

CITY OF LAWRENCE
Common Council
July 20, 2022
Regular Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lisa Chavis, Shawn Denney, Tom Shevlot, William Tyrrell Giles, Sherron Freeman, Deborah Whitfield, Lauren Russel, and Maria Rusomaroff

MEMBERS BY ZOOM: Rick Wells

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO BY ZOOM: None

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Kathleen Walton, Attorney Kristina Wheeler (Bose McKinney & Evans LLP), and Attorney William Groth

STAFF PRESENT: Controller Douthit, Chief of Staff Hofmann, Deputy Chief of Staff Korn, and Utility Superintendent Salsbery

STAFF BY ZOOM: None

Council President Lisa Chavis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and announced a quorum was present.

COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS: Councilor Russel raised the concern about the responsiveness of animal control. The specific cases she cited concerned a raccoon suspected of having rabies and a deer needing to be picked up. Councilor Wells reported that he was contacted by former councilman Carl Barnett who reported an aggressive dog in the neighborhood. He went on to thank Chief of Staff Hofmann for making arrangements to capture the dog and resolve the case. He was particularly grateful for the immediate response with a good ending for the situation. In another positive note, he reported on phone calls from constituents concerned about debris causing a mess at the site of the fire station demolition on McCoy Street. Once he contacted Chief of Staff Hofmann it was a quick response and a meeting scheduled with the construction company the next day. Councilor Denney announced that the Lawrence Township Trustee's Office has begun to provide school uniform assistance up to \$225. He also reminded everyone that applications for the Indy Rent Program deadline was the next day. Councilor Whitfield expressed here gratitude to Lawrence 1st responders for their work in providing safe and secure conditions in the Lawrence Township School System. She had seen a report on local television about how the City of Lawrence is training to provide that protection.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS 7-20-22: Councilor Freeman moved to approve Payroll Claims for \$1,210,628.23 [June 30, 2022, payroll], and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for \$2,514,393.00]. Councilor Denney seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Proposal No. 16, 2022, establishing a vehicle inspection fee pursuant to Ind. Code 9-17-2-12 and a rebuilt salvage motor vehicle inspection fee pursuant to Ind. Code 9-22-3-15, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 16, 2022 to the Code Committee.

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Proposal No. 17, 2022, amending Title 1, Article 2, Chapter 2, Section 4, of the Municipal Code of the City of Lawrence redistricting Common Council district boundaries pursuant to Indiana Code 36-4-6-3, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 17, 2022 to the Committee of the Whole.

Resolution No. 12, 2022, amending the City of Lawrence's ARP Fund Plan, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Resolution No. 12, 2022 to the Administration, Budget, and Finance Committee.

Councilor Chavis said consideration of a Council appointment to the Grants Committee will be on August 1, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS: Proposal No. 18, 2022, adopting a new schedule of sewer utility rates and charges, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 18, 2022 to the Administration, Budget, and Finance Committee.

Proposal No. 19, 2022, concerning acquisition, construction or improvement of sewage works; authorizing issuance of sewage works revenue bonds for such purpose; providing for the collection, segregation, and distribution of revenues of sewage works and safeguarding of interests of owners of sewage works revenue bonds; other matters connected therewith; and repealing ordinances inconsistent herewith, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 19, 2022 to the Administration, Budget, and Finance Committee.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m., by the unanimous vote of the Council.

Lisa Chavis, President

Kathleen A. Walton, Clerk

These minutes are not intended to be verbatim. They are a summary of discussions held, except for the motions.