Common Council

**City of Lawrence**

**November 20, 2019**

**Regular Meeting**

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

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Kathleen Walton and Attorney Jeffery Earl (Bose McKinney & Evans LLP)

STAFF PRESENT: Mayor Collier, Controller/Deputy Mayor Fenwick, Fire Chief Batalis and Battalion Chief Cox 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 Jones thanked Fire Chief Batalis, Police Chief Hofmann and Chaplain Keaton for attending the Timmy Takedown event at Incrediplex on November 28, 2019.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS: Councilor Freeman moved to approve Payroll Claims for $901,055.92 [October 31, 2019 payroll] and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for $687,968.02]. 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.

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

Proposal No. 14, 2019, establishing a new Internal Services Fund – Fund 703 – Garage Fund, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Controller Fenwick discussed Proposal No. 14, 2019. Councilor Giles moved to adopt Proposal No. 14, 2019. The motion was seconded by Councilor Chavis. By a show of hands, the motion to adopt Proposal No. 14, 2019 carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

Proposal No. 15, 2019, authorizing the issuance of the City of Lawrence, Indiana taxable economic development revenue bonds, and the lending of the proceeds thereof to Fort Living, LLC and authorizing and approving other actions in respect thereto, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis asked Aletha Dunston, Executive Director of the Fort Harrison Reuse Authority to give a brief over view of Proposal No. 15, 2019. Aletha Dunston and Ashley Bedell from City Scape Residential responded to questions from the Council. Following discussion, Councilor Giles moved to adopt Proposal No. 15, 2019. The motion was seconded by Councilor Freeman. By a show of hands, the motion to adopt Proposal No. 15, 2019 carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

NEW BUSINESS: Resolution No. 5, 2019, approving funding for the Lawrence United Methodist Church Youth Corps Program, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Hall moved to adopt Resolution No. 5, 2019. The motion was seconded by Councilor Freeman. Following discussion, by a show of hands, the motion to adopt Resolution No. 5, 2019 carried by

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the following vote of the Council: Five (5) aye votes and one (1) nay vote (Councilor Jones).

Resolution No. 6, 2019, approving funding for the Reset Center, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Freeman moved to adopt Resolution No. 6, 2019. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hall. Councilor Giles discussed the importance of Resolution No. 6, 2019. Following discussion, by a show of hands, the motion to adopt Resolution No. 6, 2019 carried by a unanimous vote of the council.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned, at 6:50 p.m., by the unanimous vote of the Council.

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Lisa Chavis. President Kathleen A. Walton, Clerk