

**District III Advisory Board Minutes**  
**June 1, 2016**  
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The District III Advisory Board meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. at the WATER Center, 101 E. Pawnee, Wichita, KS 67211; Councilman James Clendenin, District Advisory Board members, one City staff and five signed in members of the public were present.

**Members Present**

Elena Ingle  
David Robbins  
Paul Davis  
Bruce Gass  
Cindy Miles  
Emily “Emy” Winterhaltor  
Councilman James Clendenin

**Staff Present**

TeiaWair, Community Services Representative  
Wichita PD Officer, Chris Chrisman  
Wichita PD Officer, David Hinners  
Wichita PD Chief, Gordon Ramsay  
Jason Jones, Fire House 22  
Mark Manning, Budget Officer  
Gary Janzen, City Engineer

**Members Absent**

Gerald Henry  
Jessica Hutton  
Marjorie Griffith

**Guests**

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**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

At 6:30 p.m. **Councilman James Clendenin** called the meeting to order. Minutes from the May 4, 2016 meeting were approved. The agenda for the current meeting was approved.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**Fire Report**

**Jason Jones, Fire House 22**, reported that there were six fires in the month of May. One fire was in the 1300 block of S. Wichita. There was a garage fire on S. Main which was ruled accidental. May overall was not a busy month for fires. District III had the most fire across the city. District I had five fires total for the month of May.

The search continues for the missing boy in Gypsum Creek. The rescue team has scaled back a little due to the time and concerns with the creek. This is a very unfortunate situation. Please be mindful and aware of the water and the dangers it can pose. It is obvious that kids will be kids but please pay attention. Whenever you have a fire or water issue the goal is to find them and get them out the water. This is occurring a lot in the state of Texas today. When the search is unsuccessful and the rescue team is unable to locate the victim the next step is finding the victim to bring them home, so their family and friends can gain a sense of closure. This has been very hard on the response team. The changes of the sand and topography is making things difficult.

**DAB:** Where did he enter the water? **A:** By the foot bridge across the street from the Lord’s Diner behind the school. The boys went to the Lord’s Diner and they were going to take the same short cut they took to get over their back home. His friends tried to pull him out but they couldn’t. This is a hard situation for them too.

**DAB:** How high was the creek? Was the creek seven to ten feet. **A:** Yes, it was roughly seven to ten feet. There were reports that the water was ten feet in some areas.

Please be cautious that the kids are out of school. There will be a lot of kids outside playing and riding bikes. Please pay attention.

### **Police Report**

**Officer Chris Chrisman 25/22 beat coordinator,** Larceny is up particularly in old town but also in the neighborhoods. We have created a neighborhood special assignments team. One person was detained on connections to a burglary and another was arrested for an attempted car burglary. Please remember to lock your car doors and keep items out of sight. If you see something suspicious call 911.

**Officer David Hanners 35 beat (eastside),** Was unable to bring statistics for his beat because he was not certain if he was coming Out east the CP team is working on crime trends they are doing an excellent job. One thing they are seeing a lot of is fake money. Please call 911 when you see something suspicious. If you get that thought in your mind to call 911 then call 911. The police would rather come out and check things out even if nothing is found.

**Officer Rob Kempf 27 beat (Pawnee to 31<sup>st</sup> & Seneca to Meridian):** Provided an introduction of himself. Officer Kempf is the new beat coordinator for 27 beat. 27 beat is also working on crime trends. In beat 21 there were 50 larceny to autos within a month's time frame. Due to the crime trend task force these numbers have decreased. **Councilman James Clendenin:** Thanked Officer Kempf for attending. Explained that District III does extend west of the river. The neighborhood association on that side is called Southwest Neighborhood Association.

**Public:** When you are turning right do you turn into the bike lane? **A:** No, stay in your lane. Do not pull into the bike lane. Unless there are dotted lines. **Councilman James Clendenin:** Stated that he would like to have a public announcement educating the public on how to drive with the bike lanes. Maybe the marketing team could create a flyer and air it on channel 7.

