

CITY OF LAWRENCE
Common Council
May 15, 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: Mayor Whitfield, Clerk Adkisson, Michael Allen (Frost Brown Todd), Dennis Otten (Bose McKinney Evans) and Oscar Gutierrez (Bondry)

STAFF PRESENT: LeAndre Level, Humphrey Nagila, Mr. Wilburn and Zach Brown

STAFF BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

Council President Betty Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

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: None

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS OR RESOLUTIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Regular Meeting 5-6-2024

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

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS 5-15-2024: Councilor Jennings made the motion to approve Payroll Claims for \$1,100,309.89 [April 30, 2024, payroll] and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for 1,120,613.09]. Councilor Masur 2nd the motion. Motion was carried unanimously.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: 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.

This proposal was read in the record by the City Clerk. President Robinson asked if there was a motion to approve this proposal. Councilor Chavis moved a motion for approval. Councilor Freeman 2nd the motion. Roll call vote was taken, (1) nay, Councilor Wells and (8) ayes, Councilor Chavis, Councilor Giles, Councilor Cramer, Councilor Robinson, Councilor Jennings, Councilor Freeman, Councilor Krone, and Councilor Masur. Motion carried 8 to 1.

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. 4, 2024. Mr. Daniel Rapp, 5718 Wallingwood Drive, Lawrence, Indiana addressed the council with his concerns regarding transparency. After President Robinson closed the public hearing, she asked if there is a motion to proceed with Proposal No. 4, 2024. Councilor Chavis made a motion to approve this proposal. Councilor Jennings 2nd the motion. Roll call vote was taken, (1) nay, Councilor Wells and (8) ayes, Councilor Chavis, Councilor Giles, Councilor Cramer, Councilor Robinson, Councilor Jennings, Councilor Freeman, Councilor Krone and Councilor Masur. Motion carried 8 to 1.

NEW BUSINESS: (Proposal No. 6, 2024) Ordinance No. 5, 2024 – An Ordinance of The Common Council of The City of Lawrence, Indiana Amending The Lawrence Municipal Code To Establish An All-Way Stop Intersection At Chadworth Way and Chadworth Court and Kenworth Drive.

This proposal was read in the record by the City Clerk. President Robinson stated on behalf of the Common Council she will be referring this proposal to the Code and Rules Committee for consideration and recommendations.

(Proposal No. 7, 2024) Resolution No. 4, 2024 – A Resolution of The Common Council of The City of Lawrence Approving and Adopting The 2024 Vision Zero Resolution and Commitment To A Goal To Eliminate Traffic Deaths and Serious Injury By 2045 On The Streets Within The City of Lawrence.

President Robinson stated this proposal is related to a grant opportunity that has an application deadline of May 16th. This proposal will not be recommended to the committee but instead will ask that a passage of final vote be taken that evening. Councilor Giles moved to waive the 30-day rule. Councilor Jennings 2nd the motion. Councilor Jennings moved a motion to approve Proposal No. 7, 2024. Councilor Cramer 2nd the motion. Roll call vote was taken on this proposal, (1) abstention Councilor Wells and (8) ayes, Councilor Giles, Councilor Chavis, Councilor Cramer, Councilor Robinson, Councilor Jennings, Councilor Freeman, Councilor Krone and Councilor Masur. Motion carried 8 ayes to 1 abstention.

COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION: Deputy Chief of Staff, LeAndre Level, thanks the council for the passing of Proposals No. 3, 2024 and No. 4, 2024. He also welcomed our new DPW, Director Chris Wilburn. Mr. Wilburn is from IVY Tech; and he has his law degree. He is also a former IMPD officer and is married to State Representative Victoria Garcia Wilburn. Mr. Level thanked the councilors that came out to Fiesta Lawrence and also mentioned the fantastic turnout. There will be more upcoming events in the month of June. He stated Mayor Whitfield and Chief Bigsbee swore in 2 new LPD officers today, Joe Snow and Rosa Aguilera. He also mentioned the City of Lawrence is just a few officers away from having a full authorized force.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITIZENS: None

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

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m., by President Robinson.

Sherron Freeman, Vice President

Leatrice Adkisson, Clerk

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