

CITY OF LAWRENCE

Common Council

April 17, 2024

Regular Meeting

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

MEMBERS BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rick Wells

ALSO, BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

ALSO PRESENT: Leatrice Adkisson

STAFF PRESENT: LeAndre Level, Humphrey Nagila

STAFF BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: Amber Riley

Council President Betty Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

The pledge of allegiance was administered, followed by a prayer given by Councilor Robinson.

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. She stated the committee gave favorable recommendations for the 4 contracts to be moved to the full council to be voted on for payment. The 4 contracts are as follows:

1. Robert W. Baird and Company – Councilor Jennings moved motion to approve payment. Councilor Cramer 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Sondhi Solutions – Councilor Chavis moved the motion to approve payment. Councilor Jennings 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Bose McKinney and Evans – Councilor Giles moved the motion to approve payment. Councilor Chavis 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Bondry Consulting – Councilor Chavis moved the motion to approve payment. Councilor Jennings 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS OR RESOLUTIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Regular Meeting 4-1-2024

Councilor Masur motioned to approve the minutes. Councilor Freeman 2nd the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS 4-17-2024: Councilor Chavis moved to approve Payroll Claims for \$1,031,061.24 [March 31, 2024, payroll] and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for \$1,107,791.17]. Councilor Jennings 2nd the motion. Motion was carried unanimously.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: Councilor Krone, Chairperson of the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee, stated proposals #3 and 4 were tabled. These proposals will be further discussed in future Administration, Budget and Finance Committee meetings. She also stated, the committee gave a favorable recommendation for proposal #2 to the full council. President Robinson announced there will be no action taken on proposal #2 tonight. She mentions there's a public hearing scheduled May 6th, 2024, regarding this proposal and action should take place at the Common Council regular meeting on May 6th.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: 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 in the record. President Robinson announced this proposal will be sent to the full council and for the public hearing scheduled on May 6th, 2024.

Proposal No. 4, 2024 – Proposal No. 4, 2024 – Appropriation Ordinance City of Lawrence, Indiana (General Obligation Refunding and Improvement Bonds). This proposal was read in the record. President Robinson announced this proposal will be sent to the full council and for the public hearing scheduled on May 6th, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS: Proposal No 5, 2024 – A Resolution to Approve the City of Lawrence’s 2024 ARP Fund Plan. This proposal was read in the record. Mr. Level, announced to the council, there was an error found and a revision made to this proposal. This revision was addressed by the administration for the record. President Robinson, stated this proposal will be referred to the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee for the May 6th meeting for recommendation and consideration.

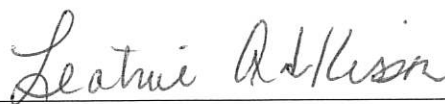
COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION: Deputy Chief of Staff, LeAndre Level, gave thanks to the Councilors who attended the Mayor’s State of The City yesterday at Lawrence Central. He included , the public got to hear the mayor’s vision of the City and looks forward to working with the Council to achieve them. He also mentioned that next month on May 11th is the Annual Fiesta Lawrence at Civic Plaza from 12pm – 4PM. There will be a variety of cultural food trucks, entertainment and activities.

Oscar Guterrez, of Bondry Consulting, offered a recap on Proposal’s #3 and 4 (GO Bonds & GO Bond Appropriation). He proceeded to answer questions that Councilors Jennings and Cramer had for him.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITIZENS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 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.