**Public:** There was a motorcycle accident on Hydraulic by South City. Did that guy pass away? **A:** The critical team did not response to that so it was not a fatality. The critical team will get calls on very serious to sever but we did not get a call.

**DAB:** Is there an update on the little girl that was found in the field? **A: Chief Gordon Ramsay,** stated that they are waiting for toxicology reports. There is a major back log at the state level on toxicology reports.

## **PUBLIC AGENDA**

### **Scheduled Items**

**Gaylan Davis with Crime Stoppers,** provided a brief overview of the Crime Stoppers program. Gaylan has been a member on the Crime Stoppers board for 18 years. Crime Stoppers is a community and citizen based organization that's goal is to help in the apprehension of criminals through donations made to Crime Stoppers. The Crime Stopper organization is made up of citizens, the media and law enforcement. The board is made up of about 20 citizens from the Wichita area. The board meetings consist of Detective Wendy Humbles providing a presentation on the crimes that have been submitted through the text lines, tips lines or the Crime Stopper telephone number of 267-2111. The entire board determines if the tip should or should not be paid.

Crime Stoppers was established thirty-six years ago in Albuquerque, New Mexico. There have been a total of thirty-one thousand tips provide over the past thirty-six years. No tipster has ever been revealed during the court process. Citizens can anonymously submit tips via the telephone, website or text message. Calls are

answered by Detective Wendy Hummell, she reviews the tips and sends them to the appropriate detective bureau. If Detective Hummell is unavailable the calls are routed to an organization in Texas. The organization is trained to answer all Crime Stopper calls across the United States. The phone operator obtains the tip information, provides the caller with a tip number and encourages the caller to call back for updated information or to report additional information.

Once the suspect is captured based off the callers tip they are given information on how to obtain the reward money. You remain anonymous throughout the entire process. To receive your payout you will be given information regarding how to receive your payout. The payout money is received through donations from citizens, organizations and corporations in our community.

From 1992 to the early 2000's USD 259 had a Crime Stopper program. The schools now have a program called Speak Out which works in the same manner as Crime Stoppers. If students see something suspicious or hear of something they can text a tip. The tip is received by a school official. The school official reviews the tip. The tip is given to the appropriate parties (Principal, Resources Officer or Detective Hummell) depending on the type of tip.

**Cindy Miles DAB**, stated that Crime Stoppers is not affiliated with the police. They work hand and hand with the police but this organization is not government funded.

#### **No Questions from DAB or Public**

**Chief Gordon Ramsay, Wichita Police Department**, provided a brief introduction of himself and his vision for the Wichita Police Department. Since starting his new assignment as Chief in January 2016, he has attended thirty-fourth neighborhood meetings. Chief Ramsay moved to Wichita, Kansas from Duluth, Minnesota. While living in Duluth, Minnesota, he held the position as police chief for ten years. Chief is an external type of chief that enjoys spending time out in the field.

Community policing is the heart and soul of what he is about. He has strong beliefs that this type of policing is very successful. In the mid 1990's when he was a Community Police Officer dealing with problem property's there were tools established to help policing flow effectively.

Excessive Police Services was established to eliminate continuous police response to repeated nuisance properties. Repeat responses were due to property management not cooperating with the police department regarding addressing nuisance issues. A substantial amount of resources are utilized when police revisit the same property over and over. In Duluth, Minnesota in 1995 the police visited one property four hundred times due to nuisance calls. Examination of this ordinance was required because other property owners were subsidizing the police response. A nuisance abatement plan was established which stated after three visit, the property owner would be assessed a fee to their property taxes. The fees consisted of fifty dollars for manpower and twenty dollars for the squad. Two years after the implementation of this tool the police visits to that same property decreased to eight. The properties around this property that were for sale sold at higher rates then asked for. Community Policing can be looked at as a way to increase economic development.

