

CITY OF LAWRENCE

Common Council

April 15, 2024

Special Meeting

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

MEMBERS BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO, BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: Alex Bailey, Chief Curtis Bigsbee

ALSO PRESENT: Leatrice Adkisson, Michael Allen

STAFF PRESENT: LeAndre Level, Humphrey Nagil

STAFF BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

Council President Betty Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

The pledge of allegiance was administered, following by a prayer given by Councilor Freeman.

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.

RATIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS – Chief Deputy of Staff LeAndre Level announced to the council there are 4 contracts that will be presented to the council in the future, for consideration. He also stated the Bondry contract has been submitted for payment. He also mentioned, the Sondhi Solutions contract, which is the IT services, was month to month. The agreement is now for a year's contract, which has been budgeted for this year. President Robinson stated on behalf of the council they will refer these contracts to the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee for consideration and recommendation.

COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS OR RESOLUTIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Presentation from Dennis Ottan of Bose McKinny and Evans, 111 Monument Circle, Ste #2600, Indianapolis, Indiana.

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 into the record by the clerk.

President Robinson stated on behalf of the council Proposal No. 3, 2024 will be referred to the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee for consideration and recommendation.

Proposal No. 4, 2024 – Appropriation Ordinance City of Lawrence, Indiana (General Obligation Refunding and Improvement Bonds). This proposal was read into the record by the clerk. President Robinson stated on behalf of the council Proposal No. 4, 2024 will be referred to the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee for consideration and recommendation.

COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION: Mr. Level announced the administration hoped to see the full council as well as the clerk at Mayor Whitfield's 1st State of the City. It's being hosted by Lawrence Central High School, on Tuesday, April 16th at 5:30. Mr. Level stated the mayor would like for the council to participate in the program during the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Level also thanked everyone that came out to support the city during the viewing of the Solar Eclipse. He also gave a special thanks to Councilor Jennings for deejaying the event.

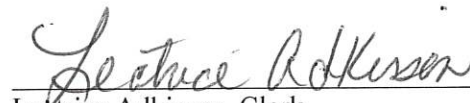
COMMENTS FROM THE CITIZENS: Danial Rapp, 5718 Wallingwood Dr., Lawrence, IN. Mr. Rapp stated he would like more transparency to be shown in the City Government of Lawrence, IN.

Charles Knapp, 5728 Wallingwood Drive, Lawrence, IN. Mr. Knapp stated he has concerns with property taxes increases. He also would like to know if there are exemptions for elderly/seniors on property taxes if there is an increase.

Councilor Cramer moved for adjournment. Councilor Wells 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 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.