

CITY OF LAWRENCE
Common Council
April 1, 2024
Regular Meeting

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

MEMBERS BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: Zach Cramer

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO, BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

ALSO PRESENT: Leatrice Adkisson, Scott Krapf, Jaye Miller, Michael Allen, Dan Rapp

STAFF PRESENT: LeAndre Level, Humphrey Nagila

STAFF BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

Council President Betty Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:33 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.

Councilor Krone, Chairperson of the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee, gave the full council an update on the ratification of contracts. These contracts were reviewed and discussed at the April 1st Finance Committee meeting. She stated the committee agreed on favorable recommendations on 3 of the 4 contracts presented to the committee. Councilor Chavis moved a motion to approve the first contract, Krieg Devault for Legal Services. Councilor Krone, 2nd motion. Roll call vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously. The second contract, Krieg Devault for lobbying services, was motion for ratification by Councilor Jennings. Motion was 2nd by Councilor Chavis. Roll call vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously. Councilor Chavis also stated all contracts will have language added to state the amount will not exceed the approved budgeted amount. Councilor Chavis moved a motion to approve the third contract, Catalyst. Motion was 2nd by Councilor Jennings. Roll call vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously. Councilor Chavis made a motion to ratify the fourth contract to be paid, Post Road Development. Councilor Krone, 2nd motion. Roll call vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS OR RESOLUTIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Regular Meeting 3-20-2024

Councilor Giles motioned to approve the minutes. Councilor Krone 2nd the motion. Roll call was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS 4-01-2024: Councilor Jennings moved to approve Payroll Claims for \$1,233,633.48 [March 15, 2024, payroll] and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for \$977,384.30]. Councilor Freeman seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Motion was carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Proposal No. 1, 2024 – An Ordinance of The Common Council of The City of Lawrence, Indiana Amending Title 1, Article 1, Chapter 2, Section 12 of The Municipal Code Regarding Common Council Approval on Expenditures of Professional Service Contracts.

Councilor Krone, Chairperson of the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee, gave the full council an update on Proposal No. 1, 2024 that was reviewed and discussed at the April 1st committee meeting. Councilor Krone stated the committee made a favorable recommendation, to full council, to approve Proposal No. 1, 2024. Councilor Chavis moved a motion to waive the 30-day requirement between 1st and 2nd reading. Councilor Jennings 2nd the motion. Roll call was taken. Motion carried unanimously. Councilor Chavis moved a motion to approve Proposal No. 1, 2024. Councilor Giles 2nd the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: Resolution No 2, 2024 - A Special Resolution of The Common Council of The City of Lawrence Honoring Senator Jean Breaux. Councilor Chavis moved a motion to approve Resolution No. 2, 2024. Councilor Freeman, 2nd motion. Roll call vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

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. Madame President stated on behalf of the council, Proposal No. 2, 2024 will be referred to the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee for consideration and recommendations.

COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION: Deputy Chief of Staff, LeAndre Level announced the administration comments as follows:

- **Spring Fling** – Thank you for attending last Saturday at the Lawrence Community Park. YMCA, Kiwanis Club, Moo & Lous, staff, and other volunteers. Over 475 kids registered participated and had over 8,000 eggs, prizes, and giveaways.
- Earlier today, Mayor Whitfield swore in 8 new Merit Officers and 4 new reserve Officers; and an additional 1 new appointment of Rever Office Corey Miller to Reserve Captain.
- **Total Eclipse** – April 8th – **Headliner, Queen Delphine & The Crown Jewels**, join us at Lawrence Community Park on April 8, from 12 pm to 6 pm, as we bring you an afternoon of food, live music, and family-friendly activities under the total solar eclipse. Admission for this event is FREE! The Lawrence Chamber has provided the public with a limited number of free solar glasses to the public on the day of the Eclipse.

Senator Jean Breaux: **April 5th**

- Lying-in-State Indiana Statehouse,
- Rotunda 200 West Washington Street Indianapolis In 46204.
- The Public viewing will be from 4:00-7:00 PM. The official program will be from 5:00 -6:00 PM.

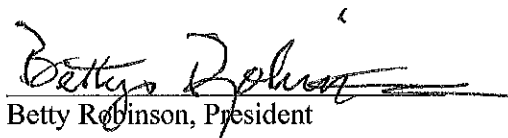
April 6th

The Celebration of Life will be at:

- Mount Carmel Baptist Church
- 9610 E 42nd Street Indianapolis IN 46235
- Viewing 9:00-11:00 AM Services at 11:00 AM

COMMENTS FROM THE CITIZENS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 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.

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