CITY OF LAWRENCE

 **Common Council**

# March 5, 2018

**Regular Meeting**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Members Lisa Chavis, Elizabeth Wheeler, Joe Williams, Sherron Freeman, Bob Jones, William Tyrrell Giles 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, Deputy Police Chief Bigsbee and Fire Chief Batalis were present.

Councilor Chavis asked everyone to participate in a moment of silence for Officer Craig Herbert from the Lawrence Police Department on the 13th anniversary of his in the line of duty death and Deputy Jacob Pickett from the Boone County Sheriff’s Office who recently passed away.

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 thanked the Lawrence Fire Department for the awards banquet she and Councilor Parker attended March 3, 2018. She thanked Councilor Parker for the information to fill out a form for CSX for stopped trains on their website. She thanked DPW for their efforts on filling pot holes. She asked for an explanation for the grant that was listed in the Lawrence Lift. She also noted that people are not stopping at the 4 way stop at Otis Avenue and Post Road. Councilor Williams inquired about the cost of the billboards the City shares with Lawrence Township Schools, the length of the contract and how much has been spent to date on the billboards. He also asked about a voucher for $100,000.00.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilor Wheeler moved to approve the minutes of the regular meetings on February 5, 2018 and February 21, 2018. The motion was seconded by Councilor Parker and carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS: Councilor Wheeler moved to approve Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for $306,210.01]. The motion was seconded by Councilor Jones. Following discussion, 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 the lease for the Lawrence police station.

PUBLIC HEARING: Pursuant to advertising, Councilor Chavis opened the floor for the public hearing concerning the preliminary determination for the Common Council to enter into a proposed lease between the Lawrence Municipal Building Corporation (the “Building Corporation”) and the City of Lawrence, Indiana (the “City”). Councilor Chavis called for comment and testimony. Mr. Carlton Curry addressed the Council. Thereupon, the public hearing was closed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

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NEW BUSINESS: Resolution No. 2, 2018, honoring Marlon Eugene Sam, Sr. for service to the community of Lawrence, Indiana upon his passing, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Williams read Resolution No. 2, 2018 in its entirety and discussed the meaning of the resolution. Councilor Williams acknowledged the presence of several people in the audience in honor of Mr. Sam. Councilor Williams moved to adopt Resolution No. 2, 2018. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wheeler and carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

Resolution No. 3, 2018, making a preliminary determination to enter into lease to finance police headquarters project, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Resolution No. 3, 2018 to the Committee of the Whole.

Councilor Jones moved to approve the terms and conditions for the police station lease. The motion was seconded by Councilor Giles and carried by the following vote of the Council: Six (6) aye votes and one (1) abstention (Councilor Williams).

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS: Mayor Collier thanked Councilor Chavis for recognizing Officer Craig Herbert and Deputy Jacob Pickett. He said the State of the City is Thursday, March 8, 2018.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: The following citizen addressed the Council:

 Carlton Curry, 11230 Winding Wood Court

Councilor Jones made 3 announcements:

* March 6, 2018 the Lawrence Police Explorer Post 160 is hosting the viewing of the documentary “High School 9-1-1 Screening” at the National Guard Armory located at 9920 E. 59th Street at 6:30 p.m.
* The Lawrence Police Department Citizens Academy starts Tuesday, March 6, 2018
* Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Lawrence Government Center there will be a Law Enforcement Leaders Panel Discussion hosted by the Lawrence Police Department.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 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.