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March 8, 2016

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 Mayor Amyx presiding and Commissioner Boley and Commissioner Herbert, present. Commissioner Larsen and Vice Mayor Soden were absent.

A. RECOGNITION/PROCLAMATION/PRESENTATION:

1. None.

B. CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Boley, seconded by Commissioner Herbert, to approve the consent agenda as below. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Approve City Commission meeting minutes from 02/23/16.
2. Receive minutes from various boards and commissions:

Affordable Housing Advisory Board meeting of 02/08/16
Community Development Advisory Committee meeting of 02/11/16
3. Approve claims to 471 vendors, in the amount of \$1,069,667.19 and payroll related payments in the amount of \$431,453.62 for a grand total of \$1,501,120.81.
4. Approve appointments as recommended by the Mayor.

Douglas County Food Policy Council:

Appoint Michael Steinle as the Sustainability Advisory Board representative.

Douglas County Senior Services Advisory Board:

Appoint Maren Turner to a vacant term that expires 12/31/18 and Janet Prestoy to a new term that would expire 12/31/18.

Historic Resources Commission:

Reappoint Stan Hernly and Brenna Buchanan Young to additional terms that would expire 03/01/19.

5. Bid and purchase items:



- a) Set Bid Date of March 22, 2016 for City Bid No. B1610, Project No. PW1607 – W. 8th Street Reconstruction from Kentucky St. to Tennessee Street.
 - b) Authorize the Interim City Manager to execute an agreement with NPL Construction Company to install a gas main to the Wakarusa WWTP in the amount of \$92,500.00 related to City Project UT1304 Wakarusa Wastewater Treatment Plant and Conveyance Corridor.
 - c) Approve the sole source purchase of various Badger Meters, to Midwest Meters for \$20,471, for replacement activities in 2016 pursuant to the 15-Year Large Water Meter Replacement Program.
6. Adopt on second and final reading, the following ordinances:
- a) Ordinance No. 9204, prohibiting the possession of glass bottles and other glass containers in the downtown district during specified hours.
 - b) Ordinance No. 9186, allowing the possession and consumption of alcohol on the 800 block of Pennsylvania, the 600 block of E. 9th Street, and the 600 block of E. 8th Street on Saturday, May 7, 2016, from 12:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. during this event.
7. Authorize the Interim City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Toole Design Group, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000, to conduct a Bike Share Feasibility Study for the City of Lawrence on behalf of the Lawrence-Douglas County Metropolitan Planning Organization (L-DC MPO).
8. Approve a Special Event Permit, SE-16-00063, for Sun Creations Final Four Tent Sale, March 27 – April 9, 2016, located at 2300 Louisiana Street. Submitted by Sun Creations, for AWG Acquisition LLC, property owner of record.
9. Approve rezoning request (Z-15-00640) to rezone approximately 1.326 acres from CS (Strip Commercial) District to RM24 (Multi-Dwelling Residential) District, located at 2109 W. 26th Street (Villa 26 Apartments). Submitted by Petefish, Immel, Heeb & Hird, LLP, for Polaris KS3, LP, property owner of record. Adopt on first reading, Ordinance No. 9205, to rezone (Z-15-00640) approximately 1.326 acres from CS (Strip Commercial) District to RM24 (Multi-Dwelling Residential) District, located at 2109 W. 26th Street (Villa 26 Apartments). (PC Item 1; approved 9-0 on 2/22/16)
10. Approve a Street Event Permit for the closure of Massachusetts Street between North Park Street and South Park Street on Sunday, September 11, 2016, from 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., for the annual Parks & Recreation Fall Arts and Crafts Festival.
11. Approve a Street Event Temporary Use of Public Right-of-Way Permit for the use of Massachusetts Street, including the rolling closure of the northbound lane of Massachusetts Street downtown from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., on Saturday, April 30, 2016 for the March of Dimes Walk.
12. Receive 2015 Annual Report from the Affordable Housing Advisory Board.

13. Approve licenses as recommended by the City Clerk's Office.

Drinking Establishment

BurgerFi
MIOM Burgers Lawrence LLC
918 Massachusetts St.

Expiration

February 28, 2016

Quinton's Bar & Deli
Gaudreau Quinton Enterprises Inc
615 Massachusetts St.

February 28, 2016

Retail Liquor

Ten Liquor
Krishna LLC
1010 N. 3rd St.

