

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE
March 19, 2012
6:00 P.M.
Council Chambers**

AGENDA

DALE BECKERMAN, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Update of Northeast Johnson County Chamber activities
Deb Settle

*COU2012-07 Consider approval of amended Professional Services agreement with
Columbia Capital for investment services
Lisa Santa Maria

*COU2012-11 Consider Design Agreement with Affinis Corporation for Project
SARD0001- 2012 CDBG Project- Sagamore Street from 75th Street to
76th Street for \$33,588.00
Keith Bredehoeft

COU2012-12 Consider Interlocal Agreement with Johnson County for Project
SODR0002: Somerset Drive- Roe Avenue to Nall Avenue
Keith Bredehoeft

COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
March 19, 2012

The Council Committee of the Whole met on Monday, March 19, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order by Council President Dale Beckerman with the following members present: Mayor Ron Shaffer, Al Herrera, Dale Warman, Ruth Hopkins, Steve Noll, Laura Wassmer, Charles Clark, David Morrison, Diana Ewy Sharp and David Belz (arrived late). Staff Members present: Wes Jordan, Chief of Police; Bruce McNabb, Director of Public Works; Keith Bredehoeft, Project Manager for Public Works; Katie Logan, City Attorney; Quinn Bennion, City Administrator; Dennis Enslinger, Assistant City Administrator; Lisa Santa Maria, Finance Director, Chris Engel, Assistant to the City Administrator and Joyce Hagen Mundy, City Clerk.

Update of Northeast Johnson County Chamber activities

Quinn Bennion introduced Deb Settle, Executive Director of the Northeast Johnson County Chamber of Commerce, to share recent chamber activities. Ms Settle thanked the City for their participation in the Chamber events and for getting new business information to the chamber. She noted 8 of the last 14 ribbon cutting events were for Prairie Village businesses. The recent State of the Cities luncheon featured eight of the ten northeast Johnson County mayors and was attended by 220 individuals, an increase of 80 more attendees than the 2011 event.

Ms Settle stated the chamber is seeking to be a vehicle for businesses to grow through the many luncheons, breakfasts, programs and gatherings. She noted recent improvements to their website that include a mobile application that can connect you with names, addresses and telephone numbers of all chamber members. Another source of information is the monthly newsletter that is distributed via e-mail.

The chambers mission statement is "Helping Small Businesses Grow" and she welcomes any ideas, suggestions, questions or comments from Council members.

Ms Settle also explained the partnership that has allowed joint membership in the Kansas City Area Development Council for six northeast cities under the umbrella of the chamber. Quinn Bennion demonstrated a new addition to the city's website the KCADC that identifies available commercial properties in Prairie Village.

David Morrison asked how the membership fees were established and if consideration was given to basing the fee on the number of businesses located within the city. Mr. Bennion noted several different methods were considered including population, commercial appraised value, etc and the end results were relatively equal. Prairie Village pays approximately \$2400 for KCADC membership based on per capita, which would be \$7500 without the chamber umbrella and a flat \$1000 membership fee for the Northeast Johnson County Chamber.

Dale Warman added that Mission Hills, without any businesses, recognizes the important role the chamber places in the development of the area and supports its

efforts. He noted he was on the board in 1991-1992 and the chamber has come a long way and has become the communication arm for small cities providing for a much stronger voice in legislative matters. Ruth Hopkins expressed appreciation for the monthly Legislative Breakfasts sponsored by the Chamber. Dale Warman also commended the chamber for its Leadership Northeast Program and encouraged any Council members that have not participated in the program to do so.

***COU2012-07 Consider approval of amended Professional Services agreement with Columbia Capital for investment services**

Lisa Santa Maria noted the City selected Columbia Capital Management as the City's financial advisor in January 2009. This proposal would expand the role of the financial advisor to include managing the City's portfolio of cash and securities comprised of idle cash balance and bond proceeds which is currently handled by city staff.

Columbia Capital will charge an annual management fee of 0.125% on the average portfolio balance. If investment returns are not enough to cover the fee, Columbia Capital would lower the fee to the amount of the return.

There are several advantages to having Columbia Capital manage the City's portfolio including the following:

- Professional assistance
- Leverage expertise
- Assess financial situation on a daily basis
- Implement timely changes as conditions warrant
- Recommend specific investments that fit our needs
- Independent

Ruth Hopkins made the following motion, which was seconded by Dale Warman and passed unanimously:

**RECOMMEND THE GOVERNING BODY APPROVE THE
AGREEMENT FOR FINANCIAL ADVISOR SERVICES -
AMENDMENT #1 WITH COLUMBIA CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LLC
COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN
03/19/2012**

Councilman David Belz arrived.

COU2012-11 Consider Project SARD0002: 2012 CDBG Project Sagamore Street Design Agreement

Keith Bredehoeft noted that Affinis Corporation is the City's 2012 Design Consultant. This project is the City's 2012 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project. The contract includes both preliminary and final design as well as bidding and construction services. The project is for the construction of new curb and driveway approaches and new asphalt pavement.

The total fees for this project are \$33,588.00

The project has been approved for CDBG funding in the amount of \$140,000, which was the highest amount awarded. Ruth Hopkins noted many think CDBG funding will be pulled and supported the city's use of funding grants while they are still available.

