrence because it has an active landscape. It creates visibility design. It has universal interior design. It's got a virtual village infrastructure with fiber optic cabling an integrated communications Telecare and Telehealth systems. It is introducing intergenerational programing of one kind or another on wellness and health, or grandparents and grandchildren, or storytelling and its architecture is related to the place, flexible on the interior and technologically poised for the future. This is the kind of thing we want to see happening in Lawrence and it's the first pearl on a string pearls that we're hoping will happen in Lawrence and which all new developments consider these design features for people of all ages and the Campus Village Board wants to endorse this as the first one in Lawrence."

Schumm stated, "Just last night, Commissioner Riordan and I were in a session of the forum. A lot of it was about affordable housing opportunities for citizens to be accommodated by a reasonable price in order to live here. I think this just follows through on the discussion

with that broad group of people last night. It's just one more step to try and have some affordable housing stock inventory so people can make it. I'm in whole support of this. It really does fall on what we were talking about last night."

Riordan stated, "As a member of the Campus Village Board, this is exciting to me because this is something we'd be looking for. This gives us something that we can physical look at and say, this can be done. I was excited when Rebecca came to my house and talked to me about this a couple of months ago. I think all the concepts are there and we can provide these services within in-kind a lot. The last think I'll mention is that in my walks around the City I've signed up two people already for this that qualify and are pretty excited about it that didn't know about it before. Rebecca, they'll be beating in your door at the possibility of moving here. I think this is an exciting thing. This is something we're going to see more of in Lawrence and I personally support it very highly."

Farmer asked, "Can I ask you a question about the CDBG funding? So \$21,000 was taken out of the City's pot or out of the pot that other non-profits will apply for and what if it's not approved by the CDAC?"

Corliss stated, "This was already approved by CDAC."

Farmer asked, "Okay, so it's money we already have?"

Corliss stated, "Yes."

Danelle Dressler, Community Development Manager stated, "With this particular money, we found that we did not actually spend all of our allocation on our within the department this year so we were able to kind of take that \$21,000 and move it from our rehab program over to the sidewalks. It does not have to be reapproved because under our citizen participation plan, as long as we don't add more than 50% to the original allocated funding, then it does not have to go back through the process. They were originally allocated, I believe, \$86,000 so it falls well beneath that line."

Dever asked, "When you say 50% over the \$86,000?"

Dressler stated, "Yes, so if we were moving more than \$43,000 over, it would have to back through an approval process and back in front of you guys, published, sent to HUD, all of that."

Dever asked, "Is the difference, this \$100,000 that we stipulated between the \$86,000 and the \$100,000."

Dressler stated, "No, just the \$21,000."

Corliss stated, "There's only \$21,000 of CDBG funding. My point of making my comment was that we've talked about having the taskforce help us prioritize sidewalks in order to do gaps. We're taking some of this money now and saying this is one of the priorities. I just want to make sure that you all know that."

Dressler stated "And that's why we wanted to find a way to add that \$21,000 as opposed to taking \$21,000 that was already in there."

Dever stated, "I just want to make sure we follow procedures and don't get caught with making allocations that are reasonable. I appreciate you clarifying that, but we need to make sure that's followed and I'm sure you're on it. I had to make sure I understood the difference."

Farmer stated, "I don't know if the other Commissioner's got letters over the weekend, but I just want to give you the opportunity to clarify some of these. This is from a few citizens who live on Cedarwood. Part of what they're talking about is property values and how they decreased which they pay less taxes, I don't know how that's necessarily a bad thing, but three things. They claimed that they were told everyone owning property was notified about the project and found out that they were not told. Secondly, they were told to come to a meeting on February 3rd at a specific time, by Mary Miller who's a City Planner and the project was discussed before they were told to be there and third, they were told by the developers, presumably you guys, that you guys were covering fees and now the taxpayers are shouldering that burden. Can you just comment on those for the record, please?"

Buford stated, "We started this discussion with them 3 years ago. We have met with them on numerous times and they've all attended. There had been some new homeowners who moved in after we had these meeting, who claimed that they weren't made aware of it, but that's impossibility because the meetings had happened and there was no way that we could let them know, after the fact. Again, some of the discussion we've had numerous meetings. Several neighbors were here when it was on the consent agenda and they did not request to move it off. Mary Miller and staff, I know, have had numerous conversations and any issues have been brought to my attention. I will point out, most importantly, their concern was drainage issues and part of this request is addressing that from a community perspective saying the drainage problems that they were experiencing are from the United Way Center, County owned lot that is not part of our development. Part of the County owned lot that's being split for our development. In other words, anything we build on the lot, we got is not going to add to this drainage problem, it was further north of our development. Our goal was to say, if this is a problem through this project process because we want to leave our neighborhoods better than they were before we developed there. We really have made an effort to include this as part of the process in improving this drainage, even beyond where we are building. Some of that looking at cost has been to keep this affordable, can the City partner up and share some of that public improvement cost, but there has been nothing that is private development that is being requested here, that is our cost. We are paying for all of that and I would argue that we are also paying for some additional improvements that you could speak to like the United Way Center parking lot that is going to be adjusted and spaces are going to be added, that is not our property, but we want to be good neighbors. We office there and so it makes sense for us to help those other non-profits and make sure that we have a good result. If there concerns is that the public is participating in the public improvements they're requesting, I'm not sure how I can address that."

Farmer stated, "Sure, I just felt like it would be appropriate because I know there had been numerous conversations about this and of course it was on our agenda a few months ago and before that. It seems like we're all supportive gentlemen, I wanted to bring up the applicant's estimated expense and Rebecca just alluded it. They're providing some improvements for the parking lot and others and their estimated expense is \$120,000. I think this would be a good opportunity to put our money where our mouth is in relationship to taking care of people in our community. It's a mere \$40,000 more to provide them with all assistance that they are estimated what their expense would be and I think I would be most comfortable with providing them the \$120,375 for the other improvements that they're doing to take care of. As I'll talk about in a little bit, this was the number one priority in relationship to how we take care of people in our community."

Schumm stated, "Like on number 3, if the staff does it, it's \$10,000 less. I think you're getting that scope of work for about \$102,000, not \$120,000."

Farmer asked, "Did I misunderstand?"

Corliss stated, "Yes, we're doing items 1-8 and we're doing it for \$101,975."

Schumm stated, "They would have spent \$120,000 if they did it on their own."

Farmer stated, "I understand."

Crum-Cano stated, "It's my understanding from working with staff that there would be two items that the City would not cover and that's the grass pavers and the sanitary sewer item, so that's \$19,500."

Corliss stated, "Right, we're not doing items 5 and 6."

Farmer asked, "Why?"

Crum-Cano stated, "Staff was discussing ways that we could keep it from having a minimal impact on the general fund and these were ways that we could do that."

Buford stated, "I will add that our gap is really when we looked at all the things that the City could contribute to that may have totaled \$120,000, but my gap is really \$101,000 so I'm absolutely happy with that."

Corliss stated, "We tried to close the gap of \$100,000."

Buford stated, "So that is going to close our gap and unable us to do all of this within all the grant funding sources we brought to the table."

Moved by Schumm, seconded by Dever, to authorize funding for public improvements and infrastructure related to the Cedarwood Senior Cottages project in support of expanding affordable-rate housing options for seniors and specify the amount of expenses to be covered, including City performed work and reimbursements. Motion carried unanimously.

3. **Receive presentation on the 2014 Rental Licensing and Inspection Program Annual Report.**

Scott McCullough, Planning and Development Service Director, presented the staff report.

Schumm asked, "Did we consider the dormitory style?"

McCullough stated, "We really didn't. We had a lot of issues in front of us and we haven't gotten to that specific of a structure. Naismith Hall is probably the only one and is a private residence hall type structure, if you will. The rest of them on KU, we do no."