New License

C. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Casey Toomay, Assistant City Manager, presented the report regarding the Iowa Street Waterline Replacement.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Melinda Henderson:

I'm here tonight to do a quick follow up from my testimony 2 weeks ago on SB366. I left you with 4 questions and I just wanted to review those real quick. Also, I have another question or suggestion that I want to throw out at you. It's my understanding that there is written testimony provided for this bill which I'm very glad and I'm also very glad to know that somebody will be representing the City tomorrow and I will be there too, just to listen. So my questions, one was for what the procedure was for the City to be notified about possible legislation. I don't need the answers to these tonight, I just want to remind you of those and I can send you all an email or send it to Casey and she could forward it on because I do want to get answers to these and what the procedure is when you decide whether or not to provide any testimony, pro or con. My second one was, do we have policies/procedures in place for, to be written so that we don't miss something like this again and number three, was my question about the testimony. We had another bill that came up in the House about rental registration and inspection and we provided testimony for that which I saw when I went to listen to that last week. I did not know were providing testimony so I was very happy to see that we did. My question, well, two actually. The first question is, is there any way that people who are interested in issues going before the legislature, be notified if we're going to provide testimony? I didn't know the City provided testimony until Representative Highberger, forwarded me what he got. I had indicated an interest in this bill as well. I guess my suggestion would be can we post testimony on line somewhere.

Mayor Amyx: I assume we can.

Melinda Henderson: I know the League of Kansas Municipalities does that, when they testify and the way things are going in the legislature, you never know how many more things are going to come up to testify about so that would be a suggestion that I have for the future agenda items. Thank you very much, I appreciate it.

Mayor Amyx: Melinda, if you could send that email again to Casey, that' would be appreciated. Okay? Casey you will do follow-up on whether or not we can post that.

Casey Toomay:
Assistant City Manager We can do that.

Mayor Amyx: Thank you. Was there any other general public comment?
(None)

E. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

1. **Consider adopting on first reading, Ordinance No. 9207, amending Chapter VI, Article 1, Section 108.3 of the City Code, pertaining to the business licensing and fees of dog kennels.**

Casey Toomay, Assistant City Manager, presented the staff report.

Mayor Amyx: It seems pretty straight forward, the only thing that I would ask is tracking these permits, trying to follow this a little bit about this what, a year or so ago when we're discussing it. Wasn't there a problem in trying to track the Kennel fees under the old ordinance?

Casey Toomay:
Assistant City Manager Yeah, I think that problem, if I recall right, was that it was kind of on a voluntary basis. It somebody knows that they have more than 5 dogs, that they are supposed to come in and register as a Kennel, than they do. If they don't we're not out there actively pursuing people who were operating illegal kennels. Was that the problem you were remembering?

Mayor Amyx: Yeah, I know that there was some hang up there that we were having a hard time with the subsequent years.

Casey Toomay:
Assistant City Manager I guess my response to that is we've tried, through the course of this process to reach out to all of those folks. Brandon, in his memo gives some examples of groomers, vets, any business that normally has more than 5 dogs, under their care as opposed to the care of the owner is who this would apply to and he's been trying to reach out to all of those folks.

Mayor Amyx: Okay, sounds goods. Thank you Casey. Public comment on this item? (none) Back to the Commission. It seems pretty easy

to me. I think that this is something that, if nothing else just trying to get an idea of where all these places may be.

Moved by Commissioner Herbert, seconded by Commissioner Boley, to adopt on first reading, Ordinance No. 9207, amending Chapter VI, Article 1, Section 108.3 of the City Code pertaining to the business licensing and fees of dog kennels. Motion carried unanimously.

2. **Consider authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement for the final design of the intersection at 19th Street and Ousdahl Road with PEC in an amount of \$43,000.**

Chuck Soules, Public Works Director, presented the staff report.

Commissioner Boley: Chuck, one of the reasons that the neighborhood didn't want this traffic going through on Ousdahl from 19th to 23rd was because of Schwegler Grade School and I didn't hear that in your presentation, but that's a very important consideration for us.

