

**CITY OF LAWRENCE
Common Council
November 4, 2024
Regular Meeting**

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

MEMBERS BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilor Tyrrell Giles

ALSO, BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: WRTV

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

STAFF PRESENT: Jami Weirich, Humphrey Nagila and LeAndre Level

STAFF BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: Chief Bigsbee, Chris Wilburn and Paul Wanner

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 at the back of the room along with a sign-up sheet for comments from the citizens.

COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS: Councilor Freeman asked why her statement was not included in the minutes from our Special Meeting on November 1, 2024. It was stated by Clerk Adkisson, the minutes from this meeting, mentions Councilor Freeman voted (nay) for the unfavorable motion for the amended Proposal No. 14, 2024, which was moved by Councilor Chavis and 2nd by Councilor Masur. Clerk Adkisson also stated to Councilor Freeman, her statement will be added once it's submitted to the clerk and for future reference to submit any written statement to the clerk to be included in the minutes.

Councilor Wells read a statement expressing his apologies to the City's Employees for not receiving a pay increase for the year 2025 and other matters (statement attached).

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS OR RESOLUTIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES REGULAR MEETING 10-16-2024

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING 11-1-2024

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

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS 11-4-2024: Councilor Jennings made the motion to approve Payroll Claims for \$1,016,849.33 [October 15, 2024, payroll] and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for \$1,054,921.79]. Councilor Chavis 2nd the motion. Councilor Masur had questions regarding the vouchers. Controller Humphrey and was able to provide answers. The motion carried with 7 (ayes) Councilors, Chavis, Cramer, Robinson, Jennings, Freeman, Krone and Masur. 1 (nay) Councilor Wells.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Proposal No. 15, 2024 - Additional Appropriation Ordinance For The Year 2024. **Advertised Public Hearing.**

This proposal was read in the record and President Robinson announced the Advertised Public Hearing regarding Proposal No. 15, 2024 was no open for public comments.

Mr. Daniel Rapp, 5718 Wallingwood Drive. Mr. Rapp wants to know where the money will come from if this proposal is approved. The City Controller answered Mr. Rapp's question, stating the money will come from the General Fund. The Controller also stated the additional appropriation is to cover the trash removals \$237,500 shortfall that occurred in the first 8 months of 2024. It's also needed for the post-employment shortfall, due to a higher number of Public Safety Officers retiring. This budget currently has a shortfall of \$100,000. Another \$100,000 is included in the appropriation in anticipation of any additional retirements before the end of the year.

Councilor Jennings moved a motion to approve Proposal No. 15, 2024. Councilor Chavis 2nd the motion. 7 (ayes) Councilors Chavis, Cramer, Robinson, Jennings, Freeman, Krone, and Masur. 1 (abstention) Councilor Wells.

NEW BUSINESS: Proposal No. 17, 2024 - An Ordinance Of The Common Council Of The City Of Lawrence, Indiana Amending The Lawrence Municipal Code To Establish A Restricted Parking Zone And Designate Harrison Park Court As A No Parking Anytime Street.

The proposal was read in the record. President Robinson announced on behalf of the council she will refer Proposal No.17, 2024 to the Code and Rules Committee for consideration.

Proposal No. 18, 2024 - An Ordinance Of The Common Council Of The City Of Lawrence, Indiana Amending The Lawrence Municipal Code To Establish All-Way Stop Intersections At Briarhill Drive And Bent Oak Lane And Bent Oak Court, And Bent Oak Lane And Briarhill Lane.

The proposal was read in the record. President Robinson announced on behalf of the council she will refer Proposal No.18, 2024 to the Code and Rules Committee for consideration.

President Robinson announced the 2 zoning matters, listed below has be continued to and will be heard at the next Common Council Meeting on November 20th.

24-ZON-02


24-ZON-03


COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION: Deputy Chief of Staff, LeAndre Level, gave a few updates regarding the Public Assembly Room. In the coming weeks construction will take place, and it should not interfere with the council business. He also mentioned the Winter Market starts on Thursday, November 7th, from 4 pm to 7pm, at Lawrence Community Park Center. This event will have more than 20 vendors. On November 21st, from 10am to 1pm, Sprouts Winter Market (young entrepreneurs ages 5 – 17) will take place at the Lawrence Community Center. We currently have 18 registered vendors. Also, on November 16th, from 12pm to 6pm, the Lady Skate Squad will be hosting a Remember November skateboard contest at Lawrence Community Skate Park. This event is open to everyone. There will be live music and food trucks. This attention has not only brought more people out, but it has helped to keep the park clean. The skating community has really stepped up to take care of it. Finally, on Thursday, November 21st from 11am to 1pm, there will be a Thanksgiving Celebration for the Seniors and Veterans of Lawrence. This event will be held at the Lawrence Community Park Community Center, hosted by the City of Lawrence.

Councilor Chavis asked before citizens comments, she would like to ask for an update on the September Monthly Budget Report. The Controller informed the councilors it wasn't available, but it should be published on Wednesday, November 5th.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITIZENS: None

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 6:59 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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