Schumm asked, "What about Presbyterian Manor?"

McCullough stated, "Those are other examples of where we need to clarify."

Schumm stated, "Even though they're institutional in nature, we would go ahead and have the rental registration apply to them."

McCullough stated, "That's where we're seeking clarification. If it did apply we would go in and sample 10% of the units."

Schumm stated, "You're suggesting that no one else inspects these except for the fire department for fire issues and the Department of Agriculture for the food service."

McCullough stated, "That's our understanding, based on our research. It's not medical in nature so there's no medical related institutional type inspection or anything like that."

Schumm stated, "Like Presbyterian Manor when they have assisted care, they've got different levels of care, and don't they have a higher level of assisted care? They're not inspected."

McCullough stated, "If they are and our ordinance does address that component. If they are inspected in that realm then we would not apply our code to them. The intent of the ordinance was to inspect structures that didn't have an equivalent type of inspection."

Schumm stated, "Yes, because we exempt Section 8 because they have their own inspections."

Farmer stated, "Scott you meant Meadowlark not Meadowbrook, right?"

McCullough stated, "Yes."

Farmer stated, "Meadowbrook is in the program."

McCullough stated, "Yes, thank you for that significant clarification."

Farmer stated, "Some of these and maybe I'm just unclear, our owner occupied. So like Brandon Woods has some owner/occupied units. I think Presbyterian Manor does too, don't they?" I think Meadowlark does as well."

McCullough stated, "I do not know the answer to that. The issue really came up with Naismith Hall and then we thought of other types of structures that haven't been asked to come into the program yet that would serve as examples for you to think about, just in terms of the structure. You're correct that if the ownership structure had owner occupancy then it may not be part of the program as well."

Dever stated, "Meadowlark is just leasing. It's all leased."

Schumm stated, "You're right on Brandon Woods, you actually can buy a unit there."

Farmer stated, "I think Presbyterian Manor too."

McCullough stated, "We would obviously work with them to determine that part of it."

Farmer asked, "What about home health places, aging in place like Pioneer Ridge for example?"

McCullough stated, "There may be different aspects of a complex like that if they have different institution versus assisted care, versus independent care. You may have different types of structure when we apply the code in different ways. There may be some that wouldn't be considered rental and others that would."

Dever stated, "I'm still trying to understand the master licensing change. I don't know if I quite understood the value of that reduction. Can you explain that to me?"

McCullough stated, "Yes, when we set out, we were looking for an economic or efficient way to do licensed complexes that had a lot of units and we landed on 11 units or more, instead of giving the owner 10 individual license documents for them to track and for us to track, we would give them one license, we called it a master license and it would list out the address and how many units were on that particular license. We're finding as we get into the non-RS, as we get into areas like Oread, there are a lot of structures between 4 units and 11 units that we could more efficiently license with no impact to the owner. All the owner would see is one piece of paper instead of 8, for example."

Dever asked, "So if a person owns multiple site locations and say it added up to 11, would you issue a license for all of those? Say there's 4 properties that have 11 dwelling units."

McCullough stated, "These are when they're on the same property, but we're finding like 1 property has 2 four-plexes, instead of the 8 individual and we like to give 1 license to that owner."

Vice Mayor Farmer called for public comment. None.

Schumm stated, "Overall it seems like it's running well. Is that your opinion? Is it rough getting started? We worked hard to get this to a very user friendly for the landlord to sample size the bonus system, so does that seem to be working well?"

McCullough stated, "I think you also worked hard to roll it in incrementally, which has proven to be a nice approach for us because we started with the RS that we already had in our system and then we went to the licensing non-RS and we're not yet fully into the inspection the non-RS. That's given us a chance to build the program that you built in ordinance form. It's given us a chance to staff up appropriately. It's given us chance to work with the City Attorney's Office and others on the legalities. I would say that the opinion that we have is that it has been a very smooth transition to that. The seminars and the feedback we received from the landlord community were extremely helpful. It really drove a lot of the way we do our daily business. All the feedback we got out of those seminars was also very well received and put to use. I think because of all that effort, it made a fairly smooth transition."

Schumm stated, "Glad to see we didn't have to issue any search warrants. I'm glad to see that we didn't have any tenants deny us access. That was one of the points that we worked on pretty hard. Of the cases that went to court, why did they go to court? Was it because people wouldn't do it or the structures were so bad they couldn't do it? Can you shed a little light on that?"

McCullough stated, "Usually it was that they weren't being licensed because they weren't submitting their license application and so we typically give several notices about that until we sent it to court. At one point we were sending over a much greater number of them and we decided, let's give one more soft call to them and say, this is your last warning, we're going to send you to court, please work with us. That greatly reduced the number that went to court so that we didn't burden the court or us with it and help them out. What we took to heart is the Commission's direction and charges to make this efficient for the landlords and make it as easy as possible for the landlords."

Schumm stated, "Also, the reason why they didn't apply is just because it was new and they didn't get around to it or was there a resistance to it."

McCullough stated, "Some of these were ones in the programs that needed to renew anyway. I don't know if there should have been much resistance, they were already in the program. There were various reasons. There were 31 of them in the few thousands that we've done so that's not a high number, but it could have been for any number of reasons. Some of it is just confusion between property manager, owners and out-of-state owners, and who's doing what."

Farmer stated, "I have a question for Treni. Would you just share a story with us about how you believe this program has positively impacted someone's life in this community?"

Treni Westcott, Development Services Field Supervisor, stated, "I think it positively impacts the community every day that I go into these units. I've been doing it for almost 10 years now and I see the best of the best and the worst of the worst. Just last week, I was in a unit that was just a mess. It had violations that were landlord and we also talked to the tenants because there were some cat odors and smells in there. You know, it's just about getting into these units and talking to these people and making them understand why this is in place and that we're there for their safety. I've had very little resistance in the 10 years I've been doing it. I feel like I've developed a good relationship with a lot of the landlords and know them so I think that helps, but even our new inspectors are having great results in the field. Our re-inspection rate is very high so we're not getting any resistance in people making repairs. It feels good to go in and go back 20 days later and the place is better than when you found it and that happens every day."

Farmer stated, "Thanks, that's awesome. I just want to say, before we talk about how to direct staff going forward, the solvency rate being 89% is fantastic. I was told 80% would be a good number to shoot for and we're above that by 9% so great job to all of you guys for all the hard work. The other thing I wanted to point out too, just kind of reflecting not going through an official exercise or anything, but looking down under the violations on a property maintenance case, one of the big points of contention for the non-life safety issue was neighborhood blight. I

don't know how many cases there've been with that, but it's less than 4 on a property maintenance case, in 2014. They've all been other issues. I just kind of think it's important to reflect and as policy makers we make a lot of assumptions because we're told a lot of things by people and sometimes we have fears that we have that either sometimes can be founded or other times unfounded. It's always interesting to go back and reflect to say one of the big things we didn't want to separate out the life safety versus the non-life safety issues. Commissioner Schumm you were talking about it a lot in relationship to the blight and it was a very important concern, but it's good to see that things maybe aren't some of the assumptions that were made at least for me, I can speak for myself, weren't as applicable maybe as we thought they were at the time when we were getting hundreds of emails, phone calls and pressures from all various different directions. I'm really proud of the work that our staff has done and it makes me feel good Treni to hear that story and I really appreciate you sharing. I think we need to celebrate more around here about the good things that happen and share more stories. It makes me feel good that you feel good and so I appreciate you sharing that."