Chuck Soules: It is.
Public Works Director

Mayor Amyx: The area in the commons area here, there's going to be quite a bit of increase intensive use. You've got Oliver Hall, Naismith Hall, you're going to have new dorms, there's going to be a lot of foot traffic, I think, on this sidewalk up and down 19th Street so I think there's going to be times when we look at folks on bicycles that probably don't want to compete a whole lot with pedestrians on foot. It probably makes sense, especially along this stretch of roadway, that you would have that kind of duel transportation. I think all of us want to save money any chance that we get, but we also want to make sure that it's done right and sense putting all this in concrete, I want to make sure it's done right the first time.

Chuck Soules: This also ties into the Jayhawk Trail that KU is proposing so there will be a lot of usage there as well.
Public Works Director

Commissioner Boley: I also appreciate your comment about the transportation plan of getting from Iowa over to Venture Park and bike lanes. That's a key point.

Commissioner Herbert: Is there going to be any signage regulating people from a south bound movement from Ousdahl to continue across 19th Street on Ousdahl. I mean, you said it's kind of an awkward movement.

Chuck Soules: The signals that will be there will be directional. There will be arrows and won't be the green ball.
Public Works Director

Commissioner Herbert: But there won't be any specific prohibition against that movement, other than the obvious dedications.

Chuck Soules:
Public Works Director

It would be against the traffic flow, obviously.

Commissioner Boley:

Would you have a right lane, right turn only or something like that?

Chuck Soules:
Public Works Director

Let's go back.

Mayor Amyx:

I got a question, is it a ticket or a fence?

Commissioner Herbert:

That's where I'm going. I just see it. I like the channelizing island. I think that's a really good idea. I just think if you have an individual trying to go south bound, on Ousdahl, the movement they're pulling off is so unbelievably risky and dangerous, but ultimately, even if they're coming from campus, we're often times dealing with people that haven't been driving very long.

Chuck Soules:
Public Works Director

The lane will have the turn arrow. I mean it's not on this graphic, but it will have the turn arrow. That will mean you can only turn this direction. The signal will have a green arrow that means you can only turn to the east, if you're in that lane. We will provide everybody all the direction they should need. Not to say at 2:00 in the morning somebody needs to get this way, they'll do it.

Commissioner Herbert:

Yeah, 2:00 in the morning is not really what I'm really worried about.

Chuck Soules:
Public Works Director

During the day, again, it will be a lot of traffic.

Commissioner Boley:

Are you going to have both lanes, left turn only, right turn, and right turn only.

Chuck Soules:
Public Works Director

Yeah, we can potentially put some signage up at the beginning of this island to tell them right or left turn and right turn only.

Mayor Amyx:

The only thing that I'm wondering about is if it is specific that it has to be left turn and we are patrolling that intersection; can an offense occur that you could be ticketed for?

Chuck Soules:
Public Works Director

We will have to check with PD. That's the intent and so if we have to put up some additional signage to make it technically legal so we can write a ticket, we can do that.

Commissioner Herbert:

Right, I'm not fishing for revenue. The intent of this is to design a really safe area and the unintended consequence, I'm afraid could be the opposite with somebody trying to pull that and just going to keep going straight so why don't we just do this

maneuver.

Chuck Soules:
Public Works Director

It would be counterintuitive, by the time we get this laid out.

Commissioner Herbert:

Well, it's never stopped anyone driving a car through the city.

Mayor Amyx:

Okay, other questions of Chuck?

Commissioner Boley:

I guess I want to say, I appreciate the work that's gone into this. This is really what the neighborhood was interested in.

Mayor Amyx:

It appears to me that it works very well for the neighborhood in trying to control the traffic that probably doesn't need to come through there as that short cut to get to 23rd. I think it works. Public comment on this item? Come to the microphone sir, if I could have your name and address?

A member of the audience:

What happens when KU has a basketball game? You're going to have more traffic going in and out of that area because they park in that neighborhood.

Mayor Amyx:

Okay when they...

A member of the audience:

Let's put it this way, the police block of Naismith when there's a basketball game so they have to turn on 19th Street. Are they still going to do that when this is developed?

Mayor Amyx:

Well, the areas to the north there, I don't know what the parking situation is going to be by KU.

A member of the audience:

KU has a home basketball game.

Mayor Amyx:

I understand.

A member of the audience:

They block off Naismith at 19th Street until after they clear all traffic, is this going to occur at Ousdahl because if they're going to have a parking garage there, you know they're going to have people parking in that to go to the basketball games.

Commissioner Herbert:

I don't think there putting a parking garage, I think there...

Commissioner Boley:

There is a parking garage there.

