

**CITY OF LAWRENCE
Common Council
November 20, 2024
Regular Meeting**

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

MEMBERS BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO, BY MICROSOFT TEAMS:

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Adkisson, Michael Allen, Frost Brown Todd

STAFF PRESENT: Jami Weirich, Humphrey Nagila and LeAndre Level

STAFF BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

President Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:31 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 warned the public of the new safety signs in the city. The "No Turn on Red", "No U-Turn" and "Authorized Vehicles Only".

Councilor Wells gave sincere sympathy and speedy recovery to the City of Lawrence's longest employed, Ronnie Taylor.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS OR RESOLUTIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES REGULAR MEETING 11-04-2024

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

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS 11-20-2024: Councilor Chavis made the motion to approve Payroll Claims for \$1,094,030.76 [October 30, 2024, payroll] and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for \$247,882.33]. Councilor Freeman 2nd the motion. Councilor Masur had questions regarding the amendment to the vouchers, as well as Councilor Chavis who had specific questions regarding payment to Frost Brown Todd. Controller Humphrey provided answers to both Councilors. A roll call vote was given, the motion carried with 8 (ayes) Councilors, Chavis, Cramer, Robinson, Jennings, Freeman, Krone, Giles and Masur. 1 (nay) Councilor Wells.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: Councilor Krone gave a report from the Code and Rules Committee. Councilor Krone stated until more research is provided, the committee gave a "No" recommendation on 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.

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. Councilor Krone reported, this proposal was given a favorable recommendation by the Code and Rules Committee.

Proposal 19, 2024 -An Ordinance Of The Common Council Of The City Of Lawrence, Indiana Amending Ordinance No. 7, 2024 Regarding Stop And Yield Intersections. It was also reported, this proposal was given a favorable recommendation by the Code and Rules Committee.

UNFINISHED 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.

This proposal, No. 17, 2024 was read in the record by the City Clerk. President Robinson stated this proposal was introduced at the November 4th, 2024 council meeting and was sent to the Code and Rules Committee for consideration. She also mentioned it was reported, by the Chairperson of this committee, this proposal was given a "No" recommendation, due to lack of information. President Robinson referred this proposal back to the Code and Rules Committee for consideration with additional information provided.

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.

This proposal, No. 18, 2024 was read in the record by the City Clerk. President Robinson stated this proposal was introduced at the November 4th, 2024 council meeting and was sent to the Code and Rules Committee for consideration. She also mentioned it was reported, by the Chairperson of this committee, this proposal was given a "favorable" recommendation. President Robinson asked for a motion. Motion was moved by Councilor Chavis. Motion was 2nd by Councilor Jennings. Motion moved unanimously.

Proposal 19, 2024 -An Ordinance Of The Common Council Of The City Of Lawrence, Indiana Amending Ordinance No. 7, 2024 Regarding Stop And Yield Intersections.

This proposal, No. 19, 2024 was read in the record by the City Clerk. President Robinson stated this proposal was introduced at the November 4th, 2024 council meeting and was sent to the Code and Rules Committee for consideration. She also mentioned it was reported, by the Chairperson of this committee, this proposal was given a “favorable” recommendation. President Robinson asked for a motion. Motion was moved by Councilor Chavis. Motion was 2nd by Councilor Cramer. Motion moved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: Re-zoning – 24-ZON-01 (Has yet to be advertised). Public hearing for this re-zoning docket number has yet to be held. President Robinson announced this item has yet to be advertised and therefore will not be heard this evening.

Re-zoning – 24-ZON-02 (Advertised Public Hearing). 8005 / 8045 Oaklandon Road & 12102 E. 79th Street (Partial), Lawrence, Indiana 46236.

The petition number and address were read on the record by the City Clerk. President Robinson stated, anyone wishing to speak to stand and raise your right hand to be sworn and affirmed their testimony is truthful and the public hearing was opened to all who wished to speak. It was asked for all that are in favor to please approach the podium. Attorney Russell Brown, Clark, Quinn, Moses, Scott, & Grahn, LLP. Mr. Brown, who represents the petitioner, Marc E. Duerden, provided a presentation to the council and to all who were in attendance as to why approving this re-zoning variance would not have a negative impact on the community.

