Common Council

**City of Lawrence**

**May 16, 2018**

**Regular Meeting**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Members Lisa Chavis, Joe Williams, Sherron Freeman, Tom Shevlot, William Tyrrell Giles, Bob Jones and Rick Wells were present

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

STAFF PRESENT: Controller/Deputy Mayor Fenwick 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 Giles recognized DPW for their hard work on pot holes. Councilor Williams discussed a persistent drainage issue affecting the flow of water and other debris from Hancock County into the City of Lawrence. This is a particular problem for the Liscomb family and their neighbors at the corner of 65th Street and Carroll Road. Councilor Williams renewed his call for paving dates for German Church Road. Councilor Williams gave an update on the need for pedestrian walkways near 56th Street and German Church Road. He once again raised the question about whether a Community Crossing Grant can be used to increase accessibility of residents northward toward Walmart and Kroger. He also sought clarity about the need to ensure that trash does not accumulate in open spaces such as the area of Pendleton Pike and Sunny Side Road. He then reported damage to the sidewalk at 6262 White Rabbit Lane on top of a water line. Councilor Freeman expressed interest in learning if the Tim Horton’s Café scheduled within the City of Lawrence will do so now that the only other franchise has already closed after only 4 months on Rockville Road. Councilor Freeman said Discount Tire is being built right next door to the Speedway gas station at Pendleton Pike and Mitthoefer Road. Councilor Freeman, supported by Councilor Giles expressed concern about graffiti appearing at the Marsh building on Franklin Road and wondered what could be done to strengthen enforcement provisions in the existing ordinance. Councilor Wells sought information about the future of the Marsh property, saying that nearby residents have expressed interest in having another grocery store at that location. He then reminded everyone that the Common Council used to present a citizen’s award to deserving individuals. He believes it is a good idea and expressed support for the idea of resuming that practice.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS: Councilor Wells moved to approve Payroll Claims for $844,255.72 [April 30, 2018 payroll] and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for $539,913.52]. The motion was seconded by Councilor Shevlot. By a show of hands, the motion to approve the vouchers carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Proposal No. 2, 2018, amending the Municipal Code of the City of Lawrence, Indiana to establish an all-way stop intersection at River Birch Lane and Elm Ridge Drive, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 2, 2018 to the Code Committee. The Code Committee will meet June 4, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS: None

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ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned, at 6:45 p.m., by the unanimous vote of the Council.

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Lisa Chavis. President Kathleen A. Walton, Clerk