Mayor Amyx:

Yeah, to the north.

Commissioner Herbert:
Commissioner Boley:

But it's for the dorm they're building right?

They'll use it for basketball parking. Jim, do you want to help us out here.

Jim Modig:

We do have parking along 19th Street on either side of the

Director of Design and
Construction Management
KU

apartments as well as the residence hall itself and those will be dedicated those residents there. Up to the north of that, on Ousdahl, up by Hilltop Childcare will be 611 car parking garage at that location and that garage would be made available for special events. I can't tell you how many they'll dedicate for the special events, but I would say probably pretty close to most of them.

Commissioner Boley:

Will there be access to the parking garage from the north?

Jim Modig:
Director of Design and
Construction Management
KU

The way we've got it designed right now, no. In a future development there's an option where we might be able to loop and catch Irving Hill Road to the north.

Commissioner Boley:

Do you anticipate that the event traffic would come down Ousdahl to 18th, go across Naismith and out at Naismith or would it come down on Ousdahl to 19th?

Jim Modig:
Director of Design and
Construction Management
KU

The event traffic would come down Ousdahl probably to 19th and either direction.

Mayor Amyx:

That is the design of the intersection coming from the north; you can only go right or left.

Jim Modig:
Director of Design and
Construction Management
KU

Correct.

Commissioner Boley:

Now there are people who park in the neighborhood for these events as well and sometimes they come out from the neighborhood to Ousdahl and then go either north or south. So if they went north, they'd have to go either east or west at the same time event traffic was trying to go that way.

Jim Modig:
Director of Design and
Construction Management
KU

Correct

Commissioner Boley:

Usually they go south on Ousdahl to 21st or 23rd.

Jim Modig:
Director of Design and
Construction Management
KU

Correct

Commissioner Boley:

We're used to that.

Jim Modig:
Director of Design and
Construction Management
KU

I don't know what the city had planned in terms of traffic flow but with the 3 lanes there, it's possible you could pick up two lanes for you exit and the third lane would be in the opposite direction at that point. That would allow a little easier movement of traffic to get out of their quicker.

Mayor Amyx:

Thank you. Other public comment. (none) One of the things that I'm sure we're going to do and I'm sure the Schwegler neighborhood and the neighbors are going to keep us up to date on what that traffic flows is going to be like, probably specific around all the events that they have, basketball or whatever events that they have at the university. I would imagine our staff will continue to look at that along with the comments that we get. Right now as I see as traffic leaves an event coming from the north and because of the design of the intersection, it's going to have to go right or left and I got to believe that that design is the only way that you can go. So blocking the area to the south at this time, I wouldn't see a necessity for that because all the traffic is going to be going east and west at that point.

Commissioner Boley:

If we need to put somebody there.

Mayor Amyx:

If we need to put a barrier for a short period of time.

Commissioner Boley:

If we had a police officer.

Mayor Amyx:

We can look at it. I mean the flow of the traffic is generally gone in 30 minutes so we'll look at it and see. Okay? Any other comment? (none) Back to the Commissioner. So the item before us tonight is authorizing \$43,000 expenditure for the final design of the intersection at 19th and Ousdahl Road with PEC. Is this a design we like? Are the directions specific as to both the bicycle lanes and the sidewalk as described by Chuck? Again, I think it's a smart move. I think the time to do it is now and you may pay a little bit more, but it's right.

Commissioner Herbert:

My stake in this has always been, working at Lawrence High School, I see 19th Street at its two worst times of day and I'm part of the problem at the two worst times of the day and for me, the design of this road, the focus, the priority is going to have to be on public safety, making sure we can get 1400 students in and out of Lawrence High School every single day in a safe and secure manner. The bike lanes in conjunction with the shared use path, I think, is a smart move here because of any street in Lawrence were we're going to be talking about a large number of non-motorized pedestrians, the direct pathway to a high school is a place where that's going to be used, I would think heavily. I see a need for both.

Commissioner Boley:

And actually to your point about moving the traffic, the three

lanes will help a lot.

Commissioner Herbert: Yeah

Commissioner Boley: So I think we're going in the right direction.

Mayor Amyx: I believed so.

Moved by Commissioner Boley, seconded by Commissioner Herbert, to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement for the final design of the intersection at 19th Street and Ousdahl Road with PEC for \$43,000. Motion carried unanimously.

