

CITY OF LAWRENCE
Common Council
February 16, 2022
Regular Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lauren Russel

MEMBERS BY ZOOM: Lisa Chavis, Shawn Denney, Tom Shevlot, William Tyrrell Giles, Sherron Freeman, Deborah Whitfield, 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, Police Chief Woodruff, Fire Chief Batalis, Deputy Chief of Staff Murphy, and Deputy Chief of Staff Korn

STAFF BY ZOOM: Police Chief Woodruff

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 Wells thanked Utility Superintendent Salsbery and Deputy Controller Nagila for their prompt responses to his questions about the construction work on Richardt Street. He also thanked Mr. Nagila for reviewing a proposal.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS 2-16-22: Councilor Wells moved to approve Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for \$361,932.19]. Councilor Denney seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion to approve the vouchers carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Resolution No. 20, 2021, providing funding to the INSPIRE Program, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Denney withdrew Resolution No. 20, 2021.

Resolution No. 21, 2021, providing funding to the “Laundry & More” Program, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Denney withdrew Resolution No. 21, 2022.

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 Rusomaroff and Councilor Wells withdrew Resolution No. 22, 2021.

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 Denney said the Administration, Budget, and Finance Committee met and recommended approval of Resolution No. 2, 2022. The next Finance

committee will be on March 7, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. Councilor Denney moved to adopt Resolution No. 2, 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rusomaroff. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 3, 2022, approving the sale of property owned by the Lawrence Redevelopment Commission, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Resolution No. 3, 2022 to the Economic Development Committee. The committee will meet on February 23, 2022, at 6pm.

Proposal No. 2, 2022, amending the 2022 civil salary ordinance, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 2, 2022 to the Administration, Budget, and Finance Committee.

Proposal No. 3, 2022, amending the 2022 salary ordinance for appointed officers and employees of the Police Department and the Fire Department, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 3, 2022 to the Administration, Budget, and Finance Committee.

Proposal No. 4, 2022, to appropriate from the ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund for purposes that fulfill the intent of the American Rescue Plan Act, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 4, 2022 to the Administration, Budget, and Finance Committee.

Resolution No. 4, 2022, to adopt a spending plan detailing the use of funding provided under the American Rescue Plan, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Resolution No. 2, 2022 to the Administration, Budget, and Finance Committee.

NEW BUSINESS: Proposal No. 5, 2022, appropriating additional funds and amending the 2022 budget with respect to the General Fund, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 5, 2022 to the Administration, Budget, and Finance Committee.

Proposal No. 6, 2022, amending Proposal No. 16, 2021 regarding the Rainy Day Fund transfer, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 6, 2022 to the Administration, Budget, and Finance Committee.

Resolution No. 5, 2022, recognizing Black History Month, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis asked Clerk Walton to highlight ways to celebrate Black History Month. Councilor Chavis moved to adopt Resolution No. 6, 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilor Denney. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Proposal No. 7, 2022, amending the Municipal Code of the City of Lawrence, Indiana regarding employee benefits and overtime, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 7, 2022 to the Administration, Budget, and Finance Committee.

Proposal No. 8, 2022, amending the ordinance fixing salaries of appointed officers and employees of the Police Department and the Fire Department for the year 2022, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 8, 2022 to the Administration, Budget, and Finance Committee.

Resolution No. 6, 2022, approving the Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, LLC contracts for accounting services, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis and Councilor Denney discussed Resolution No. 6, 2022 regarding the engagement of Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, LLC for accounting services to include a cash flow plan. Councilor Denney moved to adopt Resolution No. 6, 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wells. Discussion followed among the councilors prior to the vote. By a roll call vote, the motion carried by the following vote of the Council: Seven (7) aye votes and two (2) nay votes (Councilors Shevlot and Russel).

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 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.