Schumm stated, "The reason why I ask those questions is I really wanted to have a good understanding of how it's being accepted. We took testimony when we were doing this as to some of the life safety issues and the fact that they existed and how to get in and look and make sure people have a safe place to live. There is some discussion right now, during the campaign about whether this is a relevant value and should it continue or not. I would certainly hope that any new Commissioners that are seated really take a strong look at the system as it started right now and to continue with it. I think it's going to be a real value just like Treni had said that the improvement you see from the initial entrance to the re-inspection and these are life safety code violations, anyone could contribute to a fatality. I do think it's important in stressing again. We've tried to make it as minimally invasive as possible with regard to the landlord ownership, yet try to accomplish what we wanted to get done in terms of promoting the safety issue. I

certainly hope that this program is here to stay. I think it has a lot of net worth to the community.”

Riordan stated, “I would agree I think some of the neat things about this are the fact that many times for not very much money, some life safety things like having GFCI’s and having smoke detectors that work and covered plates, things that cost under \$20. In some ways the neatest thing about this is that we had a program that wasn’t working very well at all now we’ve expanded it and it’s working far better. I think we have a lot of metrics that we’re following that will continue to cause that to occur, but the other part of it is we’re not getting push back from the people who do the rentals and we’re getting positive feedback from those renters that feel this is a good program and their not feeling intruded upon. I think it’s accomplishing far better the goals and I think that’s because of the people that are doing it and I think how it was constructed, but how the City is implementing this and I’m thrilled with that and hope everybody’s listening to that.”

Dever stated, “Maybe somebody could touch on the number of units that we typically do in a week and kind of what the metrics had amounted to so the public can hear kind of what our workloads like and when we’ll see the need to hire that additional person or two. I’m trying to get a feel for the time associated with this work.”

McCullough stated, “Right, and we consciously didn’t do a lot of analysis right now on that issue because we’re not at normative state of operations. Virtually everybody in the division right now is working on licensing aspects, getting units licensed. It’s hard to give you that in a data format, Commissioner Dever, because we hadn’t really looked at that so we know we’ve done 123 inspections. I can tell you the inspectors right now are, while they’re all out doing some inspections they’re helping keep the licensing going to get all the units licensed. Renewing licenses next year is going to be a much more efficient process for us. We’re not avoiding any inspections, we’re doing every inspection that’s required and the timeline that it’s required so I don’t want to make you think that are inspectors are not inspection, they are. Treni

maybe can speak to an average time or kind of some idea of how many a day we're doing. We're doing a few every day."

Dever stated, "Now that it's kind of a different set of properties and a different zoning category, just maybe comment on whether or not there are any similarities or something that you're seeing that's different about the newly included units."

McCullough stated, "This will be a much better discussion next year once actually the RM stuff or the non-RS stuff comes fully on-line. Right now they're not required to get inspected, although we're doing some. It's voluntary. It's probably better stuff because they are volunteering, but I'm happy to ask Treni to give you some stories about that."

Westcott stated, "As Scott said we're still primarily in the RS zoned districts because those are the ones that transitioned in first and we kept them on their rotation schedule for inspection. The only non-RS inspections we're doing currently are voluntary."

Dever asked, "What was the number?"

Westcott stated, "I don't know the number of non-RS."

Dever stated, "I saw it in here somewhere in terms of the numbers that were voluntary. How many would you say you've done just in general?"

Westcott stated, "A couple of dozen maybe. We've now been in as of today, 4 complexes or maybe 3. The first one Scott spoke to where we found the overall issue of combustion. That was voluntary. Those are going to go much faster than a house. When we go into a complex, generally the makeup of each unit is about the same. If you're in one, one bedroom unit, all the one bedroom units are going to look the same so it's easy to get an idea that I've got a kitchen, a bathroom and a bedroom and you move around it fairly swiftly. I think that will be the case. We are trying to sample, like we did with this complex going in. They had vacant units so that drove the units that we did inspect, but we did do some one and two bedrooms. We're going to, if we don't have vacant units and we have 1 to 4 bedroom units in a complex, we will sample each style of apartment and each bedroom size so we're in a good

mixture of the units. Those go fairly quickly. That first complex that we were in was 10 to 15 minutes per unit and that's with newer staff being trained as we go. We're going to have the exact opposite of that in some units that we get into, older units, large houses, things like that are going to take much longer."

Farmer stated, "It says 736 RM units were voluntarily licensed."

McCullough stated, "We didn't give you the inspections."

Dever stated, "Okay, I presumed that some of those had been inspected."

McCullough state, "Some of them have been."

Dever stated, "So just because they were license doesn't mean they've been inspected because of the schedule."

McCullough stated, "Correct. That was 800 in 2014 and 2 ½ - 3 months of RS licensing."

Farmer stated, "Scott thanks for all the good work you guys are doing and Amy for all the data. I know that you find probably find it a pain in the rear to compile. It's really helpful for us to show the community that we're doing good with this program so thank you. How do we feel about directing staff to submit the revisions to the program ordinance and administrative regulations?"

Riordan stated, "It seems to be staff driven based on experience so it makes a lot of sense to me."

Dever stated, "Agreed."

Moved by Riordan, seconded by Schumm, to direct staff to submit the revisions to the program ordinance and administrative regulations. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Vice-Mayor Farmer report on capital improvement data from listening sessions.

Vice Mayor Farmer presented his report on capital improvement data from listening sessions. Farmer stated, "What I had asked Dave to also put on the agenda and I would also be remiss in saying I need to give credit where credit is due with this. The ideas for the Capital

Improvement listening sessions and breaking them down into the four P's, I think I said this before but it came from a friend of mine, John Bullick, and I was talking to him about capital improvements and he said what about this and kind of broke it down for me and the preacher in me liked that they all started with the same letter, former preacher I suppose. It was easy for folks to understand it really gives us an idea for buckets of money essentially to put address various things in our community that are deemed important. I also did want to bring up on the agenda and just want us to kind of have a conversation about it and really want to begin the process to hear from the public on what they think about it. We've never really kind of debriefed the police facility listening sessions. We had two of them and we heard from a lot of people. We heard from several that just said the police didn't need a new department, move on. I think maybe one person maybe two said that, but a lot of other folks thought that they didn't really understand what the plan was. They didn't want us to raise their taxes, they didn't want us to buy land and they want us to essentially get our priorities more effectively in order. In other words why are you doing certain things before other things and so, Dave and I were having conversations after all of those concluded and one of the things I brought up was that I would rather not piecemeal this together and kind of roll it in over the course of four or five years until we can get to the point where we can pay for it all because my sense that was going to end up being a lot more expensive. I just asked a question on a Monday morning at an agenda review meeting on a whim and just asked essentially, what if we issue debt from redoing our capital improvement plan, if this is in fact our top capital need. Move some other projects around, shuffle them around. It's not to say they're not important or we're not going to do them, but if this is in fact our top need, let's put our money where our mouth is. Dave had suggested very appropriately that the sales tax is coming off in 2018 for a lot of projects and then from that point forward we can essentially use the sales tax from 1994 after we discuss whether or not we want to take our priorities and shift them from parks to the police department which I think would be appropriate and we could essentially begin talking about the process this year of constructing a

new police facility on City owned land, reshuffling our priorities and not raising any taxes. Those were the things that I heard. I just want to throw that out there and really just go down the road and get your sense for what you think of that and moving those capital improvements around the new capital improvement plan that's attached and pushing some projects back a little bit. I think this is how we can be the most prudent with people in our community's money. I just wanted to get your thoughts about that."

Vice Mayor Farmer called for public comment. None.

Farmer asked, "Did I get it right in debriefing the police facility listening session. The public said don't raise my taxes, don't buy land and get our stuff together in relationship to capital priorities. If this is fact your priority than make it your priority and have a robust engaging process with the public on where it would go, what it would be like, how it would operate etc..."