3. **Consider authorizing staff to conduct neighborhood meetings and engage in preparation of a joint City of Lawrence/University of Kansas TIGER Grant application for an intermodal transit center/parking structure to be located in Lot 90, south of the new KU School of Business.**

Bob Nugent, Public Transit Administrator, presented the staff report.

Mayor Amyx: Bob, the traffic impact analysis that you talked about that's associated with operating the multi-modal facility, is that impact going to... how broad is that going to be? Is it going to look at the impacts of the surrounding neighborhoods? Is it going to just be looking at...what is going to happen?

Bob Nugent:
Public Transit Administrator I think we need to throw a pretty big net for it. If you remember right when we were doing the 21st and Stewart location, we actually felt like, at that end of that, we did not throw a big enough net. We weren't looking at 23rd and Iowa as an example, but we looked at the neighborhood, we looked at 19th and all those around it so I would hope that we throw a big enough net. We definitely want to see what's going to happen in the neighborhood because it will change the climate of the neighborhood, although a parking garage may change some of that. Instead of them parking in the neighborhood now, maybe they'll go to the parking garage to do that and if we have buses that close to an event, like at Allen Field House, they'll be able to ride the bus there and not even drive their car at all, but 19th and Naismith of course is big one than 15th and Naismith for anything coming in the north side so anything kind of in that general area, we're going to look at and make sure we have a good idea of what kind of impact that this will have.

Mayor Amyx: Okay. Questions?

Commissioner Herbert: You said a lot of the land you looked at on KU is already spoken for. Specifically, some of those newer open areas on KU's west campus. Is that area what we looked at all?

Bob Nugent:
Public Transit Administrator

Well, if you go back to our transit location analysis study that was kind of out of the area where we were looking and we really wanted to focus. The biggest draw and the biggest generator of traffic of course is the KU Campus. We wanted to get something in that general area and it also showed that not just the KU trips, but other trips. That was still the center of the rest of the city's trips was still really close to campus. Really, west campus didn't match very well with us.

Mayor Amyx:

There were some questions of costs there too, wasn't there? It was pretty expensive to look at west campus, if I remember correct?

Bob Nugent:
Public Transit Administrator

And west campus also and the KU people can probably speak to this, better than I, but they also, as part of the master plan, they have other things that they're doing over in west campus, even their park and ride facility. They're going to kind of tone that down over time. They have other ideas and other things that they want to do over there which if you put a transit center, well like we're doing, it's going to eat up part of that turf to them to do things.

Mayor Amyx:

Okay. Any other questions? So again, this starts a process of discussion, correct?

Bob Nugent:
Public Transit Administrator

Right. We definitely want to have and I've been at least partially working on a scope of work for a consultant if we had one. One of the major tasks in that is to do outreach and work for with the community and the neighborhoods to try to find out what their input is the same way as we did with 21st and Stewart. We work with the neighborhood over a period of 6 to 8 months to try to resolve some of their issues that they saw that could be happening there too so we would like to do the same here.

Mayor Amyx:

Okay, any other questions. Thanks' Bob. Any public comment on this item?

Steve Evans:
President
University Place Neighborhood
Association

Hi everyone, this is my first time at a City Commission meeting.

Mayor Amyx:

Welcome to City Hall, glad to have you.

Steve Evans:
President
University Place Neighborhood
Association

For those of you that...I think most people know the boundaries of that neighborhood, but essentially it's from Louisiana, west to Arkansas, Arkansas just being to the east of Naismith Hall and Sunnyside to 19th. It's not a huge neighborhood, but it's kind of a small little nitch, close to campus and really proud of our neighborhood. I'm going to

