October 16, 2012

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Lawrence met in regular session at 5:00 p.m., in the City Commission Chambers in City Hall with Mayor Schumm presiding and members Amyx, Carter, Cromwell and Dever present.

A. RECOGNITION/PROCLAMATION/PRESENTATION

1. None.

B. CONSENT AGENDA

Schumm pulled item 10c, a request to establish a mid-block pedestrian crossing on New Hampshire Street, between 7th Street and 8th Street, from the consent agenda for separate discussion.

Carol Bowen requested that item 10d, a request to establish no parking along the south side of Dakota Street from Louisiana Street east to the sidewalk, be pulled from the consent agenda for separate discussion.

It was moved by Amyx, seconded by Dever to approve the consent agenda as below, minus items 10c and 10d. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Approved amended minutes of the 09/18/12 City Commission meeting.
2. Received minutes from the Traffic Safety Commission meeting of 10/01/12.
3. Approved claims to 190 vendors in the amount of $856,458.66.
4. Approved licenses as recommended by the City Clerk’s Office.
   Retail Liquor License for Glass House Liquor, 2301 Wakarusa Dr., Ste: C.
5. Approved appointment of Cindy Yulich to a Hospital Board position that expires 09/30/16; Jon Josserand and Leslie Soden to Joint Economic Development Council
positions that expire 10/31/15, these positions are designated for community members; Jon Niccum to a Sister Cities Advisory Board position that expires 12/31/15 and Mark Daly and Curtis Barnhill to terms that expire 12/31/14.

6. Bid and purchase items:
   a) Set bid date of November 6, 2012, for the 2012 Weatherization Program at 29 addresses within the city limits of Lawrence.
   b) Awarded the 2013 Coordinated Printing Bid to Printing Solutions, for an amount not to exceed $29,000.
   c) Authorized the City Manager to execute agreement with Instiiform Inc. to make emergency sewer repairs near the Presto Pantry Store on 23rd Street for $135,000.
   d) Authorized the City Manager to sign an agreement with Bartlett & West for $40,740 for the Preliminary Engineering Report for the 5th and Maple pump station project.
   e) Authorized sole source purchase of one Velocity PUC Quint (Fire/Medical Department) from Pierce Manufacturing for $972,525. Adopted Resolution No. 6999, authorizing issuance of general obligation bonds in the amount of $722,525. Remainder amount is from the infrastructure equipment sales tax.

7. Adopted on second and final reading, Ordinance No. 8810, banning aerial luminaries within the City of Lawrence.

8. Adopted Resolution No. 6998, authorizing staff to begin condemnation proceedings to acquire temporary construction easements for 1235 Iowa Street and 1301 Iowa Street.

9. Accepted dedication of easements and right-of-way for a Final Plat, PF-12-00152, for a one lot industrial subdivision for Lawrence Recycle Center, located at 1783 E. 1450 Road (also known as 1545 N. 3rd Street). Submitted by Landplan Engineering, for Advantage Metals Recycling LLC, property owner of record.

10. Acted on the following recommendations from the Traffic Safety Commission (TSC):
    a) Denied the request to construct speed humps on 25th Terrace between Hampton Street and Harper Street. TSC item #2; denial recommended 9-0 on 10/1/12.
    b) Denied the request to construct speed humps on North Street, east of 7th Street. TSC item #3; denial recommended 9-0 on 10/1/12.
    c) THIS ITEM WAS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION. Denied the request to establish a mid-block pedestrian crossing on New Hampshire Street, between 7th Street and 8th Street. TSC item #4; denial recommended 9-0 on 10/1/12.
    d) THIS ITEM WAS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION. Deferred for two months consideration of the request to establish
no parking along the south side of Dakota Street from Louisiana Street, east to the sidewalk (approximately 100 feet) and adopt on first reading, Ordinance No. 8812, establishing no parking along the south side of Dakota Street from Louisiana Street, east 80 feet. TSC item #5; approved 9-0 on 10/1/12.

e) Approved the request to establish no parking along the west side of Delaware Street throughout the reverse curve in the 2100 block, and adopted on first reading, Ordinance No. 8811, establishing no parking along the west side of Delaware Street from a point 595 feet north of 22nd Terrace, north 225 feet. TSC item #6; approved 9-0 on 10/1/12.

f) Approved the request to establish no parking along the west side of New Hampshire Street from 17th Terrace to 19th Street, and adopted on first reading, Ordinance No. 8813, establishing no parking along the west side of New Hampshire Street from 17th Terrace to 19th Street. TSC item #7; approved 9-0 on 10/1/12.

g) Established a “Yield” sign on eastbound 9th Street at Delaware Street and remove the “Stop” sign on southbound Delaware Street at 9th Street and adopted on first reading, Ordinance No. 8814, establishing a yield sign on eastbound 9th Street at Delaware Street. TSC item #8; approved 9-0 on 10/1/12.