Riordan stated, "That's exactly what I heard from the public. I think the biggest concern was they really didn't understand it because it was complex because they were older, the places that we have gotten and repurposed old buildings and that's why they were bad in the first place and I think that's really important. The message is as you walk and talk to people to not raise taxes on this issue. We're making it a priority, but to go back in the public and I was talking to Dave today about getting with people and the City is going to be working with an open town hall concept, we're going to call listen Lawrence or whatever so we can get this information back and it can go both ways. I think going out and communicating with people is so terribly important and that's probably the most important thing we've learned from this. We knew there was a need for a police station, but the public didn't so I think when you look at this there was some mistakes made, but there was also the silver lining of we learned a lot, we learned what the citizens need and they need communication and this City Commission and the next one will spend a lot of time doing exactly that and I think that's a great thing and plus we'll be able to get the police and solve their needs in an economical way and an open way and doing it the way

that should be done. I think your summary of everything is really pretty darned accurate and those are the messages we need to continue to get out.”

Schumm stated, “I agree with that. There’s one small concern I have here that’s that we will have this discussion with all of you for the next 20 years tie up any additional opportunities to promote park land and so I guess I would ask is there, you know, 20 years is a long time, and if the City continues to grow at that rate that it has, we could be boxing a future commission that would really need to have funds for that activity as well. I’m wondering if there is any other way to move ahead with this and reduce that time frame to say, 10 years to where you wouldn’t have any additional capital assets for a new parks or new parks facility for 10 years.”

Riordan stated, “I think there would be and Dave could comment on this. The fact that we have some City owned land that we could utilize for this, obviously the Police Station that we have now on west 15th Street could be sold and you could decrease the amount of time. I don’t think we have specifics at this point, but we could look at the property that we have and try to remove some of that we don’t need from the taxes and help pay for this and pay it off sooner. Plus, wasn’t estimated that we would have something like \$7,000 or \$8,000 a year still on that after this?”

Corliss stated, “If you go to the spreadsheet, the County wide sales tax plan, includes annual debt payment for the recreation center and then also includes an additional 19 million dollar debt that and that additional 19 million dollar debt would be this fund share of the 26 million dollar police facility. There are a number of assumptions in there. It assumes 2 percent annual growth in the sales tax. We think that’s appropriate over 20 year period of time. Obviously last year we had a great year, it was 5 ½ percent, growth in sales tax. Over 20 years you’re probably going to have another recession where you might not actually have growth on an annual basis. We think 2 percent is an appropriate growth level. It does freeze at ½ million dollars a year, the amount of money going for parks and recreation maintenance. It also reduces the amount of money that was going to go to the rec fund and grows at 3 ½ percent

annually. If you look at the very end of the chart in 2034, you've got 5.2 million fund balance which that's healthy and you may be able to spend some of that, but you're not going to be able to do a lot of debt financing out of this fund with that number. You could use your 5 to 6 million dollars of general obligation bond debt to do park type facilities. That's going to be competing with street maintenance, City facility maintenance and those types of things as well. This significantly repurposed that sales tax."

Schumm asked, "That would grow also as our evaluations grow, right?"

Corliss stated, "It would, that's correct Commissioner and we're hopeful to see some growth in regards to that over time."

Schumm Stated, "Of course that begs the question, the bigger you grow the more you need to continually repair."

Corliss stated, "This repurposes that sales tax and if you're going to change priorities you're probably going to have to change funding sources. I think you all are familiar and we'll state again, the 1994 sales tax was inactive for a number of different purposes and every voter may have had a little bit of a different reason why they voted for it because it was going to reduce property taxes, it was going to fund the county jail and that sales tax continues for jail expansions as well. It also continues for parks and recreation. One of the reasons why it was chosen was that parks and recreation did not have to compete with other priorities, in the early 90's and there wasn't enough money to do substantial parks and recreation projects so the thought was let's have a dedicated source of revenue for property taxes. We didn't go through all the dedication process like we did in 2008 sales tax. We didn't pledge the sales tax. The language in the sales tax makes it very clear they can use it for other governmental purposes and we have used it for other governmental purposes. We used it for a housing trust fund. When we had the proceeds left over from the centennial recreation center that didn't proceed. We also used it for street maintenance when we got behind on street maintenance. We followed through on that language and it's appropriately decided in this room by you all as to

what the priorities should be. Are there other avenues to do parks and recreation improvements in the future, perhaps, but you're going to have to say no to other things as well in order to be able to do that?"

Schumm asked, "With regard to the 94 sales tax, it was a county/city sales tax, right?"

Corliss stated, "It was a county sales taxes and we got probably about 65 percent of the revenue."

Schumm asked, "Am I correct in saying they used at least a portion of that for the jail at that time?"

Corliss stated, "Correct."

Schumm asked, "The underlined question is here is we have a new capital facility through the County that's going to create an obligation to the tax payers. Do you know how far along they are with retiring that debt based on that sales tax revenue from 94? Is that sales tax available for them to pledge to the new jail so they don't have to raise taxes?"

Corliss stated, "Commissioner Schumm I think that's a very good question to ask the County Commission. I don't want to speak for them."

Schumm stated, "I was just wondering because the fear out there is that we're going to be building this building and that and the taxes are going to go up, but no one from the County, that I've heard of yet anyway, has indicated how they're going to fund that jail."

Corliss stated, "I need to defer that to the folks at the County Courthouse."

Schumm stated, "I'm always curious about these things."

Corliss stated, "This is our revenue source. It's a continuing tax, unlike the 2008 sales tax. It's not specifically pledged and it also doesn't have a sunset, the county sales tax. Our 2008 sales tax, as you all know, was specifically pledged. We have a sales tax audit committee that looks at the revenue and it's also has a sunset. When we're talking about using the infrastructure sales tax, that 2008 sales tax for example, for the 9th Street project we're going to need to follow through on the language. What the voters approved for 9th Street, it was going to

be for street improvements, it can be for bike lane, sidewalks and those kinds of things. I think using art for that is bit of a stretch. Most of the Art funds are going to come through the Art Place Grant, but we also need to have some City debt in order to pay for some of the art work as well. We'll follow through on that appropriate language."

Dever stated, "When I was evaluating your redistribution or realignment of the timing of the projects in order to accommodate some of this, I wonder, did you plan on the reauthorization of that sales tax, those dollars and that money coming in or did you not because some of the date, I noticed, were into 2018? I was wondering if we had included funds that actually might be waylaid and, or no longer available?"

Corliss stated, "Not assuming, I think it would be a very important thing for the community to decide in 2017 - 2018 and not proceeding with that and the needs will continue. Obviously our transit system, as you know Commissioner, you're very much involved in that transition on the transit system. We're going to want to continue as well, but no, as far as these projects are concerned, we're not assuming revenue from the infrastructure sales tax beyond April 2019 which is when we get the last check."

Dever stated, "Okay, I was trying to figure out how the timing worked out on the distribution of those funds. I did notice that you pushed some of those projects. In reality if those taxes weren't available we probably wouldn't be able to move the dollars around as easily. In other words taking money from our streets budget and not replacing it with another source income because then street maintenance would be produced and we're not going to have a way to put money back into the account to continue that once we realign the cost for a non-tax type moving forward on a police station because I want to make sure there's not any misunderstanding. After reading some of Commissioner Farmer's comments from his listening session, I was just reading through a couple that was submitted and there's really misunderstanding about what we can and cannot do as far as taxing specific types of activities in our community and I think this was one way for us to focus multiple needs through one

taxation point which if this percentage of a cent. What I'm trying to understand is, would we not want to, based on the timing, are we talking about trying to reauthorize the sales tax, couldn't we try to do a little bit of math and determine if there is a way for that to include costs associated with the construction of a police department or at least to allow the dollars to be put back into the fund it was taken from because I hate to go behind or start using money that we already earmarked in our capital improvement plan which has been in existence for many years and we've pretty closely adhered to it except for one or two alterations recently. I hate to just change that plan without any idea what the future funding source is going to be and then add another cost into the infrastructure without having another source of revenue available. Other than the increased cost of goods, which then increase the amount of tax collected and then of course a revitalization of the economy, people spending more whatever. You're only estimating 2 percent growth and so what I'm trying to figure out is how can you realistically plan 2 or 3 years down the road because that's probably what it's going to take in order to get the site designed and built? You're talking about paying for the bonds starting around that time period. Please help me understand because I want to make sure everyone's thinking. There's a lot of moving targets here from an actual revenue standpoint. The cost will be relatively fixed but the revenue is not and so we need to make sure we're not reducing revenue in other ways. I saw some things that seemed a little bit off so I want to make sure I understood."

