Common Council

**City of Lawrence**

**August 16, 2017**

**Regular Meeting**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Members Lisa Chavis, Sherron Freeman, Bob Jones, Elizabeth Wheeler, Rick Wells, Tom Shevlot and Greg Allen were present

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

STAFF PRESENT: Controller/Deputy Mayor Fenwick, Deputy Controller Streeter, Corporation Counsel Johnson, Police Chief Hofmann and Fire Chief Batalis were present.

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

COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS: Councilors Freeman, Shevlot and Jones commented on the success of Community Safety Day on August 12, 2017. Councilors Freeman and Jones raised the issue of high grass and vegetation growing in open lots and other spaces within the City. They asked what could be done to enforce existing ordinances that prohibit such over growth. During that discussion, Councilor Freeman requested a copy of the list of 119 properties that she understands are being monitored by DPW for compliance with the ordinances. In a related matter, Councilors Shevlot and Jones sought clarification about schedules for the pick up and disposal of yard waste and leaves. To assist the shared understanding, they asked that the schedules for the pickup of heavy trash, yard waste, and leaves be placed on the City’s website and updated as necessary. Councilor Freeman thanked DPW for placing the 2 hour parking signs on Lawton Loop. She also reported that the Pet Mobile Clinic is scheduled to be at Kroger, 11101 Pendleton Pike, on September 3, 2017, October 1, 2017, November 5, 2017 and December 3, 2017 from 10am to 4pm. Councilor Shevlot thanked Streets and Solid Waste Director David Lotts for his assistance in aiding a constituent with a drainage problem. Councilor Wells also recognized Director Lotts for placing a 3 way stop at 48th Street and Shoen Drive.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS: Councilor Jones moved to approve Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for $380,350.55]. The motion was seconded by Councilor Allen. Following discussion, by a show of hands, the motion to approve the vouchers carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Proposal No. 13, 2017, amending the Municipal Code of the City of Lawrence, Indiana to establish an All-Way stop intersection at Briarhill Drive and Bent Oak Lane, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 13, 2017 to the Code Committee.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned, at 6:42 p.m., by the unanimous vote of the Council.

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Lisa Chavis. Vice-President Kathleen A. Walton, Clerk