11. Authorized staff to receive qualification statements for the Airport Pavement Maintenance Project. This project will be ninety percent (90%) funded by the Federal Aviation Administration.

12. Authorized the City Manager to execute a License Agreement permitting 1040 Vermont, LLC, to use a certain portion of the Vermont Street Right of Way to install planters in accordance with the terms of that agreement.

Regarding item number 10d, David Woosley, Traffic Engineer, presented a staff report.

Carol Bowen said the neighborhood was not involved initially because it was a local issue. She said it is a symptom of a larger issue though. There is a lot of cut through traffic and cars speeding. Cars come off of Ohio at a fast rate, and they are irritated by the parking on Dakota Street. The neighborhood association never had an opportunity to discuss this. She said some of the people that requested this are elderly, they don’t drive. That may not always be the case. The people at the corners of Dakota and Louisiana have their driveways off Louisiana so they park on Dakota. People that are not in a hurry don’t have a problem with driving through the area.

Schumm asked if the commission could continue this item for a month to allow the neighborhood association to discuss and come to some consensus.
Bowen said two months would be better.

**Moved by Cromwell, seconded by Amyx** to continue for two months consideration of no parking along the south side of Dakota Street from Louisiana Street, east to the sidewalk (approximately 100 feet). Motion carried unanimously.

Regarding item 10c, a request to establish a mid-block pedestrian crossing on New Hampshire Street, between 7th Street and 8th Street, Woosley presented a staff report.

Schumm asked where the request came from.

Woosley said it was a citizen request.

Amyx said the library was now going to be in that location for a time.

Schumm said that was his concern.

Amyx said parking spaces and line of sight were issues to consider. He thought we were fine because you were only 300 feet from the crosswalks on either end of the block. We need the parking.

Schumm asked if there were other designs that wouldn’t use some much parking.

Woosley said it was just a concept. Stormwater was an issue and getting it around the bulb out.

Schumm said he still thought it was a safety issue with the library. Maybe we could do a temporary solution.

Cromwell said there was nothing left of the paint at the crosswalks nearby. We do need to watch and make sure we have crosswalks that are functional. There are so many crosswalks around town that you can’t even see.

Carter said as we consider density and the downtown corridor plan we need to consider these issues.

Dever said there isn’t currently a crosswalk at the library location. He said he was just afraid to lose 9 more spaces. He would hate to spend money and time for a temporary solution, and he thought we would be fine for the time we have the library at the Borders location.
Moved by Dever, seconded by Carter to deny the request to establish a mid-block pedestrian crossing on New Hampshire Street, between 7th Street and 8th Street. Motion carried 4-1 with Schumm dissenting.

C. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:

David Corliss, City Manager, presented the report.

Carter thanked the Police Foundation for their work. He also thought the city hall update presentation was great. He asked when Farmland infrastructure would be ready.

Corliss said he hoped to bid it in January 2013, work in the spring and summer and completed by fall hopefully. We want to start marketing the property. We are ready to bid the traffic signal at 23rd and O’Connell, which helps the properties to both the north and south. Next week you’ll see on the consent agenda the rezonings for Farmland. We are moving toward the Final Plat also.

D. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Consider authorizing the Mayor to execute the wholesale water agreement with Baldwin City.

David Corliss, City Manager, presented the staff report.

Carter said predictability was great to have in the agreement. He said this wasn’t an exclusive agreement and he asked what percentage of their water would come from us.

Chris Lowe, City Administrator of Baldwin City, said this is an extension of our current agreement. We currently get all of our water from Lawrence. He said Lawrence staff has demonstrated they want to be good neighbors. The negotiations have alleviated some of the historical mistrust that has been experienced.

Carter said he was glad we were keeping one of our biggest customers happy.

Amyx said he appreciated the work of staff in Lawrence and Baldwin. He said he thought this offered predictability in the future.

Mayor Schumm called for public comment.
KT Walsh said she didn't realize it was a 40 year agreement. This year the Corps of Engineers dropped the reservoir two feet to help move barges along the rivers. There will come a point where water won't be a money maker. She said she hoped the Sustainability Advisory could take part in these discussions.

Moved by Carter, seconded by Amyx, to approve the agreement and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

F. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

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

G. COMMISSION ITEMS:

None.

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 Dever, seconded by Amyx, to adjourn at 5:32 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES APPROVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION ON OCTOBER 23, 2012.

Jonathan M. Douglass, City Clerk