

CITY OF LAWRENCE

Common Council

February 5, 2024

Regular Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: William Tyrrell Giles, Rick Wells, Lisa Chavis, Zach Cramer, Kristie Krone, Sherron Freeman, Carlos Jennings, Betty Robinson, and Liz Masur

MEMBERS BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO, BY MICROSOFT TEAMS:

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Leatrice Adkisson, Scott Krapf, Carrie Doehrmann, Glorify Mandima

STAFF PRESENT: Deputy Chief of Staff LeAndre Level

STAFF BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: Humphrey Nagila

Council President Betty Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

The pledge of allegiance was administered, following by a prayer given by Councilor Robinson.

Councilor Robinson recognized there was a quorum.

Scott Krapf stated for the record there were extra agendas located in the rear of the room. Along with a sign-up sheet for Public Comments for this meeting.

COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS OR RESOLUTIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES 1-17-2024: Councilor Jennings motioned to approve the minutes. Councilor Wells 2nd the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS 2-05-2024: Councilor Freeman moved to approve Payroll Claims for \$1,472,759.03 [January 15, 2024, payroll] and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for \$4,540,306.01]. Councilor Jennings seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: Councilors were asked to complete their ballots for Redevelopment Commission. Councilor Wells preceded to ask Madame President if it was known of the mayor's appointments to the boards, she answered this information was emailed to everyone. Councilor Freeman asked for the names of those that were being considered for this appointment. Madame President responded with Sarah Whittaker and Elia James. It was established that Councilor Freeman nominated Ms. James and Ms. Whittaker was nominated by Councilor Giles. A motion was moved by Councilor Jennings to approve the appointment for Ms. Whittaker to the EDC and was seconded by Councilor Freeman. A motion was also moved by Councilor Freeman to approve the appointment of Ms. James to the EDC and was seconded by Councilor Jennings. The motion for the appointment of Ms. James and Ms. Whittaker was carried unanimously.

The President informed the councilors they will now vote for the appointment to the Utility Service Board. It was established that the name of the person that is being considered to the USB is Chanita Gillard. A motion was moved by Councilor Cramer to approve the appointment of Ms. Gillard to the USB and was seconded by Councilor Jennings. The president announced that Ms. Gillard has been appointed to serve on the Utility Service Board.

The president informed the councilors next is the vote for the Board of Zoning Appeals and there.

are 4 appointments there. The names of those being considered for the BZA was announced by the President. Karen Horseman, Eugene West, John-Paul Cosgrove and Faith Alvarez. Councilor Chavis moved a motion to nominate JD Masur to be considered for appointment to the BZA and Councilor Giles seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Councilor Giles moved to nominate James Ertmer to the BZA. Councilor Wells moved to nominate Shawn Denney to the BZA. Everyone was informed by Councilor Freeman that Mr. Denney was not interested in serving on any boards due to other commitments. A motion was made by Councilor Chavis to approve the nominees that were submitted to be considered. Councilor Giles seconded the motion. After the ballot vote was taken, it was announced. James Ertmer (4), Karen Horseman (9), JD Masur (6) Eugene West (6), Faith Alvarez (9), John-Paul Cosgrove (7). It was established there was a tie vote between JD Masur and Eugene West. A motion was made by Councilor Chavis to approve JD Masur of the 2, that had the same number of votes. Councilor Wells seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The vote was called for JD Masur, 8 ayes and 1 nay. Roll call, Councilor Chavis, Jennings, Masur, Giles, Krone, Freeman, Wells, and Cramer (aye). Councilor Robinson (nay). It was announced that the 4 appointments to the BZA was, Karen Horseman, Faith Alvarez, John-Paul Cosgrove and Jim Masur.

The President announced the next vote would be for the Board of Zoning Appeals-Alternate. Eugene West was announced as the nominee for this board appointment. A motion was made by Councilor Cramer to approve the appointment of Mr. West to the BZA as the Alternate. Councilor Jennings seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Voting was moved to the next committee, Fort Harrison Reuse Authority. The nominees being considered for this board are Dion Adkisson and Karen Horth-Powers. There were no other nominations. Counselor Chavis made the motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Adkisson and Ms. Horth-Powers to the FHRA. Councilor Jennings seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Madame President announced voting is now moving to Economic Development Committee. The nominee being considered for this appointment is Ray Anderson. There were no other nominees. A motion was made by Councilor Jennings to approve the appointment for Mr. Anderson to the EDC. It was seconded by Councilor Cramer. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: Resolution No. 1 2024 was read by the Clerk. A motion was made by Councilor Chavis to approve the resolution. Councilor Giles seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call of votes, (9) ayes, (0) nay. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION: Happy Birthday was given to Councilor Freeman from LeAndre Level, Deputy Chief of Staff. He shared the City of Lawrence has an annual Black History Month Celebration free event. It's taking place at the Reset Center, on February 29th, 4340 North Post Road. The event starts at 6:00 for vendors and guests. The program is 7:00pm to 8:00pm.

