

CITY OF LAWRENCE
Common Council
June 3, 2024
Regular Meeting

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

MEMBERS BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: Betty Robinson and Tyrrell Giles

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO, BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Whitfield, Clerk Adkisson, Scott Krapf (Frost Brown Todd)

STAFF PRESENT: LeAndre Level

STAFF BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

Vice-President Sherron Freeman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The pledge of allegiance was administered, followed by a prayer given by Dr. Thompson, Chaplain.

Councilor Freeman 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 Masur stated she has received calls from some constituents who are concerned about chemical being sprayed at the Jenn Dog Park. She also stated this concern will be investigated. She also mentioned the National Arts Honor Society from Lawrence North High School has started to paint murals at Lee Road Park.

Councilor Freeman stated Mr. Waldon, of Foamcraft Inc., sent her an email regarding “no parking” signs in his community. She mentioned a roundtable meeting has been scheduled with Arbor Homes, 9220 Harrison Park Ct. and the Whitfield administration. The councilor also stated there was a bar-b-que, neighborhood meeting gathering on May 23rd, at 8405 E. 47th Street, from 2-6 p.m. She wanted to extend a thank you to Mr. Desmond Matthews for the invite. In attendance were Councilor Freeman, Councilor Robinson and Councilor Jennings.

Councilor Wells stated he lives across the street from the facility at 8405 E. 47th Street and most of the neighborhood weren’t informed about the neighborhood gathering.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS OR RESOLUTIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Regular Meeting 5-15-2024

Councilor Wells made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilor Jennings 2nd the motion. Roll call was given, 8-0. Councilor Giles wasn’t eligible to vote due to him not being visible on teams. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS 6-3-2024: Councilor Jennings made the motion to approve Payroll Claims for \$1,057,674.97 [May 15, 2024, payroll] and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for 1,108,448.58]. Councilor Krone 2nd the motion. Roll call vote was given, 8-0. Councilor Giles wasn't eligible to vote due to him not being visible on teams. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: Councilor Wells informed the council the Code and Rules Committee voted a favorable recommendation on Proposal No. 6, 2024 to be sent to the full council.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Proposal No. 6, 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 Kensworth Drive.

Proposal No. 6, 2024 was read in the record by Clerk Adkisson. Vice President Freeman stated this proposal was introduced at our May 15, 2024, meeting and the Code and Rules Committee recommended a favorable recommendation of this Proposal tonight. The Council will need to pass a motion suspending the requirement that the first and second readings should be 30 days apart so that this Ordinance can be considered tonight. We can consider that motion this evening or consider this Ordinance at a future meeting when we do not need to suspend the rules.

She also asked for a motion to suspend the rules for this proposal. Councilor Cramer moved a motion to suspend the rules. Councilor Masur 2nd the motion. Roll call vote was given, 9-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice President Freeman asked if there's a motion for Proposal No. 6, 2024. Councilor Jennings moved a motion to consider the proposal. Councilor Cramer 2nd the motion. Roll call vote was given, 9-0. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: Common Council appointment to the Fire Merit Commission. Vice President Freeman asked if there's any nominations for this appointed position to the Fire Merit Commission. President Robinson nominated Damon Burns. Nominations was closed and a roll call vote was given. Motion to appoint Damon Burns to the Fire Merit Commission was carried unanimously 9-0.

Resolution No. 5, 2024 - A Resolution of The Common Council of The City of Lawrence, Indiana Recognizing Pride Month.

Title of Resolution No. 5, 2024 was read in the record. Vice President Freeman stated since we are already in the month of June, she would not be referring this Resolution to Committee and asked that the final vote of passage be taken that evening. She also asked if it would be consented to consider the resolution for adoption that evening. Councilor Jennings moved a motion to consent for Resolution No. 5, 2024 to be considered. Councilor Chavis 2nd the motion. Roll call vote was given, 9-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal No. 8, 2024 – An Ordinance of The Common Council of The City Of Lawrence, Indiana Amending Title 5, Article 2, Chapter 3, Section 4 Of The Municipal Code Regarding Solid Waste Collection and Disposal User Fees.

Proposal No. 8, 2024 was read in the record by Clerk Adkisson, which was requested by Vice-President Freeman. She also stated on behalf of the Common Council, she would be referring Proposal No. 8, 2024 to the Committee of the Whole for consideration and recommendations.

COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION: Deputy Chief of Staff, LeAndre Level announced the Whitfield Administration is the very first administration, in the City of Lawrence, to walk in The Indy Pride Parade. He also stated the administration, along with city, is in full support of inclusion for all. He mentions all are invited to attend. Mr. Level informed the council, Chief Wallace, of Lawrence Fire Department, announced there will be 2 new recruit graduates joining The Lawrence Fire Department. Also from the Streets Department, Jim Heneghan, informed the administration that sidewalk replacement and wheelchair ramps installations were currently taking place on Otis Avenue. Also, along German Church and Carroll Road there will be some temporary street patching. The City of Lawrence is currently working with the City of Indianapolis, DPW on a total street re-pavement to take place when the CCMG grant money is awarded to the city. Also, this Thursday 6/7/2024 is the start of the Fort Ben Farmers Market. Which will take place every Thursday until October.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITIZENS: J.D. Masur, 6230 Carrington Drive, announced Councilor Masur will soon be certified as a Master Naturalist.

Daniel Rapp, 5718 Wallingwood Drive, is concerned about transparency regarding Proposal No. 8, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m., by Vice-President Freeman.

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.