After Mr. Brown’s presentation it was then asked by President Robinson, for all of those who oppose to approach the podium. Several residents spoke as to why approving this variance would negatively affect their community and their right to peace in their homes. Attached are the names and addresses of the people that asked the councilors not to approve 24-ZON-02.

The public hearing was closed after a final opportunity was given for the public to speak. President Robinson asked if there’s a motion. Councilor Chavis moved a motion not to approve 24-ZON-02. Councilor Masur 2nd the motion. Vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously. 24-ZON-02 did not pass.

Re-zoning – 24-ZON-03 (Advertised Public Hearing). 12102 E. 79th Street (Partial), 12104 E. 79th Street, Lawrence, Indiana 46236.

The petition number and address were read on the record by the City Clerk. President Robinson stated, anyone wishing to speak to stand and raise your right hand to be sworn and affirmed their testimony is truthful and the public hearing was opened to all who wished to speak. It was asked for all that are in favor to please approach the podium. Attorney Russell Brown, Clark, Quinn, Moses, Scott, & Grahn, LLP. Mr. Brown, who represents the petitioner, David and Joanna Sweet, provided a presentation to the council and to all who were in attendance as to why approving this re-zoning will be great for the city. Several residents also spoke as to why approving this 24-ZON-03 would be great for their community.

After Mr. Brown's presentation and all of those that spoke why they're in favor of 24-ZON-03 it was then asked by President Robinson, for all of those who oppose to approach the podium. No one approached the podium. There was no one in attendance that was opposed.

The public hearing was closed after a final opportunity was given for the public to speak. President Robinson asked if there's a motion. Councilor Chavis moved a motion to approve 24-ZON-03. Councilor Cramer 2nd the motion. Vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously. 24-ZON-03 passed.


Resolution No. 12, 2024 – A Resolution Of The Common Council Of The City Of Lawrence, Indiana Approving A Professional Services Contract For Legal Services By Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP.

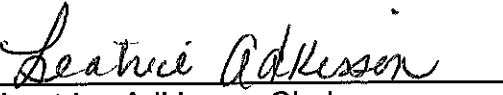
Resolution No. 12, 2024 was read in the record. President Robinson asked, any questions or comments. There were none. She also asked for a motion. Councilor Krone moved to approve. Councilor Jennings 2nd. Roll call vote was given, 8 (aye) Councilors Giles, Wells, Cramer, Robinson, Jennings, Freeman, Krone and Masur. 1 (abstain) Councilor Chavis.

COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION: Deputy Chief, Mr. Level, gave notice to the councilors the new voting system upgrades taking place in the Public Assembly Room. He also stated all streaming will now take place on YouTube only. Mr. Level gave an update from Police Chief Bigsbee. There will be a food giveaway at Lawrence Community Center on November 25th, 3pm to 5pm. The First Winter Sprouse Market, ages 5-17, was a great success. The next Sprouse Market is December 7th, 10am to 1pm at Lawrence Community Center. On November 21st the city will host its first Thanksgiving dinner gathering honoring Seniors and Veterans in our community, from 11am to 11pm. There will be a full Thanksgiving meal provided. Also on November 21st, from 4pm to 7pm is the 2nd Fort Ben Winter Market, at the same location. November 30th, kicks off A Lawrence in Winter Fest. There will be ice skating, and a hot chocolate chalet, which will be open from 2pm to 7pm. Along with a parade and variety of shows, also the Christmas tree lighting.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITIZENS: Mr. Daniel Rapp, 5718 Wallingwood Drive, Lawrence, Indiana. Asked why a previous meeting has not been posted on the city's website.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilors Cramer moved motion for adjournment. Councilor Krone 2nd the motion. There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 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.