CITY OF LAWRENCE

**Common Council**

# February 5, 2018

**Regular Meeting**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Members Lisa Chavis, Elizabeth Wheeler, Joe Williams, 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: Mayor Collier, Controller/Deputy Mayor Fenwick, Corporation Counsel Johnson, Police Chief Hofmann, Deputy Police Chief Bigsbee, Deputy Chief Woodruff, Captain Cantrell, Captain Steele, Director of Crime Watch Sokol Administrative Assistant Wolfe, Utility Superintendent Salsbery, IT Director Hall, Director of Public Works and Code Enforcement Anthony, Park Superintendent Martin and several police officers and firefighters 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 Freeman expressed her concerns about the seasonal pot hole problems throughout the City. She also noted that CSX trains seem to be stopping more than 3 times each week, thus disrupting traffic flow at all points except the 56th Street Bridge. Councilor Jones praised the performance of 4 police officers (Lieutenant Shrout, Sergeant Sostre Officer Slaybaugh and Officer Clark) during their January 10, 2018 apprehension of a suspect who had a variety of charges.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilor Wheeler moved to approve the minutes of the regular meetings on January 2, 2018 and January 17, 2018 and special meeting on January 2, 2018. The motion was seconded by Councilor Jones and carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS: Councilor Parker moved to approve Payroll Claims for $845,418.34 [January 15, 2018 payroll], payroll Claims for $896,541.44 [January 31, 2018 payroll] and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for $550,295.17]. 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: Councilor Chavis said the Committee of the Whole met and discussed Resolution No. 10, 2017 and recommended unanimously to send to full council for a vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Resolution No. 10, 2017, authorizing the City of Lawrence to proceed with the Lawrence police station and take all actions required by law, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Shevlot moved to accept Resolution No. 10, 2017 in place of the original resolution. The motion to amend Resolution No. 10, 2017 was seconded by Councilor Giles and carried by the following vote of the Council: Eight (8) aye votes and one (1) abstention (Councilor Williams). Councilor Shevlot moved to adopt amended Resolution No. 10, 2017. The motion was seconded by Councilor Giles. By a roll call vote, the vote carried by the following vote of the Council: Seven (7) aye votes, one (1) nay vote (Councilor Wells) and one (1) abstention (Councilor Williams).

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NEW BUSINESS: Councilor Chavis said nominations for a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) were open for consideration. Councilor Parker nominated Celeste Jaffe. Councilor Shevlot nominated Linda Treat. 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, 5 votes for Celeste Jaffe (Councilors Parker, Wheeler, Giles, Freeman and Chavis) and 4 votes for Linda Treat (Councilors Shevlot, Jones, Williams and Wells). Clerk Walton announced that Celeste Jaffe was elected to the BZA

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS: None

CITIZENS COMMENTS: The following citizen addressed the Council:

Carlton Curry, 11230 Winding Wood Court

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 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.