Corliss stated, "Commissioners let me walk through the whole scenario that we set out and I think we'll get at Commissioner Dever's questions and you all should feel free to interrupt as appropriate. So what we assume is a \$26 million police facility where we would sell the land that we currently have that is police department related and were estimating \$2 million. The Investigations and Training Center (ITC Building) and the City's share of the judicial law enforcement center, we've got the square footage there. In talking to the County Administrator I think he recognizes that it would be appropriate to provide some funds to the City as we would leave the Judicial Law Enforcement Building. Then we also had the property that was bought

for public safety purposes at the very end of what was 15 Street was now Bob Billings Parkway, the 6 acres of property and we think it's going to be very prime for sale as the interchange of Bob Billings Parkway and K-10 is opened up so we estimate \$2 million. We also have 1.4 million in change left over from the 1.5 million that we issued as some of the work for the police facility. We obviously done some architecture work in regards to that and that give us \$22.6 million. So what we do is we then combine two different revenue sources. We've already talked a little bit about the City's share of the County wide sales tax. It's big numbers in small print. We already have the recreation center debt payments that are starting now, the 1.49 and 5 million dollars that continue for 20 years. We don't have the capacity to issue debt out of this fund right now but we trim down the money going to the recreation fund. We freeze the Mark Hecker money at a ½ million dollars a year. As Commissions look at this, you need to talk very robustly and thoroughly about what that means for Parks and Recreation Projects going forward. We do have the debt rolling off for the Community Health Center, a number of other smaller projects such as the Eagle Bend Golf Course in 2016 and then we got some smaller projects that roll off in 2020. This thing gives us the ability to issue \$19,000,000 worth of debt for another issuance and as we point out in the language of the City's share of the County wide sales tax, it talks about general governmental purposes. That's true for us and that's true for the County so that's where we would be able to use this for the Police facility. It doesn't care what we use it for if that's your desire to repurpose it."

Schumm stated, "That's the \$1.5 million a year payback."

Corliss stated, "That starts in 2018, 1.5 million dollars a year."

Schumm stated, "And goes for 20 years."

Corliss stated, "Yes and that's where we then assume the \$2 million dollars, worth of sale and proceeds of City surplus property. Obviously, we can't sale the ITC until we can move into a new police facility. We could sell it, but we couldn't get the proceeds from any transaction until obviously we were able to transfer that property to someone else so set it in 2020. I want to

very much emphasize, this needs to be part of any number of different vetting challenge assumptions and there's any number of different things that could obviously move in regards to this. This gives us \$19 million dollars, worth of debt capacity out of this fund. If you look further on, that's obviously a pretty good condition, but it's not all that robust for 20 years. Now go to the assumptions, growing community at 2% a year and maybe that's too conservative, that's the number we're comfortable with. Maybe we'll learn more about sales tax going on where we think we can do additional work. I'll point out that we don't assume any land acquisition costs in this scenario and we can't use the proceeds of existing facilities to pay for land acquisition as we talked about last year. We've got to use either donated property to use or what's more likely, City owned property and we don't talk in this memo. It would be up to the Commission to talk about what kind of public process you want to go through as far as the location, but we don't assume any land acquisition costs in this. We do assume a \$26 million dollar project budget which would be all in as far as design construction, any type of infrastructure related to make that facility work for everybody. We talked about the repurposing of the County wide sales tax then we go to the CIP (Capital Improvement Plan). This year's CIP, you are familiar with that, we've walked you through that program. Most of these are existing commitments that we have and the ability to follow through. Our ability to do significant debt right now out of this year's program is simply not there. We could go ahead and start. We could do temporary notes. I think you're talking about 9 months of design before you would even start any construction so the Commission, after a process that you all would decide this spring and summer, could launch a project saying this is how we want to do it and start design work, this year, probably not construction this year. This is the 2015 program and it balances and keeps the mill levy stable. This is then the 2016 program. It's suggested and would be part of your budget deliberations this summer. Again, we follow through on the infrastructure sales tax money, \$800,000 going for that. We then do debt of \$4.5 million, out of the property tax funded amount and then you've got the \$20 million for the total project of \$26 million when you include the \$1.5 million, so we're

comfortable with those numbers. We go ahead in 2016 establishing a benefit district for Queens. We think that's smart just to get that on the books, but we're not going to start construction until substantially later on. We have \$2 million of infrastructure sales tax money for the 9th Street reconstruction, but we've got almost a million dollars, \$750,000 that's property taxed base. Again, it's a City commitment there on that project. Whether or not that's going to be able to do the entire project or not, it's going to be depending upon which you approve as the design and then we have KLINK which we are hopeful for 2016, but KDOT has told us that they may not be doing KLINK projects going forward, given some of the challenges that they have at the State level. We know that those very important roads in this community are going to need to be resurfaced so whether the State provides funding for us or not, we're going to need to do something. In 2017, we will have done our debt for the 9th Street project. We would have done our debt for the Police Facility and we will have committed the City share of the County wide sales tax for that project. We still have \$800,000 for infrastructure sales tax. We moved Kasold Drive which we are under design now. If you drive down Kasold between 15th and 6th Street to Bob Billings Parkway and roughly 8th Street, I guess, you can see the survey crews out there planting flags and doing other things. Also, they're starting design work. We're going to do a really good job of involving the community into a lot of those different discussions as well, but this doesn't build that street. The construction should start in 2016, but will start in 2017 so we pushed that out further. That's a challenge for the community because that road is not in good shape. This moves 19th Street between Harper Street and Venture Park out a little bit. It does provide some funding for fire apparatus. We do have the million dollars for City facility improvements and upgrades. That's all specified now, but we've got to take care of our existing physical plan. Some of that might be Parks and Recreation facilities as far as just fixing roofs and doing other things, but we feel very strong that we need to have this in our budget as well, even though we don't necessarily have it all specified, we'll get you that list and show you. It's pretty important that we go ahead and maintain those existing facilities. Then into 2018, we're

using infrastructure sales tax to do some engineering on 19th Street, falling through on the \$800,000 a year for residential street maintenance in addition to what we're able to do in our general fund, second phase of Kasold Drive. That's when we then pickup Wakarusa Drive from the new roundabout a little bit north of that, up to 6th Street, the use of property tax back debt, and do additional work for City facilities. This is where we then start and do the work of Fire Station 1. We've got a quint in there that's property tax paid for then we've got stormwater fund, \$3 million dollars to do 23rd Street and Ousdahl Road improvements. When we start our stormwater utility, we issue 20 year debt. That debt rolls off in 2018 so we've got that ability to start doing debt again there. Obviously, Maple Street Pump Station is one of our top priorities that we're going through right now to see if we can't reengineer that to accomplish what we've got in the infrastructure sales tax, but we'd like to get started on that. Now, what we hope to be able to do is negotiate successfully with our KDOT friends who want to give us 23rd Street back and when they give us 23rd Street back, it's no longer a State highway because by the end of 2016, K-10 will be opened completely and they're not going to want 23rd Street designated as a State Highway. Our recommendation to you all is not just to take it back and shake hands with the KDOT Secretary. It's no, we want it back and we want it in better shape then what it is right now. That could include stormwater improvements at 23rd and Ousdahl Road. It could include substantial rebuild of portions of 23rd Street that need it. It's going to be subject to negotiation. It's not particularly the most balance of negotiations with them because they can just kind of tell us, but they want to be good local State partners so we'll see how that plays out, but that's at least some of our thinking. Again, you all haven't spent a lot of time on this so appreciate that you're going to want to change some of it. Infrastructure sales tax in 2019 for Iowa Street. We're still hoping that KLINK is around although that may change, but we're still going to have those responsibilities. This is then when we pick up Queens Road again. We do know, for example, that the Kellyn Addition at the northwest corner of Queens Road and Overland Drive, looks like they're starting to move dirt and getting ready for some their infrastructure insulation. We