Congratulations were given to Bev Ludwick, on her retirement after 36 years with the City of Lawrence. Her last day was January 31st and she was also presented with a plaque thanking her for her years of service to the city. Given by Mayor Whitfield.

Mr. Level announced that applications are now available for the Lawrence Police Dept Citizens Academy. This 12-week program will allow citizens to learn more about LPD. The graduates of the Lawrence Police Department Citizen Academy will gain the knowledge, along with the

understanding of the Lawrence Police Department's policies and functions. This will also give citizens the capability to better assist officers in identifying and resolving problems in their community. The applications are available until February 15th. Applicants need to apply on the City's website.

It was also announced that M38 (Heartland) is back in service and is temporarily running out of Station #38 for the next week until they get back to their building. They should be back in their building within the week. Water damage was mitigated at Station #37, now working on repairs to ceiling, walls, and items. Last week, Mayor Whitfield swore-in FF Mike Williams on his promotion to Lt. Congrats to Lt. Mike Williams This past Saturday, the Lawrence Fire Dept. held their 2023 Awards Banquet. Several firefighters earn recognition and awards for their service and dedication to the citizens of Lawrence.

Medal of Bravery:

- Lt. Nick Hensel
- William Bowersox
- Lt. Nick Rehmel

Officer of the Year

- Lt. Nick Rehmel

FF of the Year

- Todd Wooldridge

Rookie of the Year

- Jordan McClellan

Civilian of the Year

- Jared Long

FF Medic

- Anthony Ammerman

FF EMT

- Chris Ulrich

Professional Excellence

- Jacob Turpin
- Lt. Nick Hensel

Unit Citations

- Fire A shift
- EMS Run A shift
- Fire C shift
- SWAT Incident A shift
- Fire C shift

Commendation of Merit

- Captain Jeff Balak
- Kevin Sheek
- Steve Rech
- Adam Elrod

Chiefs Award

- Eng. Jason Mooney

Union Award

- Lt Eric Jenkins

Mr. Level announced: that German Church from 46 street south to 42nd street is the in the City of Lawrence city limits, but Indianapolis DPW street to repair. Street is currently using 'Cold Mix' to fill in potholes, until 'Hot patch' work can be done in April. Citizens can report potholes at <https://www.cityoflawrence.org/report-potholes>.

Councilor Freeman asked Mr. Level if there was an update regarding Priority trash removal company. A conversation was had with Priority and they're in the final stages of swapping out the old totes with the new. Priority anticipates the delivery of all trash totes by the next week. The recycle swap began today, February 5th. Approximately 11,000 out of 14,000 have received at least 1 toter. Residents are permitted to set out extra bags of trash outside of their totes and Priority will pick them up during this transition without any additional fees. Priority asked that all totes and trash go out the night before your trash pickup day and leave them out until 7:00pm. It was asked if there's an additional cost for an extra toter, and it was answered, yes. An additional toter must be ordered on the website.

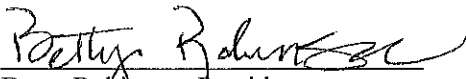
COMMENTS FROM THE CITIZENS: Daniel E. Rapp, 5718 Walling Wood Drive. He asked voting for the Board of Zoning Appeals, will the new members or the old members appear at the February 20th meeting? It was answered the new members will appear.

Mr. Dennis Reece, 5455 Pelham Way. Mr. Reece stated he represents members of Benjamin Square neighborhood association. Mr. Reece says there are some street signs in need of repair or replacement. He also states there are cars parked near the corner of Barksdale and Milroy blocking lines of sight of oncoming traffic. It has been an issue for years and it has not been resolved yet. He understands the owner of the home is a retired police officer. The massive problem that they have is cars parking on the sidewalk and the sidewalk is being destroyed.

He's hoping the councilors can assist them with this. Councilor Giles asked Mr. Reese about the blue street signs, and he stated there are some blue signs and there are some white signs. It was established that all the white signs should have been replaced. Mr. Reece says there are a lot of homes that are being occupied by renters and the owners are living out of the country and the properties are not properly being taken care of. Mr. Reece was told he is being represented by 2 councils, 1 in the City of Indianapolis, and the common council in the City of Lawrence. Mr. Level goes on to tell me Mr. Reece depending on the area of the signage issue it may be the responsibility of the HOA, condos, or the city. Mr. Level assured Mr. Reece he would look into having the signage issued fulfilled.

Councilor Cramer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Councilor Jennings seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34p.m., by President Robinson.


Betty Robinson, President


Leatrice Adkisson, Clerk

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

