CITY OF LAWRENCE

 **Common Council**

# June 4, 2018

**Regular Meeting**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Members Lisa Chavis, Elizabeth Wheeler, Joe Williams, Sherron Freeman, Tom Shevlot, Bob Jones, Rick Wells, and Becky Parker and were present.

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Kathleen Walton and Attorney Nikki Gray Shoultz (Bose McKinney & Evans LLP)

STAFF PRESENT: Mayor Collier, Controller/Deputy Mayor Fenwick, Corporation Counsel Johnson, Police Chief Hofmann, Deputy Police Chief Bigsbee, Fire Chief Batalis, Streets Director Lotts and Blue Star Banner Program Coordinator Rothenbush were present.

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

There was a Blue Star Banner presentation.

Aletha Dunston, Executive Director of the FHRA, gave an update to the Common Council. She distributed handouts to the Common Council (Lawrence Village Parcel Map and Cultural Campus Map).

Police Chief Hofmann and Fire Chief Batalis presented a certificate of appreciation to the owners of Miller Transportation.

COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS: Councilor Wheeler praised Lawrence EMS for helping a member of her congregation at the Church of the Nativity. Councilor Freeman thanked

Streets Director Lotts for the explanation that the roads in Kensington Farms Villas do not show up as registered lane miles plus there is no right–of-way. The HOA takes care of sealing the road, potholes and other issues that arise. Tolliston Lane has never been deeded over to the City of Lawrence. Councilor Freeman suggested having an Economic Round Table in the City of Lawrence with business owners to discuss concerns. She also questioned the FHRA on the Fortune Academy adding additional building space for a gym and they would be the overseer on the plans. As a follow up from last month’s meeting on May 16, 2018, Councilor Williams again requested updates about: paving dates for German Church Road, the need for pedestrian walkways near 56th Street and German Church Road, the bridges at 56th Street and German Church Road, update on the Community Crossing Grant, drainage issue at 65th Street and Carroll Road, the need to ensure that trash does not accumulate in open spaces such as the area of Pendleton Pike and Sunny Side Road and damage to the sidewalks at 6262 White Rabbit Lane and 12437 Rose Haven Drive on top of a water line. Councilor Williams asked who the code enforcement officer is for the City. Councilor Wells echoed Councilor Williams concerns about trash and code enforcement. He suggested using the prison and court system to pick up trash along thoroughfares.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilor Freeman moved to approve the minutes of the regular meetings on May 7, 2018 and May 16, 2018 and special meeting on April 25, 2018. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wells and carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

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APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS: Councilor Wheeler moved to approve Payroll Claims for $898,272.90 [May 15, 2018 payroll] and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for $935,161.93]. The motion was seconded by Councilor Parker. By a show of hands, the motion to approve the vouchers carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: Councilor Williams said the Code Committee met and recommended Proposal No. 2, 2018 remain in the Code Committee for further review by LPD and DPW.

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. Proposal No. 2, 2018 remains in the Code Committee.

NEW BUSINESS: Proposal No. 3, 2018, amending the Municipal Code of the City of Lawrence, Indiana to establish a preferential stop intersection at Indian Lake Boulevard South drive and Hidden Oak Lane, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 3, 2018 to the Code Committee.

Proposal No. 4, 2018, amending the Municipal Code of the City of Lawrence, Indiana to adopt a new chapter of Title 3, Article 3 to establish standards for the elimination of graffiti, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 4, 2018 to the Code Committee.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS: Mayor Collier addressed the Council and discussed:

* He distributed handouts to the Council: Lawrence Economic Development 2018 Prospectus – Projects and Initiatives, 4th of July flyer and A Citizens Guide to the State of the City.
* Purchasing a street sweeper and a MadVac from Best Equipment for picking up trash.
* The Moving Wall ceremony on Saturday, June 2, 2018

Mayor Collier responded to questions from the Council.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: The following citizen addressed the Council:

 Linda Moore, 4909 Leone Drive

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.

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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.