CITY OF LAWRENCE

**Common Council**

# October 7, 2019

**Regular Meeting**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Members Lisa Chavis, Tom Shevlot, Bob Jones, William Tyrrell Giles, Sherron Freeman, Rick Wells, Becky Parker and Matt Hall were present.

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Kathleen Walton and Attorney Christina Bruno (Bose McKinney & Evans LLP)

STAFF PRESENT: Mayor Collier, Controller/Deputy Mayor Fenwick, Interim Corporation Counsel Hopper, Police Chief Hofmann, Fire Chief Batalis, Deputy Fire Chief Wallace, Utility Superintendent Salsbery and Director of Streets Heneghan were 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 Freeman thanked the Administration for the City clean up day on September 26, 2019. She also expressed appreciation for the clean up at

Spring Valley Cemetery on Post Road.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilor Parker moved to approve the minutes of the regular meetings on September 3, 2019 and September 18, 2019. The motion was seconded by Councilor Jones and carried by a unanimous vote of the Council. Councilor Jones moved to approve the minutes of the special meetings on September 3, 2019 and September 30, 2019. The motion was seconded by Councilor Giles and carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS: Councilor Freeman moved to approve Payroll Claims for $826,419.11 [September 15, 2019 payroll], Payroll Claims for $958,161.80 [September 30, 2019 payroll] and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for $2,513,245.85]. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hall. By a show of hands, the motion to approve the vouchers carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: Councilor Jones informed the Council that a Code Committee meeting was held tonight at 6:00 p.m. to consider Proposal No. 11, 2019. The Code Committee recommended a do pass for Proposal No. 11, 2019.

PUBLIC HEARING: Pursuant to advertising, Councilor Chavis opened the floor for the public hearing concerning Proposal No. 7, 2019. Councilor Chavis called for comment and testimony. There were no public comments. Thereupon, the public hearing was closed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Proposal No. 7, 2019, appropriations and tax rates for the 2020 budget year was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Controller Fenwick said there needs to be 10 days from the public hearing before adoption. The adoption of the 2020 budget is advertised for a special meeting on October 21, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Proposal No. 11, 2019, amending the Lawrence Municipal Code to establish an preferential street at Oakland Hills Court and Oakland Hills Drive, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Parker moved to adopt Proposal No. 11, 2019. The motion was seconded by Councilor Shevlot and carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

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NEW BUSINESS: Proposal No. 12, 2019, amending the Lawrence Municipal Code to establish a nonreverting fund to fund benefit payments for retiring employees, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 12, 2019 to the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee.

Proposal No. 13, 2019, amending the Lawrence Municipal Code to establish three all-way stop intersections in the North Woods subdivision, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 13 2019 to the Code Committee.

Proposal No. 14, 2019, establishing a new Internal Services Fund – Fund 703 – Garage Fund, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 14, 2019 to the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS: Mayor Collier reported that 64 volunteers participated in the clean up day on September 26, 2019 and that he plans to hold future clean up events twice a year.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 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.