continually, periodically, but not necessarily at the fastest pace here for the developers for the LINKS, but they are still investing some money into their design work out there as well so Queens Road is important. When the report comes back this evening Commissioners about the KDOT meeting in regards to the improvements for the west lane of K-10, it's also going to show one of their proposals. One of their proposals is to put in a new interchange at I-70 and Queens Road. Don't know if that's going to happen, but if that does, we'll probably need to come back and look at this plan a little bit more thoroughly about what that all means for the community. I don't know if that's going to happen, but I don't want to try to have too much of a digression. You can see that there are a number of different moving parts in regards to that. This then balances out at roughly \$5 million to \$6 million dollars. There are still funds again for City facilities improvements and upgrades. This may be very appropriate when you think about some of the other City facilities that we're not able to get to. Mark Bradford, Fire/Medical Director, has fire stations that need substantial driveway improvement in addition to some of the other facilities improvements that they've got so we've got to pay attention to that. Again, you'll see that full list as we get to further budget involvement. We've also got then 2020 and this is where we've got the one-stop shop for development services, picking up East 23rd Street and then we're talking about Kasold Drive, Clinton Parkway to Hy-Vee. Again, there are other projects that maybe should be included and other project that aren't. Essentially, what we're doing is we're moving some of our infrastructure work further out so we can create debt capacity to help us get to a \$26 million dollar facility."

Dever stated, "I didn't read the fine print for 2019. It is really fine. I think you'll have to blow this up, even further. So the last distribution is made in 2019 for the infrastructure sales tax. In the event that there is a reauthorization of an additional vote and it's carried forward, how would that affect your numbers because technically we wouldn't really have much of lapse in a few months, but you'd start getting money again in 2019?"

Corliss stated, "Commissioner, I think that as soon as you knew that you wanted to pursue that, one of the things that I would suggest to the Commission is that you replicate a little bit of what we did in 2008 because you'd look at your projects in the community and say community, if you reauthorize this sales tax, here are some projects that we think you're going to benefit from in regards to infrastructure, where obviously in 2015, if you do that in 3 years, we'll need to reevaluate what streets are going to need particular attention. At that point, we're not seeing right now, but we think we're getting out a number of them and they you would then try to match up those needs with a sales tax request. I think that you might have some projects that you want to do that we maybe haven't even thought of. We know, for example, when we presented you the 2015 Pavement Maintenance Program that we had \$2.5 million dollars, worth of work this year that we weren't able to get to because we just didn't have the resources. I think that that's likely to be continued on every year. The one's we didn't get to this year will probably be moving to the top of the list of priorities in 2016 and so on. We think you'll have a list. Hopefully, it's going to be a smaller list. We might have to even get to some of the residential street rebuilds that we're not even touching right now because our primary emphasis has been on arterials and collectors so you may see some of that in play as well. Am I getting to your questions? I don't know if I am or not."

Dever stated, "Yes, you have and I think we're moving things around. I just want to make sure two things happen, that we honor the commitment we made in 2008 to all the projects as part of that approval because people's memory fade about what sales taxes are for and not for and I think it's important for us to highlight the fact that we've done all those things we promised to do and that we have a plan to do so and those funds are going to be moved around or used for another purpose because I personally don't believe that's the way to go. As long as we've done all those things and we've been able to shift our priorities and added the stat for a potential police facility. I guess the last question I have for you is what do you think about all this shuffling? What is your professional opinion know that we were faulted for not having a

conversation about whether or not we wanted to do Rock Chalk Park or a Police Station, but to the best of my knowledge, that conversation never came up and we never really had a discussion about which item to do. It wasn't pick one or chose between the two, it was about how do we spend these sales tax dollars which were for a specified purchase. I want to make sure I understand that if we do this, that we're honoring the sales tax and that we have a steady stream of funds to continue the normal maintenance of the infrastructure that people feel like we need to pay more attention to. I want your opinion on this movement and this reshuffling of priorities and I'd like you to comment on the viability of something like this through a change in Commissions."

Corliss stated, "Commissioner, I think that's a fair question. I was here. I wrote the ballot language along with the bond council for the 1994 sales tax, we worked on that. We worked on the inter-local agreement with the County counselor and bond council as well. I think you need to have that robust discussion about, do you want to shift the priority away from the Parks and Recreation projects and move it and repurpose it. This may not be the group tonight to do it all, but I think you'll eventually want to have that."

Dever stated, "I demand that you have that conversation with the next Commission because we didn't really have that conversation in full when we decided to take this and encumber \$1.5 million a year for 20 years into this."

Corliss stated, "This certainly gets at that top priority in regards to a police facility. That's a 30, 40, or 50 year building that you're going to build for them. It needs to be done. I think it's our top general fund capital priority. I think our top capital priority is our Wastewater Treatment Plant that we're going to learn a little more next year because that guarantees our future, but that's a different revenue stream. I'm not trying to parcel word here, but I think it's a top priority. If you get that behind you, I think you're going to be able to focus on some of these other items. I want the Commission and the community to have the full benefit of hearing about parks and recreation needs. They have a wonderful new facility. It met a lot of their needs, but it's also

generating a lot of demand for other things in the community as well that will be a challenge to respond to if they don't have some of the resources that they might otherwise have. I want the Commission to fully see all of those things as well and then to make those choices. I think this helps us get at that and that police facility need. It helps us accomplish that and helps us move forward and that's in keeping with that. Do I like having to not get at some of these road projects sooner? I think that's a challenge. Mike Perkins, Street Division Manager, says the street crew is out on Kasold every week. This means it's going to be that much longer to do that and there are probably other examples. We having to make a choice if we're saying we don't want to raise taxes and we don't want additional resources. We're going to have to reprioritize things. There's nothing wrong with that, there's nothing to be ashamed about doing that and I think that this helps us get at that. I'm very optimistic about our economic growth and with all the things that are happening retail wise and otherwise, I think we're going to continue to be in good shape on that and with the assessed valuation and sales tax, we may be able to do more. Keep in mind that we weren't able to do more than what we set out in that infrastructure sales tax. We didn't have Iowa Street and there are other examples that we added. We didn't have some of the work that we've been able to accomplish so that's been good. I think we've accomplished more than what the projects that we set out, not double, but quite a bit more. I think there's reason to be optimistic that if we can get that and if this needs to be done now, I think there is a case to be made. This can give a Commission an ability to do that. I think it's very important that we go through and say well, do we really want to wait on this. Fire Station 1 needs a lot of attention and it's kind of the castle of City buildings. It needs a lot of work as well and we're deferring that. The police facility, it's inefficient and its facilities are inefficient. We're going to lose are space at the County Public Works yard when that's gone and all the movement and all those things is a challenge. I think you have to weigh all those things and say, does this make sense, but you all need to have and the Commission has started that, a

good discussion with the community and is this one of our top priorities. Listening to what will happen if we step down on some of our emphasis on parks and recreation to be able to do that.”

Dever asked, “Does this additional bond payment affect our rating at all for the financial worthiness and standpoint? I want to make sure because I heard her mention that it drops off so it’s basically reissuing the same level of debt. I guess I’m trying to understand, but that’s another question we need to make sure we answer.”