Similar issues are occurring in Wichita. Landlords are not being held accountable for nuisance issues at their properties. Ideally the target is to implement a similar process that will help address repeat nuisance properties, especially those that landlords are not managing properly. By charging to recover officer's time this tool would allow some leverage to get the problem properties cleaned up. Chief has met with Landlord Associations as well as the Realtors Association in an attempt to get stakeholders on board. Domestic violence would not fall under this ordinance. It amazes chief that the City of Wichita does not have rental licensing. Rental licensing requires landlords to maintain their properties (proper doors, windows, yards mowed and etc.).

Chief Ramsay is huge on analytics. Using a data driven approach to increase police response. The goal is to utilize the data from car burglaries, regular burglaries and robberies as key driving points. Nationally statistics show when you reduce these crimes other crimes will reduce as well. Police calls will be examined to determine what can be done to reduce police calls.

The Wal-Mart on Broadway and Pawnee receives a lot of police calls. The calls for additional officers eliminated when they hired an off duty officer. On Saturday nights Old Town requires an increased police presence. Issues in Old Town often tie up officers that could respond to other calls. Hiring overtime for officers on Saturday night helps free up Officers and save money. Installation of cameras has also saved money. Cameras that rotate towards shots fire are currently being discussed.

Keeping up with the latest technology is effective and will save Officers time. The Sheriff and Chief are having conversation about getting a product called Star Chaser, which will help with car chases. The device shoots a gummy substance at the vehicle. The substance contains a GPS chip which Officers can track on their computer screens. New York City utilizes smart phones which allows Officers to do most things on their cellular device. New York received large grants to purchase their phones. Technology makes us better and that is the direction Chief would like for WPD to go.

Chief wants to be available to handle complaints. He encourages citizens to let him know of any issues or frustrations with Wichita PD. Please don't hesitate to contact him. If he does not know about the issues he cannot take the steps required to get the issues resolved.

**DAB:** How are we on the quota of officers? **A: Chief Gordon Ramsay:** With the next graduating class Wichita PD will be fully staffed with 638 officers.

**DAB:** Are the GPS chips you discussed legal? **A: Chief Gordon Ramsay:** In order to utilize the GPS officers would need probable cause. Currently GPS trackers are used with a warrant in a criminal cases. If someone is fleeing you can utilize the GPS tracker.

**DAB:** Can you interpret how the Brady Giglio law has an impact on hiring officers. **A: Chief Gordon Ramsay:** The Brady Giglio law prohibits officers from testifying in court. If the individual committed a crime of dishonesty as a juvenile there are limitations. Currently WPD is not hiring individuals with a Juvenile record. Chief's opinion is that he would like to hire people that experienced bumps in the road. Not felons but those that have made bad choices when they were juveniles. An attorney is working with individuals to help wipe away juvenile records. The interpretation of some of the Brady Giglio law does not fit Chiefs interpretation. Chief plans to review the law and have a discussion with the DA regarding what changes should be made.

**DAB:** Can you please discuss the situation that occurred at Saint Marks a few weeks ago. **A: Chief Gordon Ramsay:** There were actually two different situations that occurred. Last week there was a suicidal male. I am big on training the Officers to not create a crises, use good tactics, good communication and use distance as their safety mechanism. Recently Officers trained on dealing with people with knives. The training was beneficial because officers were able to calm the male down and got him the help he needed. No one was injured. Rev Dotson was very impressed with how our officers handled the situation.

The second situation was at a funeral. WPD received a call that there was a guy at church with a felony warrant and that they needed to come right away and arrest him. Police show up and found out as they are waiting the warrant was for failure to pay child support. The guy was singing in the choir at a funeral. They waited outside the sanctuary. Once the funeral was over the guy was arrested. The ex of the man arrested was the one that made that call. Chief had that friendly reminder with WPD that often when they are in uniform they forget that it automatically draws attention. They have to be cautious of their demeanor. The officers apologized and Chief attended a service.

