

CITY OF LAWRENCE
Common Council
May 4, 2020
Regular Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Member Lisa Chavis

BY ZOOM: Councilors Tom Shevlot, William Tyrrell Giles, Sherron Freeman, Shawn Denney, Maria Rusomaroff, Lauren Russel, Deborah Whitfield and Attorney Kristina Wheeler (Bose McKinney & Evans LLP)

BY TELEPHONE: Police Chief Hofmann

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Kathleen Walton and Lawrence Township Trustee Steve Talley

STAFF PRESENT: Mayor Collier, Fire Chief Batalis, Deputy Fire Chief Wallace, Battalion Fire Chief Griffin, Public Information Officer Beyer and Director of Engineering Venugopalan were present.

ALSO PRESENT BY ZOOM: Leslie Malichi (Community Cupboard of Lawrence) and Brad Klopflenstein (Greater Lawrence Chamber of Commerce)

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

There was a presentation by Leslie Malichi: Community Cupboard of Lawrence

There was a presentation by Brad Klopflenstein: Greater Lawrence Chamber of Commerce

There was a presentation by Lawrence Township Trustee Steve Talley.

COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS: Councilor Freeman thanked DPW for filling in the potholes along 56th Street and inside Kensington Farms. She went on to report that the July 4th events for 2020 have been cancelled. She concluded by asking about whether the weekly farmers market has been cancelled for 2020. Councilor Denney acknowledged that this week is Teacher Appreciation Week. He also highlighted efforts by the Local Initiative Support Corporation to provide 5,000 grants to businesses in Marion County owned by minorities, immigrants and women that employ less than 10 persons. Councilor Whitfield reminded everyone that May is Mental Health Awareness month.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilor Giles moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on April 6, 2020 and special meeting on April 15, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilor Russel. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS 4-15-20: Councilor Shevlot moved to approve Payroll Claims for \$918,972.43 [March 30, 2020} payroll] and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for \$540,391.22]. The motion was seconded by Councilor Denney. By a roll call vote, the motion to approve the vouchers carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS 5-4-20: Councilor Shevlot moved to approve Payroll Claims for \$920,125.37 [April 15, 2020} payroll] and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for

\$664,887.02]. The motion was seconded by Councilor Denney. By a roll call vote, the motion to approve the vouchers carried unanimously.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Proposal No. 4, 2020, amending the Lawrence Municipal Code to establish no parking zones along Otis Avenue and Wheeler Road for the Indy Go Purple Line, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 4, 2020 to the Code Committee. They will meet on May 20, 2020 at 5:45pm.

Proposal No. 5, 2020, amending civil salary ordinance in the event of a public emergency declaration, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Whitfield moved to suspend the rules and adopt on first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilor Freeman. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Councilor Whitfield moved to adopt Proposal No. 5, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilor Freeman. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS: Mayor Collier provided an update on the COVID-19 pandemic events of the past 6 to 8 weeks:

- May 18, 2020 is the new projected start date for the re-opening of City offices. At that time, necessary precautions will be in place. He emphasized the difficulty in predicting the correct time to reopen. Time lines are subject to weekly re-evaluation.
- In recent days, the City of Lawrence has been awarded a one million dollar matching figure for a Community Crossing Grant.
- The April 21, 2020 Salute to Healthcare Professionals Parade at Community Hospital North came together in only 3 hours.
- City of Lawrence was also visited by Indiana Air National Guard A-10 Warthogs aircraft during a flyover on Saturday afternoon May 2, 2020.
- During the current-remote work protocols, the City of Lawrence has been targeted by scammers. Our Sondhi Solutions partners have shut down at least 15 attempts to hack into our systems.
- We have been able to continue to fill in potholes throughout the City of Lawrence.
- We have also continued our planning for the remodeling of the Government Center.
- Most summer events within the City of Lawrence have been cancelled.
- Planning continues for the replacement of Fire Station #38.
- The Mayor concluded by saying that he has been impressed by the dedication of people in helping each other during this ongoing COVID-19 crisis.

Council President Chavis noted that Councilor Rusomaroff represented the Common Council at the April 21, 2020 Salute to Healthcare Professionals at Community North Hospital.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: None

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ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m., by the unanimous vote of the Council.

Lisa Chavis, President

Kathleen A. Walton, Clerk

These minutes are not intended to be verbatim. They are a summary of discussions held, with the exception of the motions. An audiotape is made which provides a detailed record.