have just a few brief comments. There're a couple of other folks here from the neighborhood too, that would like to say a few things. It's kind of hard for me now to say, I'm speaking for the neighborhood, we're so early into this. I can tell you that so far we've had comments all over the place, both positive and what is this monster that's going to be happening in our neighborhood. I think for my perspective, is probably just a lack of understanding of what's really going to happen there. One thing that I noted here was that for us, I think just being part of the process, early in the game, is what's most important to us. I've heard some questions from you Mike and some comments already that make me feel more pretty more fuzzy about that interaction and being a retired architect, I know early in the game, in the conceptual design, many things are planned and somewhat etched in stone. We want to be part of the process. We don't want to get information later on. I'll be one of the representatives like I was with the central district and thank you for allowing us to hear that process it was not a lot going on for University Place during that process, but it really opened the doors to understanding how this whole thing works. I did see the evolution of the 19th and Ousdahl intersection which was really, really a good process. If we could emulate that, we'd be very happy campers at the end of the day. Right now, I don't know how many people travel through the neighborhood. I can tell you quite a few do. We handle a lot of parking. I would have to say we're really a parking lot for KU, Monday through Friday during the school term; every street in the neighborhood is filled up. Also, during basketball games, 17th and 18th Streets which don't allow parking during the week do fill up too. To be really sincere about this, I don't want you to think that's a complaint from me at this time because it's not, I just want people to be aware that that's the current situation. There's already a lot of parking, most people park in the alley. I think there's a few people in the neighborhood that really need that street parking, but it's essentially not available in the day time, so the impact that that may have positive or negative on that. Honestly, you can't get any more cars in there. There's not really anymore for people to park there. We also experience a lot of vehicular traffic through the neighborhood all the time, 24 hours a day, and 7 days a week from Sunnyside to 19th on Illinois and Indiana. Man, you ought to see some of the stuff coming through there. I'm relatively new to the neighborhood, I know that the traffic calming circles on those intersections, 17th, 18th, Illinois and Indiana, were put in temporarily. Gosh, I think as far back as 2003. It's our understanding that we may be able to get permanent traffic calming circles at those intersections as early as this year. That would be fantastic. I mean that would really help a lot of the issues that we have now with really, speeding and cars and truck coming through the neighborhood. Kids play, dogs and cats, whether their

supposed to be there or not, are, so you can imagine what that's like. Really, I'm bringing that up just to plead some consideration for the permanent traffic calming circles on all four of those intersections as soon as possible. With what's being contemplated for a parking structure, I think that would go a long way to alleviating some of our concerns down the road. With respect to the facility, the intermodal facility, I think if we had a UPNA caucus now that didn't take place during a basketball game, we probably hear both sides, you know the extreme sides of this thing. I think that you'd see supporters, some genuine supporters of this project for people that want to use public transit and not knowing enough about this facility, it's nearness to the neighborhood may actually be a good thing. I don't know that yet, but I'm hoping that it is. We had read the memo that was attached to the agenda and the staff comments in that memo and they were very heartening considering an environmental impact analysis that would be part of the funding proposal that you all would be submitting. This is all really good news. Just a few comments from the neighborhood, like I said and I'll emphasize, our main objective is to be part of the process from this point forward and we need to know how that's going to happen. How often we're going to meet and to the degree we can have input on that process, I assume that would be significant. A few details that we can get into, but I want to put them out there and I think it's good for people to be aware of these things. As you may know 18th Street is blocked off the alley between Missouri and Main over to Main Street, I think it's open during basketball games so people can exit through the neighborhood on 18th Street, essentially to get over to Louisiana, but I would hope that that would not need anything that would be considered to be changed, in the future for this facility. The neighborhood is very proud the people that have been there a long time are very proud that they got that in and that really helped the neighborhood years ago with some of the circulation that was coming through on 18th Street, so that's a big deal to not do anything different at that location. We would like to see the scope of services for the environmental impact study. Issues like pedestrian traffic, air quality, dust, pedestrian, the whole soup to nuts. We'd really be interested in looking at that scope of services and how it may affect our neighborhood and how our neighborhood is going to be part of that study and the issues that will be part of that environmental impact study. I think I'll speak for the people, primarily on the west side of the neighborhood that would be... I might even start at Illinois. I'd certainly start at Alabama and go west to Main, Arkansas, Missouri, you know, those are the people that are going to be right next door and not blocked by the recreation center. So there going to be really interested in how this whole thing is working. I've heard some early comments about exiting lot 90 to the south on Arkansas and Main. We think it would be really

desirable not to have any egress from this facility on 18th Street and in particular, through Arkansas and through Main. I mean you'd be running right by residential area if you do that. So that would be something you'll hear from us when we do get together and talk about this in more detail. I think that's pretty much all I intended to say tonight, I don't know if you have any questions for me. If you do, I'll take them.

Mayor Amyx: Does anyone have any questions?

Commissioner Herbert: Does your University Place Neighborhood Association, do you have a regular meeting time or meeting place?

Steve Evans:
President
University Place Neighborhood Association We meet twice a year. Our next meeting is in April. We have two meetings, I think in April and October. We can get together anytime and I would expect that we could get...

