CITY OF LAWRENCE

 **Common Council**

# September 5, 2017

**Regular Meeting**

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

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

STAFF PRESENT: Mayor Collier, Controller/Deputy Mayor Fenwick, Deputy Controller Streeter, Police Chief Hofmann, Deputy Police Chief Bigsbee, Park Superintendent Martin and Director of Crime Prevention Sokol were present.

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

Mayor Collier presented a proclamation to the Oaklandon STEM Club.

There was a presentation by the Oaklandon Kids Climate Club.

COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS: Councilor Freeman requested the City of Lawrence look into a bike depot for our parks. She also asked for an assessment of the financial impact of the City of Lawrence having to transport prisoners to Indianapolis after January 1, 2018. Councilor Freeman also expressed concerns about the graffiti that is appearing on utility boxes and the walls of the former Marsh Supermarket on Franklin Road. She also sought information about the cost of the Franklin Road project and the status of the design plans. She concluded by seeking clarity in understanding the City’s goals in expanding the TIF District. Councilor Jones praised Department of Public Work’s Bill Anthony for helping resolve issues. He also recognized various individuals from Oaklandon Elementary School to include Principal Jenny Sheets, Assistant Principal Kathy Prince Williams, Science teacher Laura Getz and teachers Brooklyn Patton and Karen Harvey who were involved in the project. Councilor Shevlot thanked Streets Director Lotts for helping with a drainage issue in his district. He mentioned the recent IBJ article that highlighted Lawrence’s financial conditions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilor Wheeler moved to approve the minutes of the regular meetings on August 7, 2017 and August 16, 2017. The motion was seconded by Councilor Freeman and carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS: Councilor Giles moved to approve Payroll Claims for $819,454.65 [August 15, 2017 payroll], payroll Claims for $855,646.90 [August 31, 2017 payroll] and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for $680,132.69]. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wheeler. By a show of hands, the motion to approve the vouchers carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: Councilor Wheeler said the Code Committee met and discussed Proposal No. 13, 2017. The Code Committee recommended a do pass for Proposal No. 13, 2017.

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UNFINISHED 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 read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Wheeler moved to adopt Proposal No. 13, 2017. The motion was seconded by Councilor Freeman. Following discussion, the motion carried by the following vote of the Council: Seven (7) aye votes and one (1) nay vote (Councilor Wells).

NEW BUSINESS: Councilor Williams said nominations for a member of the Utility Service Board were open for consideration. Councilor Giles nominated Tracy Boyd. Councilor Williams announced that, there being no further nominations, nominations were closed. Clerk Walton distributed paper ballots. The Clerk tallied the votes. Eight votes were cast, 8 votes for Tracy Boyd. Clerk Walton announced that Tracy Boyd was elected to the Utility Service Board.

Proposal No. 14, 2017, amending the Municipal Code of the City of Lawrence, Indiana regarding the removal of weeds and rank vegetation, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Williams assigned Proposal No. 14, 2017 to the Code Committee.

Resolution No. 7, 2017, concerning the reduction in carbon emissions and increasing energy efficiency and renewable energy use, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Shevlot moved to adopt Resolution No. 7, 2017. The motion was seconded by Councilor Jones and carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

Proposal No. 15, 2017, appropriations and tax rates for the 2018 budget year, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Williams assigned Proposal No. 15, 2017 to the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee.

Proposal No. 16, 2017, fixing salaries of appointed officers and employees of the City of Lawrence, Indiana, for the year 2018, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Williams assigned Proposal No. 16, 2017 to the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee.

Proposal No. 17, 2017, fixing salaries of appointed officers and employees of the Police Department and the Fire Department for the year 2018, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Williams assigned Proposal No. 17, 2017 to the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee.

Proposal No. 18, 2017, amending the Municipal Code of the City of Lawrence, Indiana regarding employee benefits and overtime, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Williams assigned Proposal No. 18, 2017 to the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee.

Proposal No. 19, 2017, transferring unused and unencumbered tax levy funds to the General Fund, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Williams assigned Proposal No. 19, 2017 to the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee.

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ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS: Controller Fenwick introduced the proposed 2018 budget by way of a video that highlighted the proposed 2018 budget. The Common Council was provided a 2018 proposed budget book and a citizen’s guide to the 2018 proposed budget. Controller Fenwick discussed the timeline for adopting the proposed 2018 budget.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m., by the unanimous vote of the Council.

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Joe Williams, 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.