Corliss stated, “We could have Bryan Kidney our Finance Director explain that, but I don’t believe so, we would be taking on another large debt, but we would be able to show how we’re servicing it appropriately. I think it’s an unnecessary commitment. We may have to go back and revisit some of our debt guidelines as we do that, but we think we’re in good status in that regard. We’re going to the debt market next week in regards to revenue bonds so we’ll get a little bit of an appetite about where we stand in regards to that as well.”

Casey Toomey stated, “You mentioned the ability to pay is really something the agencies look at so if we were able to say we have sales tax as an asset, that sends a message that we’ll be able to service that debt.”

Dever stated, “Typically we’ve done projects that have a dedicated source of revenue which is really helped our rating, I believed. I’m sure you know better, but my understanding is that. If we don’t increase or create a revenue source, I just wondered if then we kept the debt rating and then don’t dedicate a source of revenue that we don’t put ourselves in a position where we were not as market worthy.”

Corliss stated, “I think where communities have debt rating challenges is when they ignore the parenthesis in these types of spreadsheets and where hope is their strategy. I think we’ve been fairly conservative on revenue and 2% growth. It’s still growth, but when you’ve got 5.2% last year, hopeful we continue to have another good year this year, but again over 20 years I think that’s the right number to keep, but you can go in and adjust it accordingly. We would look at the infrastructure sales tax. We’ve been able to have growth there, beyond what

we've forecast and that's allowed us to add additional projects and to deal with some of the cost increases of some projects. I think it's appropriately conservative, but there are significant policy issues here about Parks and Recreation and what you want to be able to do going forward in the future, repurposing that. I think you just need to have that discussion and recognizing here that this list of projects. There's a cost to the community in waiting on some of these. I don't think it's inappropriate, but I've highlighted a little bit of that."

Schumm stated, "This is a substantial grand plan at hand is really predicated upon the continual approval of the additional sales tax of 2019."

Corliss stated, "No."

Schumm asked, "If that were to fail?"

Corliss stated, "If that were to fail, we would still have the City's share of the County sales tax proceeding, it does not sunset."

Schumm stated, "You wouldn't have the infrastructure sales tax."

Corliss stated, "That's true, but then from 2019 on, essentially what you would have is infrastructure sales tax. There's \$2.3 million there when we get our last distribution versus almost \$6 million in 2018. We are budgeting in this Commissioner, assuming that the sales tax stops at \$2.3 million."

Casey Toomay, Assistant City Manager, stated "If you go to 2020 you'll zero in that column so we haven't assumed that. Now, I think there is another policy discussion. If that sales tax isn't there, then you may have another priority to enter into your prioritization discussion, then it becomes parks, streets and facilities. Does that make sense? You have that County wide sales tax that would continue. Would that then be looked to as a source to make up for the infrastructure sales tax not being there?"

Corliss stated, "Most items could be is, let's not build a police facility, let's not renew the sales tax in 2019, and let's use the City share of the County wide sales tax to pay for our needs that we will have in the absence of those sale taxes. You would not be able to get a police a

facility. You wouldn't be able to get at parks and recreation and there might be a number of other things as well. We haven't looked at that. That's not our recommendation to do that. That could be a strategy to do that."

Schumm asked, "How much money over the past 6 or 7 years have we given to parks and rec for capital improvements out of that sales tax and does that number include the annual \$500,000 maintenance allotment you've got setup for the future?"

Corliss stated, "The 1% County sales tax generates about \$14 or \$15 million dollars a year, County wide. I think our City 1% sales tax generates, \$13 or \$14 million so there's a little bit more sales tax generated at the County level than just at the City level because we're the large one. There's Baldwin City and Eudora and whatever else is out there. We get again, roughly 65% or 70%. This is then how much we get out of that sales tax here, and the sales tax continues; it's not sunset. Of that we keep some of it in the general fund. It all has to touch the general fund. We keep some of it in the general fund for mill levy reduction and then it really goes toward the projects that were set out in 1994 sales tax in addition to the mill levy. It's transferred to the recreation fund. Some of you will recall when we took away the mill levy from the recreation fund and it now lives on sales tax and its service charges. We've added a little bit for the recreation center, but we're toning it down a little bit. We are also then paying half the share of the maintenance of the Community Health Building. The Health Department was here this evening, Bert Nash is there, VNA (Visiting Nurses Association) is there. We jointly own that facility with the County, we jointly maintain that facility with the County and we're in the process down here of paying off its debt, not this year, not in 2015, but in 2016. The rest of it then goes to a sales tax reserve fund where we do maintenance of our parks and recreation facilities. We've done some work out at Rock Chalk Park where in 2017 we're going to be setting aside major maintenance money for the recreation center. When we went through that pro forma for the recreation center we said, it's a big building, not obviously the day that it's opened, but after words we're going to have some major maintenance and when we have to do the roof out there

that's going to be a major project. Obviously that's not going to happen now, but it may happen in 15 years under maintenance issues so we start setting aside some money for maintenance of that facility. As I pointed out earlier we've done some street maintenance work and when we got behind on streets we went ahead and put some of this money into streets. We're not doing that anymore, obviously this year or the past few years. I've already talked about the debt. So the bulk of it does go for parks type facilities, but a half million dollars that doesn't increase over 20 years, is going to lose its value with inflation and will be a challenge for maintenance. We have some reserves to do maintenance work. We've got some abilities to issue debt. We've talked about fixing things through our facilities maintenance money where we would have as well and Parks and Recreation can compete with that as well, but it would be a change in priorities. We've got a number of Master Plans for a number of different parks that we probably still stay in the drawing plan stage as opposed to being an actual reality to the community. It doesn't mean you can't have other revenue sources and property tax. There are some communities that do other revenue sources. Some have impact fees for recreation. There are other ways a Commission might want to get at that, but under this plan we're reprioritizing some of it. I'm not trying to create a scenario like closing a Washington Monument, no we don't want to do that. No, we can do this. We're just not going to be able to add very much in regards to our Parks and Recreation needs, that's at least my opinion."

Farmer stated, "I've told Dave this before in meetings. I mean no disrespect to any previous Commissions or to you gentlemen at all, but looking at what Terry and I have when we came in here, we just could go issue new debt for stuff without raising taxes either. I appreciate your comment about are we kind of tying the hands of future Commission's for the next 20 years, but that's in essence what we all experience when we got up here, in one way shape or form or another. I think I don't want to make any enemies in the Parks Department and Mark you guys do great work, but a \$22.5 million dollar facility sitting out there and we haven't done anything with our Police Department to address their facilities needs since the mid 1990's. If

this is in fact our top capital need, which in relationship to projects, the only thing that got close to it was economic development which should make these numbers even more robust. I think that it's extremely important for us to repurpose our priorities to making sure that we address this. My sense is if we don't, we kind of said this when Rock Chalk got finished. I remember it was during a break and we were all kind of standing out there and I remember Chief kind of getting excited a little bit like, I think we're next and those of us that were standing out there on the Commission said you guys are the next one. I don't think we can push this out another 5 years or 10 years. We're talking about taking a Capital Improvement Plan and I mean no disrespect to our Fire fighters either. I mean I toured Fire Station No. 1, and it's not in good shape and I appreciate the need for driveways and all the other stuff that you guys have to deal with, but despite that we can keep putting this off. Our Police Department is in a worst Police Facility situation as Kasold Drive is, in my opinion and it's in worst shape than Fire Station No. 1 is, in my opinion. We have to get to a point where in my opinion we're kind of taking the bull by the horns and we're saying the community didn't want us to raise taxes. They do not want us to raise taxes to pay for a new Police Facility. They may be okay with raising taxes for parks maintenance at 5 years. Right now, in this moment, those are the things that I heard coming across loud and clear and I wrote down almost word for word what people said and have went back through and studied it multiple times and I think that we just need to make the decision that this is the direction that we really want to start having conversations about so that the community can begin to give input on where it should go and what it should look like. At the end of the day we will make that decision to repurpose those dollars and I appreciate all the conversation about repurposing things and moving this priority to that priority and shifting this around and doing this and doing that, but I think we all kind of have come to an agreement, at least on this Commission and who knows what it holds with then next one, but they've waited their turn and if it causes us to have to repurpose things and have different conversations about what our priorities are, then that's what we should do as elected officials and policy makers in

exercising leadership in our community. I think we owe that to our employees that work for the Police Department, our officers. We owe that to other City department to begin having conversations now about what is the next big thing that we'll have to tackle and start putting things in a savings account for that because maybe it is a new parks facility, maybe it is a new fire station, maybe it is rebuilding a lot more streets than what we have money in the budget for, but I think that those conversations we need to start having now and I think we need to put them in order. When Rock Chalk came up was the conversation ever well, you need to choose between a rec center and a police facility. I don't remember us ever having a public conversation like that."