Commissioner Herbert: I just think that you know, you said and reiterated that we want to be part of the process early on. I think a key component of that is going to be bringing all the parties to the same table.

Steve Evans:
President
University Place Neighborhood Association Right

Commissioner Herbert: No necessarily on a Tuesday night in a public comment setting, but in an actual...

Steve Evans:
President
University Place Neighborhood Association That would be fantastic.

Commissioner Herbert: I think that would be a good starting place.

Steve Evans:
President
University Place Neighborhood Association And you could pretty much name you're time and place for something like that. It wouldn't have to be one of our annual meetings at all.

Mayor Amyx: Good idea. Steve, thank you very much. Other public comment?

Jennifer Hanson:
University Place Neighborhood Association I just want to throw out some comments, I'm sure both the City and KU have considered, what's going on with the bus terminal and what could possibly happen. I have been driving 19th Street around Lawrence High since the mid 70's. There really isn't much option for expansion on that street. Having a lot of bus traffic is not necessarily a good thing for that section,

east of Naismith. I think you've got concerns about Lawrence High, the traffic that you've got there. You've talked about expanding bike lanes, buses and bikes; you know who's going to win in that confrontation? You also have a lot of homes still very close to 19th Street in that section. Having buses going through there on a continuous basis, I don't think is going to be a positive thing for those folks along that route. We've also got some things to consider about that KU should be considering as well. You've got safety issues when you've got bus hubs. They do attract people, all sorts of folks to neighborhoods and there should be a safety concern about parking at KU. There's the Ambler Rec Center, you're going to have continuous students there and you've got different folks just hanging around. Aesthetics, you should be thinking about, you know KU just built two very nice buildings. We've got Ambler and Capital Federal Hall right there and the views going to be blocked by a bus terminal that's not necessarily how we want our neighborhood to build and be seen. Bus hubs tend to be better situated around retail. There's isn't any retail over there at KU and in the neighborhood. They'll come in, they'll go out, but sometimes the hubs tend to be a destination where the folks that ride the bus can get to stores within walking distance and that just doesn't exist there in Lot 90. The concerns we've had with parking in the neighborhoods, that's not going to go away when KU builds another parking lot or another parking garage. You're always going to have the folks that prefer to not pay the parking fees at KU implements where all those parking garages are. So the traffic is not going to leave the neighborhoods. There isn't room for the buses to go through the neighborhoods. Their routes are going to be 19th Street and that's just right now, if you look at the traffic, any time of the day on 19th Street, it's very continuous and like you said the two main times Lawrence High comes and goes, you've got also the times when people come and go from work at KU. The traffic just backs up and I don't think having buses continually operating on 19th Street, is going to improve that situation at all and we've talked about game traffic too. What happens with the bus routes when that parking lot is shut down for game traffic? You know that's going to be a concern that the City has with the routes. So those are my items that I'd like to make sure the City and KU considers in looking at this bus hub. Thanks.

Mayor Amyx:

Jennifer, thank you. Is there any questions?

Deitrich Earnhart:
University Place Neighborhood
Association

I'd like to echo the concerns that just have been expressed. Just to highlight, rather there's concerns about noise pollution, concerns about air pollution, concerns about traffic, and parking in our neighborhood, but I'm going to bring up a point about choices that were made by KU. KU chose, a few years back, to locate Ambler Recreational Center on the very edge

of its campus, at the very edge of our neighborhood and in many ways that still stings. This particular option seen through that lens, is yet another time in which KU chooses, or at least is proposing, to located something on the very edge of its campus at the very edge of our neighborhood and would hope that as part of the process, that moves forward and any engagement with our neighborhood would be aware of that concern. Thank You.

Mayor Amyx:

Questions of Deitrich? Thank you for coming this evening. Other public comment on this item?

K.T. Walsh

My concern is very small compared to the concerns of the neighborhood, but the last time this was talked about at City Hall when we were talking about a City transit hub, I know that the head of our transit system had heard bad stories from other heads of transit systems in other parts of the nation about goings on in transit hub restrooms and so he was wondering whether or not there really ought to be restrooms. So I'm here as a human being, to say, I really hope we have restrooms in this transit hub. I take the bus when I travel in Albuquerque, Minneapolis and Topeka and all their transit hubs have bathrooms. I'm not an architect, but people have told me that that open door airport design where you don't have doors is a lot safer in terms of security. Perhaps there could be some sort of cooperation with KU security. I just think considering, especially older people who ride the buses and people who have disabilities, bathrooms are pretty critical. Thank you.