Diana Ewy Sharp made the following motion, which was seconded by Ruth Hopkins and passed unanimously:

**RECOMMEND THE GOVERNING BODY APPROVE THE
DESIGN SERVICES WITH AFFINIS CORPORATION FOR THE
DESIGN OF PROJECT SARD0001: 2012 CDBG - SAGAMORE
STREET FROM 75TH STREET TO 76TH STREET IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$33,588.00**

**COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN
03/19/2012**

COU2012-12 Consider Interlocal Agreement with Johnson County for Project SORD0002: Somerset Drive - Roe Avenue to Nall Avenue

Keith Bredehoeft stated Johnson County has approved Project SODR0002: Somerset Drive- Roe Avenue to Nall Avenue rehabilitation project. An Interlocal Agreement has been received from Johnson County for execution by the City. This agreement will limit the County share to 50% of the project's construction costs or \$506,000. The County's funding for this project comes from the County Assistance Road System (CARS) Program.

Funding is available under the Capital Infrastructure Program, Project SORD0002: Somerset Drive- Roe Avenue to Nall Avenue for the City's portion of the project.

Mr. Bredehoeft noted the public information meeting on this project will be held on Wednesday, March 28th at the Community Center from 5 pm to 7 pm.

Laura Wassmer asked how long the street would be closed for this work. Mr. Bredehoeft replied that the street would not be totally closed. Crews would work during the day with the street open for morning and evening traffic.

Quinn Bennion stated this agreement is for the acceptance of CARS funding and does not impact the design alternatives of the project.

Ruth Hopkins made the following motion, which was seconded by Charles Clark and passed unanimously:

**RECOMMEND THE GOVERNING BODY APPROVE THE
INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH JOHNSON COUNTY FOR
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS OF SOMERSET DRIVE - ROE
AVENUE TO NALL AVENUE - PROJECT SODR0002
COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED
CONSENT AGENDA**

STAFF REPORTS

Public Safety

- Chief Jordan reported they had been contacted regarding the serving of alcohol from multiple vendors at the Prairie Village Art Fair, noting state regulations prohibit this. He explained the new ruling and advised that he, Dennis Enslinger, and represented from the event and ABC would be meeting on Thursday to discuss possible solutions. One option would be designating the event as a City event. The issue of insurance and liability would need to be resolved.
- The graffiti case from several months ago at Corinth and other locations is now in court. The individual is pleading guilty and the city is recommending community service, restitution and an apology from the individual.

Public Works

- Bruce McNabb reviewed the 2011 performance measures for the Public Works Department. Areas highlighted were a reduction in citizen requests with an increase in approval ratings. Training hours were increased. Vehicle repair orders were down as well as the amount of work sent out for repair. There was an increase in concrete, crack/slurry seal work completed while a reduction in the amount of channel work.

Laura Wassmer noted a high number of mosquitoes near channels and asked if the City had considered doing anything to address these. Dale Beckerman questioned the increase in crack/slurry seal work. Mr. McNabb responded this is an effective street maintenance tool. It was also noted low bid prices allowed for more work to be completed. Mr. Beckerman confirmed the street condition ratings were based on those inspected, which would be one-fifth of the streets.

Administration

- Lisa Santa Maria presented the 4th quarter financial report noting that revenues for the year were higher than expected and expenditures were lower than budgeted. The city's financial condition finished the year strong. An area of concern identified was the interest earned on investments, which declined significantly and were less than budgeted as an earlier turn around of the economy was predicted. The agreement with Columbia Capital should help address this.
- Dennis Enslinger reported on the gas explosion on 66th Terrace noting the preliminary findings indicate a gas valve problem.
- Letters have been mailed to more than 700 residents along the proposed trail plan informing them of the April 3rd hearing before the Planning Commission. City staff has responded to the inquiries from the mailing.
- USP - Sewer line program will not be sending out further letters. He asked if the City wanted to terminate the program.
- Mr. Enslinger presented a brief update on the geothermal system noting problems encountered, actions taken and savings realized. He noted the greatest energy savings are expected to be seen during the summer months. It was noted that ESP guaranteed an energy payback on the geothermal system.
- During the National League of Cities conference representatives were able to meet with congressional staff. Transportation funding was discussed and its potential impact on improvements proposed along 75th Street.

- The Babbick case is anticipated to go through both municipal and district court based on first amendment rights with the district court hearings anticipated to take place the end of the year.
- Dennis Enslinger reported that Hunt Midwest has offered tours of their area facilities to Council members.
- Lisa Santa Maria explained the expanded power process and noted the new regulations would be finalized March 23rd. The City has already submitted its application.
- Chris Engel provided an update on legislative items including concealed carry in public buildings, Senate bill on property tax relief for homeowners over 65, food exemption on sales tax, LAVTR tax lid bill, publication of ordinances, solid waste legislation and noted the upcoming legislative breakfast on Saturday, March 24th.
- Katie Logan updated the Council on the KORA action by District Court on the request by the mother of Susan Stuckey for the records related to the officer involved shooting in 2010. The Court ruled for the release of the records.
- Quinn Bennion provided an update on the carpet project which is expected to be completed in the City Hall portion of the building this month and move on to the Public Safety building.
- Quinn Bennion presented the anticipated agendas for meeting during April and May which will include major issues with the recommendation of the Planning Commission on the Trail Master Plan Amendment, Mission Valley property Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Somerset Trail and the beginning of 2013 budget discussions.

Laura Wassmer noted that she had a request from a resident that an arborist be consulted on the location of the trail and its impact on existing trees particularly along Roe Avenue. Public Works will respond to the request.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the committee, Council President Dale Beckerman adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Dale Beckerman
Council President