

**Common Council
City of Lawrence
January 15, 2020
Regular Meeting**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Members Lisa Chavis, Tom Shevlot, William Tyrrell Giles, Sherron Freeman, Rick Wells, Shawn Denney, Maria Rusomaroff, Lauren Russel and Deborah Whitfield were present

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Kathleen Walton and Attorney Kristina Wheeler (Bose McKinney & Evans LLP)

STAFF PRESENT: Police Chief Hofmann was present.

Council President Lisa Chavis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and announced a quorum was present.

COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS: Councilor Freeman requested an update on the status of 2 recent approved (by the Lawrence Common Council) re-zonings. (2019-ZON-067, 6025 Sunnyside Road; 2019-ZON-111, 10410 E. 52nd Street) Specifically, whether the storage units approved under the first re-zoning are still on track for construction in the Spring. In case of the second re-zoning, she asked about the results of the appeal that was heard today. She also asked about an inquiry she had made to the council attorney concerning ideas for the beautification of Lawrence. She also sought support for painting appropriate curbs the color yellow in Watson Farms and for the replacement of old street signs with the new, blue street signs. She went on to request measures to eliminate speeding on Twyckenham Drive. Councilor Denney noted that several Lawrence businesses and the Lawrence Township Trustee provided support to victims of an apartment fire at 46th Street and Arlington Avenue. Councilor Shevlot responded to a question posed by Councilor Freeman concerning the zoning appeal of 2019-ZON-111. He reported that DMD granted final approval by a vote of 5-3. Additionally, he reported that DMD approved 2019-ZON-77 (5104 N. Franklin Road) by a vote of 9-0. Councilor Wells reported a posting on the City website that the crime watch director has been promoted. He wondered whether anyone has replaced her. He noted that crime watch groups in the Brookhaven and Harrison Park neighborhoods have recently dissolved. He wondered whether steps are being taken to replace them.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS: Councilor Freeman moved to approve Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for \$1,543,870.30]. The motion was seconded by Councilor Giles. By a show of hands, the motion to approve the vouchers carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Proposal No. 1, 2020, adopting and enacting a thirteenth supplement to the code of ordinances of the City of Lawrence, Indiana, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis moved to suspend the rules and adopt on first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilor Shevlot and carried by a unanimous vote of the council. Councilor Giles moved to adopt Proposal No. 1, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilor Denney and carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

Resolution No. 2, 2020, concerning retention of Bose McKinney & Evans LLP as legal counsel, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Giles moved to adopt Resolution No. 2, 2020.

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The motion was seconded by Councilor Whitfield and carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned, at 6:40 p.m., by the unanimous vote of the Council.

Lisa Chavis, President

Kathleen A. Walton, Clerk