Mayor Amyx:

Thank you K.T. Any other comments? (none) Back to the Commission. Thank you all very much for your comments. You know one of the items that Steve brought up, speaking for himself and I'm sure for the neighborhood, was making sure that the neighborhood was part of the process. I think one of the things that I take great pride with this Commission is to make sure that process is laid out and that all who come forward, is part of that process. I see a lot of heads shaking behind you so I'm sure that KU recognizes that this opportunity is a must to make sure that you are part of that process. I think that's one of the things that we've got. What we're doing tonight as I understand it would actually start the process to make sure that we do the things that we're required to do. Whether it be the environmental concerns and Steve, I think we'll be able to do what we can to be able to get you that scope of services for environmental impact that's all going to be public record, I assume. So that will be all made available. I'm certain that one of the things that we want to do is that if this is that location, is to make sure that we have made the correct decision on where traffic goes, what that impacts going to be, and what those environmental concerns are going to be.

We have gone through this before and one of the things is, is we thought that the impact was too great for the area that it was going to be and believe me, I guess we know and understand about this process a little bit, but we don't understand it, because we don't live in your neighborhood so we need to make sure that we take into consideration, everything that you brought forward, okay?

Commissioner Boley:

I guess I would like to kind of echo that and thank you Mayor for having the foresight to appoint Pam Burkhead and Steve to the Central District Committee so that they've been involved in some of the discussions that have led to this. I mean as Steve said, their neighborhood is east of that central district by a bit, but they've been able to come in and participate in that process and be part of that and it's good that you and Pam stepped forward to be in that process and that you are welcomed by KU. I think there's a lot of discussion that needs to go into this. I think there's a lot of thinking. It is important for us to try and figure this question out. I think we have to. I'd just leave it at that.

Commissioner Herbert:

Steve, I want to thank you for coming out to your first meeting and hope it's not your last. We've got plenty of seats. I think if there's one thing that this particular Commission has taken very seriously, not just on this issue, but frankly on just about everything else we've touched for the last 10 months is that process is very important. At no point should process be disregarded and so I think you have a certain level of assurance that as this process goes forward, that the detail with which it will be carried out will seem very meticulous to some. The process will seem very slow, it won't go as fast as some people want, but from our prospective, that's the right way to do it and so I really hope that you and University Place neighbors will feel satisfied with that process because that is so vitally important to us.

Commissioner Boley:

I guess I got one more thing. I think it was really good that the University Place Neighborhood and Centennial, when they had their joint meeting, invited Jim Modig to come and talk about the central campus. You guys are on the right path there. You have your meetings in October and April, but you also have that joint meeting with Centennial Neighborhood and I was fortunate to be able to go and hear that presentation. Keep it up. You're doing a good job.

Mayor Amyx:

So as we look at this application, I think it is all of our intent to make sure whether it be KU, the City of Lawrence, is to make sure that we make everybody a part of that process again. I just want to make sure that everybody gets that. Anything else? Casey, anything that we're forgetting on this?

Casey Toomay:
Assistant City Manager

Appreciate Bob and all of our KU partners being here tonight.

Mayor Amyx:

Thank you for the right-of-way and stuff on the last item. Thanks for the money for the lights for the intersection. Again, I would ask staff to the items that were brought forward by Steve and others, if we have that information available, make sure it's made available immediately.

Moved by Commissioner Herbert, seconded by Commissioner Boley, to authorize staff to conduct neighborhood meetings and engage in preparation of a joint City of Lawrence/University of Kansas TIGER Grant application for an intermodal transit center/parking structure to be located in Lot 90, south of the new KU School of Business. Motion carried unanimously.

F. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Casey Toomay, Assistant City Manager, outlined potential future agenda items.

G: COMMISSION ITEMS:

Mayor Amyx: There will be one of us giving testimony tomorrow afternoon in Topeka.

H: CALENDAR:

Casey Toomay, Assistant 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 Commissioner Herbert, seconded by Commissioner Boley, to adjourn at 6:58 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES APPROVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION ON MARCH 22, 2016.



Brandon McGuire, Acting City Clerk