CITY OF LAWRENCE

 **Common Council**

# February 4, 2019

**Regular Meeting**

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

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Kathleen Walton and Attorney Christina Bruno (Bose McKinney & Evans LLP)

STAFF PRESENT: Controller/Deputy Mayor Fenwick, Deputy Police Chief Bigsbee and Captain Cantrell were present.

Council President Lisa Chavis called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. and announced a quorum was present.

Judy Byron presented a report on the Cultural Campus to be funded by a grant from the Lilly Endowment. She said the project will involve 5 stages over a 4-year period. The project is currently in the planning stage. It will be funded entirely by a privately funded grant and will involve no tax payer dollars. She then responded to questions from members of the Council.

COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS: Councilor Freeman thanked her colleagues, the Administration, and the Police Department for sending her flowers and get-well cards. She went on to say that she read a recent Facebook posting in which a lady complained about stormwater drainage conditions in District 2. She asked if there are infrastructure programs behind the old Marsh store in the vicinity of 49th Street and Mitchner Avenue. Councilor Chavis then requested an update on infrastructure initiatives. Councilor Freeman then concluded by thanking DPW for their recent snow removal efforts. Councilor Jones reported that he and Councilor Wells attended a crime watch meeting scheduled to be held at the Canterbury Apartments. He said that he was impressed that the Police Chief, the crime watch director and prosecutor’s office were there. However, no residents showed up. He expressed concern over that outcome. He went on to request an update on the continued presence of barricades on Franklin Road and 46th Street. He also requested information on an inter local water agreement in the vicinity of 50th Street and Mitchner Avenue. Councilor Hall expressed his appreciation to Fire Chief Batalis, EMS, and firefighters for their professionalism while responding to call for assistance by his son on December 20, 2018. Engine 36 and Ambulance 37 were involved. Councilor Shevlot noted that he had attended the LPD’s annual meeting last Friday. During that gathering, Officer Adam Hazelwood was named officer of the year. He went on to report that Officer Hazelwood will soon attend a K-9 conference in Las Vegas. Councilor Wells repeated earlier concerns expressed by others about flooding in his district. He also repeated his concerns about public safety. He also echoed earlier calls for an update on stormwater issues in his district. He also repeated the earlier question about conditions at Franklin Road and 46th Street. He once again requested an update on the animal shelter. Councilor Giles clarified the nature of the inter local agreement on stormwater. He reminded everyone that it is a Marion County Plan and that the City of Lawrence has submitted its requirements to the County for consideration and inclusion in the priority list. In response to Councilor Giles, Councilor Wells noted that, while things may be getting done elsewhere in the City, there have been no improvements in his district. Councilor Chavis then repeated her earlier request for an update on drainage issues and conditions at Franklin Road and 46th Street.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilor Shevlot moved to approve the minutes of the regular meetings on January 7, 2019 and January 16, 2019. The motion was seconded by Councilor Jones and carried by the following vote of the Council: Six (6) aye votes and one (1) abstention (Councilor Freeman).

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS: Councilor Shevlot moved to approve Payroll Claims for $863,178.20 [January 15, 2019 payroll] and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for $844,826.40]. The motion was seconded by Councilor Freeman. By a show of hands, the motion to approve the vouchers carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Councilor Chavis said nominations for a member of the Fire Merit Commission were open for consideration. Councilor Chavis nominated Damonn Burns. Councilor Chavis announced that, there being no further nominations, nominations were closed. Clerk Walton distributed paper ballots. The Clerk tallied the votes. Nine votes were cast, 9 votes for Damonn Burns. Clerk Walton announced that Damonn Burns was elected to the Fire Merit Commission.

Councilor Chavis said nominations for a member of the Police Merit Commission were open for consideration. Councilor Jones nominated Charles Wheeler. Councilor Freeman nominated Tara Melton. Councilor Chavis announced that, there being no further nominations, nominations were closed. Clerk Walton distributed paper ballots. The Clerk tallied the votes. Nine votes were cast, Five (5) votes for Charles Wheeler (Councilors Wells, Giles, Chavis, Shevlot and Jones) and two (2) votes for Tara Melton (Councilor Freeman and Hall). Clerk Walton announced that Charles Wheeler was elected to the Fire Merit Commission.

Proposal No. 1, 2019, adopting and enacting a twelfth supplement to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lawrence, Indiana, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Giles moved to suspend the rules and adopt on first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilor Shevlot and carried by a unanimous vote of the council. Councilor Giles moved to adopt Proposal No. 1, 2019. The motion was seconded by Councilor Chavis and carried by a unanimous vote of the council.

Proposal No. 2, 2019, amending the Lawrence Municipal Code concerning fees and charges related to the removal, storage, and related services pertaining to vehicles, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 2, 2019 to the Code Committee.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS: None

CITIZENS COMMENTS: The following citizen addressed the Council:

* Linda Moore, 4909 Leone Drive
* Carlton Curry, 11230 Winding Wood Court

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ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m., by the unanimous vote of the Council.

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Lisa Chavis, 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.