

CITY OF LAWRENCE
Common Council
May 6, 2024
Regular Meeting

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

MEMBERS BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO, BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Adkisson, Scott Krapf (Frost Brown Todd), Dennis Otten (Bose McKinney Evans) and Oscar Gutierrez (Bondry)

STAFF PRESENT: LeAndre Level, Humphrey Nagila and Zach Brown

STAFF BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

Council President Betty Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

The pledge of allegiance was administered, followed by a prayer given by Councilor Giles.

Councilor Robinson recognized there was a quorum. It was also recognized there were extra copies of the agenda located in the back of the room along with a sign-up sheet for comments from the citizens.

COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS: Councilor Freeman, announced on April 23rd, she attended the Utilities Service Board meeting. She informed the members the Lawrence Water Utilities Bldg. is closed to the public. She also expressed that the Utilities Superintendent, Paul Wanner, is asking the council to allocate funds to install safety measures at the Lawrence Water building to allow it to be accessible for the public. Councilor Freeman also stated, on April 23rd, there was also a district #2 community meeting. Some of the residents are concerned about a home located at 8405 E. 47th Street. Those concerns were heard and resolved by Mr. Desmond. The councilor also mentioned that Mr. Kyle, who lives at 76th street and Mitchner, emailed her about the flooding that always occurs at this intersection. He wanted to know if the Dept. of Public Works has done any fixes or plans to do drainage work at this intersection.

Councilor Wells announced he would like to give a special thank you to Jim Heneghan and his staff on fixing the streets, at 46th Street near, the old Lawrence Elementary. As well as fixing the streets on Van Cleave where the oil trucks have caused a lot of wear and tear.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS OR RESOLUTIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Special Meeting 4-15-2024

Councilor Chavis made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilor Wells 2nd the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Regular Meeting 4-17-2024

Councilor Chavis made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilor Jennings 2nd the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS 5-6-2024: Councilor Freeman made the motion to approve Payroll Claims for \$1,140,249.03 [April 15, 2024, payroll] and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for \$969,963.77]. Councilor Masur 2nd the motion. Motion was carried unanimously.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: The Committee of The Whole has favorable recommendation for the following proposals:

- a. Proposal No. 3, 2024 – An ordinance of the City of Lawrence, Indiana, authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds for the purpose of providing funds to pay the costs of local municipal improvement projects within the City and effect the current refunding of various equipment lease financing obligations of the City; providing for the payment of such bonds from *ad valorem* taxes to be levied upon all of the taxable property located in the City to the extent not paid from general revenues of the City legally available for such purpose; providing for the safeguarding of the interests of the owners of said bonds; other matters connected therewith; and repealing ordinances inconsistent herewith.
- b. Proposal No. 4, 2024 – Appropriation Ordinance City of Lawrence, Indiana (General Obligation Refunding and Improvement Bonds).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Proposal No. 2, 2024 – An Ordinance of The City of Lawrence, Indiana Re-Establishing The Cumulative Capital Development Fund and Increasing The Cumulative Capital Development Tax Rate.

This proposal was read in the record by the City Clerk. President Robinson opened the Advertised Public Hearing for comments or questions regarding Proposal No. 2, 2024. Soon after, Dennis Otten approached the podium to answer any of questions on this proposal. Constituent, James Masur, 6203 Carrington Drive, Lawrence, IN, stated he has an issue with the property taxes increasing. He also stated he would like to encourage the council to use this money in a prudent manner. President Robinson closed the public hearing.

A motion was moved by Councilor Chavis to table Proposal No. 2, 2024 until the 5/15/2024 Common Council Meeting. Councilor Giles 2nd the motion. A vote was taken, there were 2 (ayes) Councilor Giles and Councilor Chavis, and 7 (nays) Councilor Krone, Councilor Masur, Councilor Jennings, Councilor Cramer, Councilor Wells, Councilor Robinson and Councilor Freeman. Motion failed.

Proposal No. 2, 2024 was read in record by the City Clerk. Motion was moved by Councilor Chavis to approve Proposal No. 2, 2024. Councilor Cramer 2nd the motion. 8 (ayes) Councilor Krone, Councilor Masur, Councilor Jennings, Councilor Cramer, Councilor Robinson, Councilor Giles, Councilor Freeman and Councilor Chavis. 1 (nay) Councilor Wells. Motion passed 8 to 1.

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This proposal was read in the record by the City Clerk. President Robinson stated Proposal No. 3, 2024 will be considered at the next Common Council Meeting, 5/15/2024.

Proposal No. 4, 2024 – Proposal No. 4, 2024 – Appropriation Ordinance City of Lawrence, Indiana (General Obligation Refunding and Improvement Bonds).

This proposal was read in the record by the City Clerk. President Robinson opened the Advertised Public Hearing for comments or questions regarding Proposal No. 3, 2024, which she recessed until the next Common Council Meeting, 5/15/2024.

Proposal No 5, 2024 – A Resolution to Approve the City of Lawrence’s 2024 ARP Fund Plan.

This proposal was in the record by the City Clerk. Councilor Cramer moved a motion to approve Proposal No. 5, 2024. Councilor Jennings 2nd the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: None

COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION: Deputy Chief of Staff, LeAndre Level, announced the upcoming weekend is Fiesta Lawrence, May 11th at Civic Plaza from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. He also stated Fire Chief Wallace would like the council to know they have a new fire engine. This new fire engine will be dedicated, on Friday May 10th at 2:00 p.m. at Fire Station #39, 4751 N. Richardt.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITIZENS: None

Councilor Jennings moved a motion to adjourn and Councilor Giles 2nd the motion.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.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.