Remember that Officers make mistakes. We all make mistakes and when this occurs you have to make a mends with those that were hurt.

**Councilman James Clendenin:** Gave thanks to Chief Ramsay and stated that many of the task that City Council would like to see completed for WPD are already being completed. Please do not hesitate to call 911.

**Off-agenda items**

**NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Scheduled Items**

**Councilman James Clendenin:** Next we will discuss the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). This is where the rubber meets the road for city government. How we are going to improve the quality of life in southeast Wichita as well as across the city.

**Mark Manning, Budget Officer, Finance,** presented the City of Wichita Capital Improvement Program (CIP) outlines for 2016-2025. This is a ten year vision, setting broad policy level guidance for capital expenditures. A ten year projection of financial capacity and debt levels associated with capital spending. The CIP is a flexible planning tool. Each project is individually approved by City Council action. There are 200 different projects in the CIP.

How is the CIP develop? By examining the previous CIP. Keep projects constant in the CIP. Based on the Community Investment Plan. This is a 30 year plan. It sets a 30 year vision for what our community should look like. That plan talks about spending priorities. The first thing we need to do is maintain what we currently have, second enhance what we currently have and third expand what we currently have. Focus on taking care of the stuff we have. The Community Investment Plan was approved by the Council about six months ago. Broad vision guides the CIP plan. About 43% of our funding is designated to maintaining and replacing what we currently have.

The Community Investment Plan assigns priorities to a category. A high priority category are streets.

**DAB:** Is Kellogg included in the streets? **A:** No, Kellogg would fall under Highways which is 13% a low category. We are trying to direct our dollars at those items that the Community Investment plan stated are our high priorities such as streets, bridges, water and public safety which is 75%. **Councilman James Clendenin:** There were surveys conducted which helped determine which should be priorities. The DAB's and the community completed the surveys. So this is a reflection of what the community selected.

How do we pay for the CIP? The Mill Levey which everyone pays on their property taxes. The Mill Levey has been in the 8 to 10 range for decades. **DAB:** Overall do you have evaluation numbers on new construction? New construction is well over 50% in some years it has reached 60-70%. If your house is reappraised by the county that creates revenue for the City. The CIP is also paid for by the water utilities which are consistent. Storm Water Utility is based on current structure and local sales tax which is based on county sales tax rate of 1%.

The benchmark is set at 2/3rds of debt for the Debt Service Capacity. City revenue only goes towards two things debt services or cash for projects. Debt is not bad, too much debt can limit the flexibility. You would not want to spend more than 2/3rds of income on debt. Debt levels will increase but it will not exceed the limit, then it will eventually drop off. **DAB:** What is the percentage rate paid on the debt? **A:** About 3% or lower. **DAB:** How is the debt paid? **A:** The debt is paid through the sales of bonds. **DAB:** What is the City's rating on debt? **A:** The City's rated is AA+. The bond rating is very important. There are things that can threaten the bond rating. **Councilman James Clendenin:** stated that the City sells bonds at the same rate of AAA. A third of the debt is through specials which citizens pay through taxes. This is what causes the City

to be AA+. The general obligation is 73 million. **Public:** You can't run a business without debt. You have to have a responsible level of debt.

**Where the CIP money comes from:**

- Go at-large (property tax) \$269,405,966,
- Local Sales Tax \$305,000,000,
- Sewer Utility \$275,863,000,
- Water Utility \$443,612,700 (About a 3<sup>rd</sup> )
- Special Assessments \$273,075,000
- State of Kansas \$54,000,000
- Federal Funds \$12,181,074
- Other Funds \$49,855,480

**What the CIP money is spent on:**

- Bridges \$12,400,000
- Freeways \$245,000,000
- Parks \$49,053,140
- Public Facilities \$117,997,188
- Sewer \$275,863,000
- Storm water \$24,050,000
- Transit \$19,875,815
- Water \$443,612,700 (4%)
- Airport \$74,867,152
- Arterials \$561,152,954

