CITY OF LAWRENCE

**Board of Public Works & Safety**

**February 28, 2019**

**Regular Meeting**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Dave Freeman and Board Members Tracy Ashcraft and Mark Clark

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Kathleen Walton and Corporation Counsel David Johnson

STAFF PRESENT: Controller/Deputy Mayor Fenwick, Police Chief Hofmann, Deputy Police Chief Bigsbee, Sergeant Ashcraft, Fire Chief Batalis, Director of Public Works and Code Enforcement Anthony and Streets Director Heneghan were present.

Chairman Freeman called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and announced a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mrs. Ashcraft moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on February 14, 2019. The motion was seconded by Mr. Clark and carried 3-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Director of Public Works and Code Enforcement Anthony requested approval of 2 quotes from Capitol City Ford to purchase 2 Ford Escapes SE 4WD ($28,045.00 and $28,940.00) for DPW. These vehicles will be for the inspectors. Following discussion, Mr. Clark moved to approve the quotes. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ashcraft and carried 3-0.

Fire Chief Batalis requested approval of Proposal No. 2018.02119 with American Structurepoint, Inc. for a concept design study for a new fire station for Lawrence Fire Station 38. Following discussion, Mr. Clark moved to approve the proposal. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ashcraft and carried 3-0.

Police Chief Hofmann recommended approval of a purchase order from John Deere for the Police Department in the amount of $25,738.30 for 2 John Deere gators. These will be used for special events. Following discussion, Mrs. Ashcraft moved to approve the purchase order. The motion was seconded by Mr. Clark and carried 3-0.

Controller/Deputy Mayor Fenwick and Police Chief Hofmann requested acceptance of Garmong Construction Services 18 change orders for 5150 N. Post Road in the amount of $725,410.59. Paul Okeson (VP Garmong Construction Services), Joseph Wiesinger (Shrewsberry) and Controller Fenwick responded to questions from members of the Board about various aspects of the change orders. Mrs. Ashcraft moved to have the approval of the change orders continued to a later meeting. The motion failed for lack of a second. Following discussion, by a roll call vote, the change orders were approved by the following vote: Two (2) aye votes (Mr. Clark and Mr. Freeman) and one (1) nay vote (Mrs. Ashcraft). Mrs. Ashcraft raised a point of order. She said that, because Mr. Freeman is employed by Garmong Construction Services, he should recuse himself from the discussion and vote. She said she recalled that Mr. Freeman said so in the past. Mr. Freeman responded, saying that his position was not affected in any way by this project. Specifically, he assured the Board that he did not stand to gain monetarily and, therefore there are no moral or ethical barriers to his participation here.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS: None

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CITIZENS COMMENTS: The following citizens addressed the Board:

* Mr. Paul Rogers, 10748 Oyster Bay
* Linda Moore, 4909 Leone Drive
* Councilor Bob Jones, 11546 Admirals Lane
* Councilor Rick Wells, 4608 Mehaffey Street

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m., by the unanimous vote of the Board.

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Dave Freeman, Chairman Kathleen A. Walton, City Clerk