

**Common Council
City of Lawrence
October 21, 2020
Regular Meeting**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilors Lisa Chavis, Tom Shevlot, William Tyrrell Giles, Sherron Freeman, Shawn Denney, Lauren Russel and Deborah Whitfield were present

BY ZOOM: Councilors Maria Rusomaroff and Rick Wells

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

STAFF PRESENT: Mayor Collier, CFO/Deputy Mayor Fenwick, Fire Chief Batalis, Director of Engineering Venugopalan and Utility Superintendent Salsbery 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 Shevlot recognized Director of Economic Development Zuerner for the thoroughness of the economic development update he provided. Councilor Rusomaroff expressed gratitude to Director of Streets Heneghan and Utility Superintendent Salsbery for addressing street lighting issues throughout the City of Lawrence. Councilor Denny asked the Administration for an estimate of when the street stripping on 44th and 45th streets and Franklin Road might be completed. Councilor Russel thanked Director of Engineering Venugopalan and the Street Department for their immediate response to a request from a constituent that she communicated recently. Councilor Wells thanked the Administration for paving streets in the old Lawrence, Harrison Park, and Samuel Records area. He reminded the Administration about his concerns about manholes sticking up at the intersection of 46th Street and Mitchner. He reported a 3-foot hole in the middle of the street at that location and called it a “dangerous situation”.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS: Councilor Freeman moved to approve Payroll Claims for \$948,784.74 [September 30, 2020] payroll] and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for \$1,419,233.35]. Councilor Whitfield seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion to approve the vouchers carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Proposal No. 8, 2020, appropriations and tax rates for the 2021 budget year, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Shevlot moved to accept Proposal No. 8, 2020 in place of the original proposal. The motion to amend Proposal No. 8, 2020 was seconded by Councilor Denney. By a roll call vote, the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Council. Councilor Shevlot moved to adopt amended Proposal No. 8, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilor Giles. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Proposal No. 12, 2020, electing to withdraw from the Marion County Storm Water Management District, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Shevlot moved to accept Proposal No. 12, 2020 in place of the original proposal. The motion to amend Proposal No. 12, 2020 was seconded by Councilor Russel. By a roll call vote, the motion carried by the following vote of the Council: Seven (7) aye votes and two (2) nay votes (Councilors Wells and Rusomaroff). Councilor Giles moved to adopt amended Proposal No. 12, 2020. The motion was seconded by

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Councilor Denney. By a roll call vote, the motion carried by the following vote of the Council: Seven (7) aye votes and two (2) nay votes (Councilors Wells and Rusomaroff).

NEW BUSINESS: Councilor Giles moved to accept the Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement for Brian Robertson. Councilor Chavis seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned, at 7:00 p.m., by the unanimous vote of the Council.

Lisa Chavis, President

Kathleen A. Walton, Clerk