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ITEM NO. 4 TEXT AMENDMENT FOR INCUBATOR SPACE (SLD)

TA-14-00535: Consider a Text Amendment to the City of Lawrence Land Development Code to add a *Use* that provides incubator space for business/entrepreneurial collaboration and prototyping. Staff will provide a memo for the commission consideration regarding options and articles within the Development Code that would need to be amended. *Initiated by Planning Commission on 11/17/14*.

STAFF PRESENTATION

Ms. Sandra Day presented the item.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Greg Thompson said he was enthusiastic about the topic and supported the text amendment.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Commissioner von Achen asked if Limited Maker Spaces were allowed in most districts.

Ms. Day said with the Limited it would be a permitted use in all of the non-residential zoning districts except for OS and H. She said the Intensive Maker Spaces would be a Special Use Permitted in the Commercial districts and permitted by right in Industrial districts.

Commissioner von Achen inquired about retail being a part of it.

Ms. Day said retail should always be a minimal part of the piece so it would be evaluated with the site plan.

ACTION TAKEN

Motioned by Commissioner Struckhoff, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve the proposed amendment, TA-14-00535, to establish a use that provides space for business/entrepreneurial collaboration and prototyping or similar businesses and amending Sections 20-402, 20-403, an Section 20-902, and Article 17 of the Land Development Code and that the Planning Commission forward a recommendation for approval to the City Commission.

Unanimously approved 8-0.