

**CITY OF LAWRENCE
Common Council
August 21, 2024
Regular Meeting**

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

MEMBERS BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: Lisa Chavis

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO, BY MICROSOFT TEAMS:

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

STAFF PRESENT: Jami Weirich, Humphrey Nagali, and Eric Martin

STAFF BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: Chris Wilburn and Renea Rafala

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

The pledge of allegiance was administered, followed by a prayer given by Council President Betty Robinson.

President 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: Resolution No. 6, 2024 - A Special Resolution Of The Common Council Of The City Of Lawrence Honoring Olympic Champion Cole Hocker.

Resolution No. 6, 2024 was read in its entirety. Councilor Chavis motioned to adopt Resolution No. 6, 2024. Councilor Jennings 2nd the motion. Roll call was taken, and motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES REGULAR MEETING 7-17-2024

Councilor Cramer made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilor Freeman 2nd the motion. Roll call was taken, and motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS 8-5-2024: Councilor Jennings made the motion to approve Payroll Claims for \$1,173,836.18 [July 30, 2024, payroll] and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for \$3,185,506.03]. Councilor Krone 2nd the motion. Roll call vote was taken, and motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: Councilor Krone gave an update on Proposal No. 11, 2024, which is currently in the Code and Rules Committee. Chairwomen and the full committee have tabled this proposal until the next committee meeting, September 3, 2024, at 5:30.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Proposal No. 11, 2024 - An Ordinance Adopting And Enacting A Seventeenth Supplement To The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Lawrence, Indiana.

Proposal No. 11, 2024 was read in the record. President Robinson announced that this proposal was introduced at the July 17th, 2024, council meeting and is currently being considered by the Code and Rules Committee. She also mentioned the Code and Rules Committee met on this day and has decided to table this ordinance until their meeting. President Robinson stated no action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS: Clarification from Lawrence City Controller, Humphrey Nagila on a recent newspaper article regarding The City of Lawrence's finances.


Humphrey Nagila, City Controller clarified misinformation recently printed in a local newspaper article regarding The City of Lawrence's finances. Mr. Nagila provided answers to the councilor's questions.

COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION: Jami Weirich, Director of Communications and City Events, announced the asphalt at Lee Road Park was completed this week. The city is also doing a movie with Heartland Film Festival, Starry Nights at The Fort, August 27th. At the Cultural Campus at 7:00 pm, starring Breakfast at Tiffany's. She also announced the partnership with Skatepark Respect.org and the city will be hosting an event called, Spray and Skate. On September 8th, at Lawrence Park from 10 - 4:00p.m. Come to help paint a mural and clean the park. She also mentioned Safety Day, August 24th, at Fire station #40 at 59th and Lee Road, from 10 – 2:00 p.m. On September 14th Bar-b-que & Blues, at Cultural Campas, from 12 – 6:00 p.m., September 12th, Lagers and Lawrence, at the Cultural Campas, from 2 – 6:00 p.m. and Latino Day, September 21st at the Cultural Camps, from 10 – 2:00 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITIZENS: J.D. Masur, 6203 Carrington Drive. He gave thanks to Eric Martin for the request for not spraying chemicals at the city's dog park. He also suggested a link to be provided to view dialogue from council meetings.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilors Cramer moved motion for adjournment. Councilor Jennings 2nd the motion. There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 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.