CITY OF LAWRENCE
Common Council
January 19, 2022
Regular Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: None

MEMBERS BY ZOOM: Lisa Chavis, Shawn Denney, Tom Shevlot, William Tyrrell Giles, Sherron Freeman, Deborah Whitfield, Lauren Russel, Rick Wells, and Maria Rusomaroff

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

ALSO PRESENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Deputy Controller Nagila

STAFF BY ZOOM: None

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 asked for information about activities for Black History month in February. Deputy Controller Nagila responded that Human Resource Director Janette Jackson is the person responsible for the arrangements. Currently the event is planned for Thursday, February 24, 2022, at 6pm at The Theatre at the Fort. For additional information, contact Janette Jackson. She also understands that there is a State Senate bill proposal that seeks to limit the number of reserve police officers. How might that affect the City of Lawrence? Councilor Whitfield reminded everyone that Monday, January 17, 2022, recognized Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on his birthday and acknowledged all the work he did for America.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS 1-19-22: Councilor Freeman moved to approve Payroll Claims for $977,006.19 [December 31, 2021, payroll] and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for $1,367,770.52]. Councilor Whitfield seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion to approve the vouchers carried, by the following vote of the Council: Six (6) aye votes and three (3) unable to vote because of technical difficulties (Councilors Wells, Denney and Rusomaroff).


Resolution No. 20, 2021, providing funding to the INSPIRE Program, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis said Resolution No. 20, 2021 remains in the Administration, Budget, and Finance Committee.
Resolution No. 21, 2021, providing funding to the “Laundry & More” Program, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis said Resolution No. 21, 2021 remains in the Administration, Budget, and Finance Committee.

Resolution No. 22, 2021, providing funding to the “Aktion Club” of the Kiwanis Club of Lawrence, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis said Resolution No. 22, 2021 remains in the Administration, Budget, and Finance Committee.

Resolution No. 23, 2021, providing funding to the Arts for Lawrence, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis said Resolution No. 23, 2021 remains in the Administration, Budget, and Finance Committee.

NEW BUSINESS: Proposal No. 1, 2022, adopting and enacting a fifteenth supplement to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lawrence, Indiana, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Shevlot moved to suspend the rules and adopt Proposal No. 1, 2022 on first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilor Russel. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Councilor Rusomaroff moved to adopt Proposal No. 1, 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilor Freeman. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 1, 2022, adopt procedures for awarding community services grants from the Common Council of the City of Lawrence, Indiana, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Resolution No. 1, 2022 to the Committee of the Whole.

Resolution No. 2, 2022, concerning retention of Bose McKinney & Evans LLP as legal counsel, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Resolution No. 2, 2022 to the Administration, Budget, and Finance Committee.

Resolution No. 3, 2022, approving the sale of property owned by the Lawrence Redevelopment Commission, was read only by title by Attorney Wheeler. Attorney Wheeler explained Resolution No. 3, 2022. Councilor Chavis assigned Resolution No. 3, 2022 to the Administration, Budget, and Finance Committee.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m., by the unanimous vote of the Council.

Lisa Chavis, President
Kathleen A. Walton, Clerk

These minutes are not intended to be verbatim. They are a summary of discussions held, except for the motions. An audiotape is made which provides a detailed record.