Common Council

**City of Lawrence**

**February 20, 2019**

**Regular Meeting**

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

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

STAFF PRESENT: Controller/Deputy Mayor Fenwick and Corporation Counsel Johnson 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 Jones expressed appreciation to Jim Heneghan and the Street Department for filling pot holes and assisting with the flooding in District 1. He requested an update on the barriers at 46th Street and Franklin Road and an update on the inter local agreement for 50th Street and Mitchner Avenue. Councilor Jones reported that he had met with IMPD Chief Roach about crime at Canterbury Apartments. He asked the Administration if there is an action plan for Canterbury Apartments. In response, Councilor Chavis informed the Council that information on the inter local agreement will be presented at the March 4th meeting. Councilor Freeman reported that there is proposed legislation in the Indiana State Legislature affecting the City of Lawrence. The first is HB 1427, which affects the FHRA. Additionally, HB 1183 addresses towing services. She asked that the Administration look into the content of these bills and determine if they require any Council action. She went on to report flooding on 63rd Street and wondered if there are any stormwater mitigation plans for flooding in that area. In response to Councilor Jones’ questions, she reported that stormwater work near 47th Street and Richardt Street is being coordinated with the City of Lawrence and with the Marion County Stormwater District (Indianapolis DPW). The project involves land acquisition and other components that could cause the project to be delayed until 2021. Councilor Wells then raised the same questions as did Councilor Jones and addressed by Councilor Freeman. He once again asked about the delay in construction of an animal shelter. He asked to be provided information about what the City paid last year to surrender animals to Marion County. He asked to receive a response at the next meeting or, if necessary, fill out a public records request. Councilor Chavis said she will request the information.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS: Councilor Parker moved to approve Payroll Claims for $957,765.77 [January 31, 2019 payroll] and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for $401,559.50]. 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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: 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 read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 2, 2019 to the Code Committee. The Code Committee will meet on March 4, 2019 at 5:30pm.

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NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned, at 6:38 p.m., by the unanimous vote of the Council.

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Lisa Chavis. President Kathleen A. Walton, Clerk