25 projects from last year's CIP totaling \$85,936,314 currently being conducted. **Councilman James Clendenin:** The city is kind of like your house you have to invest in those items that keep the city's value up. **Mark Manning:** Street maintenance is very important. The city is trying to allocate as much money to street maintenance as possible. 2012 was a lower year only \$4 to \$5 million was spent. \$4 million annually in the operating budget will go to residential streets, plus: \$4 million per year (2016-2018; \$6 million in 2019 \$7 million per year 2020-2025) \$100 million dollars will be spent on residential streets in the next 10 years.

**DAB:** Does this include snow removal? **A:** No, this is millings and overlay which is completed by contractors.

**DAB:** How will we fund the increase for funding road repairs? **A:** Prioritization dedicate the most funding to streets then complete other projects based on prioritization.

**DAB:** The material that is being utilized now is not lasting. Is there a way to complete the repairs so they last? **A: Gary Janzen:** The city is trying to gain a better return on investment. We are looking for ways to make the repairs last 7 to 10 years but there are 5,000 lane miles in the city. It is difficult to keep up. We have changed products.

**Councilman James Clendenin:** Sell of the Hyatt will allow for an infusion. Which means City Council will decide how much money will be infused into street repair/maintenance.

**Councilman James Clendenin:** What percentage of projects are paid for in cash? **A: Mark Manning:** It truly depends but ideally it would be 50/50.

**DAB:** When will Kellogg be done? **A: Gary Janzen:** Kellogg and 235 is a state project scheduled to be completed in 2019, Kellogg and Webb in 2019, the plan is to complete K96 and Kellogg by 2021 but right now there are obstacles with cash flow at the state level. The plans are to begin this project in August.

With current commitments on East Kellogg, there is no excess capacity until 2022. The debt will fall off in 2022. After 2022 additional capacity is available for either continued freeway improvements or additional arterial improvements. Aesthetics is very important we have about \$5 million for aesthetics. The Lincoln and South Broadway bridges have good aesthetics. Stormwater Utility is paid for through the water bills ERU. Pays for channels and enhancing the stormwater system. No money to expand because we do not have enough resources for stormwater. Public Works is conducting a cost analysis study to address this issue.

**Public:** How well did the Meridian drainage system work out in this last rain? **A:** It is working well but it is still difficult to tell because most of Meridian is still under construction.

**DAB:** How can we fix the trash down by the river? **A: Gary Janzen:** We are doing all we can to provide improvements. There are new environmental regulations.

**Councilman James Clendenin:** Gave thanks to Engineering for incorporating the drainage issue in the Pawnee between Grove and Hydraulic project.

**Councilman James Clendenin:** All meetings are open to the public please attend the meetings.

**CIP funded projects in District III**  
**(Gary Janzen)**

1. Bridge at Pawnee and McLean will receive a substantial rehabilitation closed for 9 months
2. John Mack bridge is back open
3. Pawnee (Hydraulic to Grove) reconstruction five lanes with a left turn lane and drainage repairs.  
Bids go out in 3-5 weeks
4. Mount Vernon (Oliver to Woodlawn) from 4 lanes to 3 lanes add bike lanes
5. Mount Vernon (Broadway to Southeast BLVD) Federal Funding rebuild 2019 or 2020 3 lanes with on street bike lanes, better for pedestrians and improve drainage
6. Replacement of the sewer pipe (South Hydraulic) that moves sewage through the city

**BOARD AGENDA**

**Meeting was adjourned.**

The next District Advisory Board III meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m., July 6, 2016, at the WATER Center, 101 E. Pawnee, Wichita, KS 67211.

Respectfully submitted,  
Teia Wair, Community Service Representative – District III

**Guests**

Chad Roush  
Ronald Tracy  
Lonnie Wright  
Trisha Epps  
W.A Stofer