

CITY OF LAWRENCE
Common Council
February 6, 2023
Regular Meeting

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

MEMBERS BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Kathleen Walton, Attorney Kristina Wheeler (Bose McKinney & Evans LLP), and Jeff Slater and Jason Smith (Lord Corporation)

STAFF PRESENT: Chief of Staff Korn, and Director of Economic Development Zuerner

STAFF BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: Chief of Staff Hofmann

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

COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS: Councilor Rusomaroff thanked the administration and, Utility Superintendent Salsbery for their quick response to a water line problem on German Church Road. She additionally, thanked Executive Assistant Rafala for her assistance in addressing a parking issue on German Church Road. Finally, she thanked the mayor's office for addressing questions about the council district maps posted on the website. Councilor Wells informed fellow council members of a special Park Board meeting held to discuss the paving of Lawrence Community Park. He went on to say that the Park Board voted in favor of allocating funds to complete the project. Councilor Whitfield recognized the Fire Department for its annual awards banquet held last Saturday evening. She was particularly impressed with the video that included a wide variety of individuals participating in many different activities. She concluded by recognizing the quality of service provided by first responders as reflected in the awards citations. Councilor Freeman echoed comments by Councilor Whitfield by noting that she also attended the banquet and was also impressed by the informative video and the fantastic work done by firefighters in many situations. She noted that Councilors Denney, Russel and Clerk Walton also attended the banquet. She thanked DPW for filling the pot holes that have begun to make their annual appearance. She concluded by reporting that State Representative John Bartlett had met with two citizens of Lawrence about a neighborhood dispute and that Captain Cantrell is assisting in solving the dispute. Councilor Giles then recognized that Representative Bartlett was present in the audience.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilor Chavis moved to approve the minutes of the regular meetings on January 3, 2023, January 18, 2023, and special meeting on January 25, 2023. Councilor Wells seconded the motion. By a show of hands, the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS 2-6-23: Councilor Chavis moved to approve Payroll Claims for \$1,118,271.35 [January 15, 2023, payroll], and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for \$1,419,747.76] except for voucher number 28882 in the amount of \$21,568.88 for Barnes &

Thornburg. Councilor Denney seconded the motion. By a show of hands, the motion carried by the following vote of the Council: Seven (7) aye votes and two (2) nay votes (Councilors Shevlot and Russel).

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Consideration of veto by Mayor of Resolution No. 2, 2023. Councilor Chavis moved to override the veto. Councilor Denney seconded the motion. By a show of hands, the motion to override the veto carried by the following vote of the Council: Seven (7) aye votes and two (2) nay votes (Councilors Shevlot and Russel).

Resolution No. 3, 2023, approve the statement of benefits of the Lord Corporation, a subsidiary of Parker-Hannifin, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Jeff Slater and Jason Smith (Lord Corporation) distributed a handout and gave a presentation to the council. Councilor Giles assigned Resolution No. 3, 2023 to the Administration, Budget, and Finance Committee.

Resolution No. 4, 2023, concerning retention of Bose McKinney & Evans LLP as legal counsel for the Council's investigation into the 2022 city budget, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis moved to adopt Resolution No. 4, 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilor Denney. By a show of hands, the motion carried by the following vote of the Council: Seven (7) aye votes and two (2) nay votes (Councilors Shevlot and Russel).

Proposal No. 1, 2023, amending the Lawrence Municipal Code to remove no parking zones along Otis Avenue, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Giles assigned Proposal No. 1, 2023 to the Code Committee.

Proposal No. 2, 2023, appropriating additional funds and amending the 2023 budget with respect to the General Fund, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. There will be a public hearing on Proposal No. 2, 2023 on March 6, 2023, at 6:30pm.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: The following citizen addressed the Council:

- Mya Lyles, 4628 Waddy Street

Councilor Giles emphasized that tonight the council passed a resolution concerning the ongoing review of the 2022 budget matters and encouraged transparency by the administration and others during the current investigation.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m., by the unanimous vote of the Council.

William T. Giles, 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.