

CITY OF LAWRENCE
Board of Public Works & Safety
May 13, 2021
Regular Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT VIRTUALLY: Chairman Doug Reeser and Board Members Shawn Wright-Browner and Mark Clark

STAFF PRESENT VIRTUALLY: Chief of Police David Hofmann, Fire Chief Dino Batalis, Economic Development Director Dan Zuerner, City Attorney Kaitlin Voller, City Engineer Sri Venugopalan, Deputy Chief Curtis Bigsbee, City Clerk Kathy Walton and Board Secretary Renea Rafala

Chairman Reeser called the meeting to order at 5:00p.m. Ms. Rafala took roll call and Mr. Reeser announced a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Clark moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting from April 22, 2021. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Browner and carried 3-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS: Mr. Zuerner reported to the Board that Freije will be having their ground breaking ceremony on Tuesday, May 18th at 8:00am and invited the Board to attend. He also reported that the Harrison Woods project is not going to happen. During the process our Legal team discovered that we are not able to vacate the right of way without going through Marion County and spending an additional \$4,000.00 or more. In addition we would have to get each property owner to agree to the vacation and it would not be in the communities best interest to pursue.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Mr. Reeser requested Approval of Agreement for Document Services ~ Van Ausdall. After discussion, Mr. Clark moved for approval of the Agreement for Document Services ~ Van Ausdall. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Browner and carried 3-0.
- b) Chief Batalis requested Approval of Resolution 6, 2021 ~ Lawrence Fire Department Surplus Property Disposal. After discussion, Mr. Clark moved for Approval of Resolution 6, 2021 ~ Lawrence Fire Department Surplus Property Disposal. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Browner and carried 3-0.
- c) Chief Batalis requested Approval of Indemnity and Hold Harmless Agreement ~ Clarion Events, Inc. After discussion, Mr. Clark moved for Approval of Indemnity and Hold Harmless Agreement ~ Clarion Events, Inc. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Browner and carried 3-0.
- d) Mr. Venugopalan requested Approval of Local Roads and Bridges Matching Grant Agreement ~ INDOT Oaklandon Road from 445 feet North of Pendleton Pike to 290 feet North of Broadway. This project is a Community Crossing Grant. We applied for three and received this one. It is a 50/50 grant for \$85,499.00. The project should bid in June with a contract being signed in July and construction in August. After discussion, Mr. Clark moved for Approval of Local Roads and Bridges Matching Grant Agreement ~ INDOT Oaklandon Road from 445 feet North of Pendleton Pike to 290 feet North of Broadway. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Browner and carried 3-0.
- e) Mr. Venugopalan requested Approval of Task Order No. 9 ~ Shrewsberry for the Preparation of Bid Documents, Procurement, Administration and Inspection of the 2021 Resurfacing Program. After discussion, Mr. Clark moved for Approval of Task Order No. 9 ~ Shrewsberry for the Preparation of Bid Documents, Procurement, Administration and Inspection of the 2021 Resurfacing Program. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Browner and carried 3-0.
- f) Deputy Chief Bigsbee requested Approval of Appointment of Reserve Officer Jacob Hobson. After discussion, Mr. Clark moved for Approval of Appointment of Reserve Officer Jacob Hobson. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Browner and carried 3-0.
- g) Deputy Chief Bigsbee requested Approval of Appointment of Reserve Officer Joseph Myetich. After discussion, Mr. Clark moved for Approval of Appointment of Reserve Officer Joseph Myetich. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Browner and carried 3-0.

- h) Deputy Chief Bigsbee requested Approval of Appointment of Reserve Officer Evan Strater. After discussion, Mr. Clark moved for Approval of Appointment of Reserve Officer Evan Strater. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Browner and carried 3-0.
- i) Deputy Chief Bigsbee requested Approval of Appointment of Reserve Officer Michaela Sherrill. After discussion, Mr. Clark moved for Approval of Appointment of Reserve Officer Michaela Sherrill. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Browner and carried 3-0.
- j) Acceptance of Proposal for Lawrence Police Department Impound Agreement ~ Zore's Towing and Recovery Services. Ms. Voeller recommends the Board remove this item from the Agenda and hold a special meeting in the future so they will have time to review the proposals received and ask any legal questions if they have any. Deputy Chief Bigsbee commented that the agreement signed with Lawrence Towing in 2019 is set to expire on June 1, 2021. A request for proposals with specific requirements was published and we received three responses. Mr. Clark moved to remove this item from the Agenda and schedule a special meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Browner and carried 3-0. Ms. Rafala will look at the calendar and schedule a special meeting for next week.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: Dan Bobilya of 927 S. Harrison St., Suite 200, Ft. Wayne, IN 46802 representing multiple citizens of Lawrence asked several questions about the Impound Agreement. Mrs. Voeller stated that the Board still needs to review the proposals in depth and we will be holding a special meeting that he is welcome to attend. Ms. Rafala suggested he complete a Public Records Request.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:46p.m., by the unanimous vote of the Board.



Doug Reeser, Chairman



Renea Rafala, Board Secretary