Dever stated, "You weren't here when it happened. I don't recall it ever happening. I was reading some of your feedback and that's the only reason I brought it up."

Farmer stated, "Next time that happens, we don't need to say what the next project that comes on, that people don't need to say that we didn't do that that time too and that we didn't do it this time. So a police facility is number one and whatever else comes on, we have to have the conversation as policy makers now for the next week or two and the new Commission does a conference center downtown, does this project, does that project. A lot of great opportunities are going to come our way with completion of the SLT etc... Are they more important than number one and does the community, feel like they're more important than number one? We owe the community that openness and that transparency so that nobody can say at the end of the day, well, why did you do a police facility before a conference center downtown? I can't imagine that. I just think they told us to be prudent with their dollars and I think they told us not to raise their taxes and be responsible and that's the whole reason why I felt like having this conversation tonight and going into probably a lot more detail than maybe what you guys wanted to go in, but I think this so vitally important for the future vibrancy and vitality of our community. With all due respect to the number 2 plant that's going to go out south, I think that this is just important to our economic vitality in our future as that is or could be in making sure

that we continue to retain high quality officers and a staff that has good working facilities, showers for our female officers and the list goes on and on. Those would be my thoughts? What do you want to do with this, gentlemen?"

Dever stated, "I don't know. I think you should probably get feedback from the Commissioners. You probably don't want to do anything until a new Commission comes on. We probably have to weigh in on is this the number one priority? It looks like it's possible. Do you need to ask the public again because the last time you asked them, they voted no. It could have been for 10 different reasons, but now that we had come up with this plan, I think it's fair to talk to the public some more about it. You've heard the negative comments such as why are you going to do it anyway and why did you ask me if I wanted to do it, if you're going to do it anyway? We asked if we wanted to raise the sales tax, but once you change the terms of the agreement or the commitment to the public, I think we then need to have a conversation about, here are the priorities, pick one. If you didn't learn anything in this process, that's the feeling that people got and it's categorically untrue, it never happened. If we're going to make a commitment, a \$22ish million dollar commitment and we're going to do it against, after just having a referendum on it that we need to make a list of one, two or three items that you believe or if the Commission needs to believe when they're seated, are the top three priorities and let the public weigh in on it, in whatever way you deem necessary. The one thing I learned from the last 18 months is that there is some misunderstanding as to how we made choices and that we don't do capital improvement planning, and all of those are untrue. We do have a capital improvement plan. People in fact read it and say, I like your plan. We need to clear the air, come up with a plan to pay for it, and not raise taxes if you're going to do it. It sounds like there's a way to do it and now we just need to get community buy in. To me that's what all this hard work has done and it's exciting, but I would not recommend you just make the decision after just being told the public that they didn't want to pay for a police station because you're going to take \$21 million dollars of their money and do that anyway."

Farmer stated, "I'm not suggesting that we vote on this tonight."

Dever stated, "I know, but I'm just saying I won't have to chance to weigh in in this again. I just wanted to share with you what I've learned and how I feel. The community would benefit from your hard work, all of your investment in to time so that you've come up with an alternate plan, now let's get the community's buy in on this being the number one priority because you just said it was. I want them to say it is and whoever responds needs to say what it is. Great work on this, both staff and Jeremy getting information on how the public felt."

Riordan stated, "I think it's a great amount of information and obviously, we can't and won't tie any hands of the future Commissions. I think we as a Commission can say, you know this plan is significantly different than we've presented to the public. It's listening to the public and saying, we think this is worthy of the next City Commission looking at and we think it's worthy of being the number one priority and then they can receive that and then decide what to do. When you hear the number one priority is the police station, when I go around talking to people, that is their number one priority consistently. Even people who voted against it still say that that's their number one priority. We're certainly not going to tie anybody's hands, but at the same time I think this Commission it would be helpful to say, we think this is a reasonable plan and it's going to be on record. It's going to be presented to them, but I think that is all valuable to them. To me it's the most important thing that we didn't get done. I think the rental protection program was one of the more important things we did get done. This will be a legacy for the future Commission to make those decisions and for us to receive this and make the comments we did tonight, to me is sufficient information and sufficient action to let the future City Commission know that these are values that we have. They can add that to all the other information they have and they make a decision."

Schumm stated, "I agree with both Terry and Mike, it's been a good discussion. We've got the financial data on the table. It demonstrates the ability of the City to build this without a tax increase. I don't know that that's really what the public wants yet. I think it is, but I wouldn't

want to presuppose I know exactly what they think because I might just get it wrong. It's a step in the right direction. When I question just the idea of potentially not having any more capital expenditure money for parks and rec for 20 years, it was just to see what other resources are out there. I mean, City finance is a very complex creature and just to see if there were a critical need in year 2015 if there were some money somewhere, they can reach out and grab it and use it first. I don't know, but 20 years is a long time to look down the road. I'm impressed with the plan. I think it gets to everything we're trying to get done. It delays a few things. It's a workable plan. I wouldn't want to, other than say it's a good starting point, do anything else other than what the next City Commission has to look at this and say, yeah, this is where we're going, this is the priority; for me, it's a priority. I do think you're going to have to have some significant citizen involvement in this. They're going to ask the same questions that we've batted around tonight, what about this and what about that? They've got to get a good feel for it and understand that everything else isn't going to be held hostage to the program. There's other ways to doing things. I think it's the next Commission that has to really give a go ahead on it and I think it has to be with citizen approval and citizen input and then you'll build a case for a good project. It's a good start and thanks for the work you did on it. I appreciate knowing the background in terms of the community support that you've uncovered for us. I felt like there was. We all know from that listening session that there were a lot of reasons why people voted against it that really didn't have too much to do with the police department or the police facility. It was a lot of angriness over the action we took at Rock Chalk Park etc... All that filtered out. I think this is a good beginning and at least it demonstrates a strong financial plan that could be used as a template for moving forward and I would like to see it advance in those terms."

E. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

F. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

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

G: COMMISSION ITEMS:

Farmer stated, "Just to remind folks that I've got a Conversation with Your Commissioner tomorrow at 9:00 am at Decade Coffee Shop."

Corliss stated, "We've got the Director of Arts and Culture candidates that Diane's hosting tomorrow evening at the Arts Center."

H: CALENDAR:

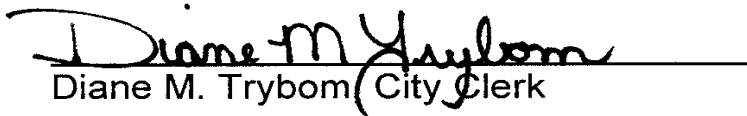
David Corliss, City Manager, reviewed calendar items.

I: CURRENT VACANCIES – BOARDS/COMMISSIONS:

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

Moved by Schumm, seconded by Dever, to adjourn at 8:42 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES APPROVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION ON JUNE 16, 2015.


Diane M. Trybom (City Clerk)