CITY OF LAWRENCE

 **Common Council**

# December 4, 2017

**Regular Meeting**

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

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

STAFF PRESENT: Controller/Deputy Mayor Fenwick, Corporation Counsel Johnson, Deputy Controller Streeter, Police Chief Hofmann, Deputy Police Chief Bigsbee, Captain Cantrell, Sergeant Ashcraft, Fire Chief Batalis, Deputy Fire Chief Wallace, Human Resource Director Steans and several firefighters were present.

Cub Scout Pack #520 opened the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilor Williams asked everyone to participate in a moment of silence for the Vice Principal of Lawrence Central High School, Marlon Sam, who recently passed away. He was also a member of the Fire Merit Commission for the City of Lawrence.

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

COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS: Councilor Giles recognized Carl Erlenbaugh for his work with the youth core at Lawrence United Methodist Church who recently passed away.

Councilor Freeman thanked the City for clearing the commercial lot at the intersection at 59th Street and Sunnyside Road (next to Incrediplex). You can now see is all directions. She also thanked DPW for patching pot holes in Kensington Farms. She said there is guard rail damage at Elmhurst and Shadeland Way and asked about the 2018 paving projects. There will be an Energy Saving Committee meeting on Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. There was discussion among several councilors regarding the Energy Savings Committee and the choice of the Perfection Group. Councilor Jones recognized an anonymous person who painted over the graffiti at the Snafu. Councilor Wells discussed the infected trees with ash beetles. They are dangerous to people and property. Councilor Williams agreed with Councilor Wells.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilor Parker moved to approve the minutes of the regular meetings on November 6, 2017 and November 15, 2017. The motion was seconded by Councilor Freeman and carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS: Councilor Jones moved to approve Payroll Claims for $765,846.52 [November 15, 2017 payroll] and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for $782,770.15]. The motion was seconded by Councilor Freeman. Following discussion, by a show of hands, the motion to approve the vouchers carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: Councilor Parker moved on behalf of the Zoning Committee, that the Council hear Petition No. 2017-ZON-085, 11756 and 11762 Verdin Street, at a Special Council meeting on January 2, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. Councilor Jones seconded the motion. By a show of hands, the vote carried by the unanimous vote of the Council.

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The Mayor, Clerk and Council signed certifications pursuant to IC 36-1-20.2 and 36-1-21.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Resolution No. 9, 2017, amending the council rules with respect to time allowed for citizen and council member comments, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Williams said Resolution No. 9, 2017 is in the Code Committee.

Proposal No. 23, 2017, amending prior bond ordinances authorizing the issuance of certain waterworks revenue bonds of the city and repealing ordinances inconsistent herewith, was

read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Williams said Proposal No. 23,

2017 is in the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee.

NEW BUSINESS: Councilor Chavis moved to approve the 2018 meeting schedule for the Common Council. The motion was seconded by Councilor Freeman and carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

Proposal No. 24, 2017, amending the Municipal Code of the City of Lawrence, Indiana with respect to disability retiree stipend benefits, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Williams assigned Proposal No. 24, 2017 to the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee.

Proposal No. 25, 2017, amending the Municipal Code of the City of Lawrence, Indiana with respect to the City’s credit card policy, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Williams assigned Proposal No. 25, 2017 to the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS: Controller Fenwick outlined the 2018 paving projects.

Police Chief Hofmann discussed:

* Community Alliance for the eastside meeting with the owners of Mason Gardens to discuss plans for the blighted area
* IBJ naming Controller Jason Fenwick as a 2017 CFO honoree for Controller and discussed his accomplishments
* Gave a tree lighting ceremony and parade update from November 25, 2017. He encouraged everyone to visit Christmas Card Lane
* Invited the Council at attend the swearing in of 12 new Explorers on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at 7pm.
* Gave an update on the plans for a new police station and the positive responses from the community. He distributed an article to the Council from the Indy Star from November 24, 2017 titled “What do Lawrence police want for Christmas? A new home to call their own”.

Following Chief Hofmann’s comments, there was discussion among several councilors, Police Chief Hofmann and Controller Fenwick regarding the proposal for a new police station.

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Fire Chief Batalis extended an invitation to the Council to help with the Firefighters Family Assistance program on Friday, December 15, 2017 at 6pm and Saturday, December 16, 2017 at 8am.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: The following citizen addressed the Council:

* Scott Smith, 8032 Barksdale Way
* Carlton Curry, 11230 Winding Wood Court
* Robert Cohron, 7665 Sunnyside Road
* Phil Terry, 9347 Pendleton Pike
* Mark Clark, 5743 Buskirk Drive

There was discussion between Councilor Parker, Controller Fenwick and Councilor Williams about the financing for the new police station and meeting to discuss possible solutions.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 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.