

**CITY OF LAWRENCE**  
**Common Council**  
**March 16, 2022**  
**Regular Meeting**

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

MEMBERS BY ZOOM: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO BY ZOOM: None

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Kathleen Walton, Attorney Kristina Wheeler (Bose McKinney & Evans LLP) and Bob Swintz (London Witte)

STAFF PRESENT: Deputy Controller Nagila, Chief of Staff Hofmann, Deputy Chief of Staff Murphy, Deputy Chief of Staff Korn, Deputy Fire Chief Wallace, Battalion Chief Griffin, Director of Engineering Venugopalan, and Firefighter Rehmel

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 Freeman reported that she had received an email from Councilor Rusomaroff concerning the lighting on the baseball and soccer fields in Lawrence Community Park. The email originated with Mr. Vigil Aldridge. The existing lights were installed beginning in 1984 and continuing into the early 2000's when the soccer park was rebuilt and expanded. Several of the light fixtures were damaged during storms in 2018. At that time, the size of the baseball program did not require repair of those lights. Because the baseball program is now expanded again, Park Superintendent Eric Martin spoke last week with Mr. Joe Murphy about transferring the lighting system at Lee Road Park to Lawrence Community Park. A meeting was held with the contractor about this project, but no cost estimate has yet been received. She went on to say that the installation of new lighting would be less expensive than moving the lighting to Lawrence Community Park. Eric Martin has said he will keep me informed of estimated costs once he receives them. Councilor Freeman went on to renew her concerns about staffing levels at Station #40 at the corner of Lee Road and 59<sup>th</sup> Street. Specifically, she is interested in ensuring that there is sufficient fire protection on the former Fort Benjamin Harrison. One of the most long standing drainage issues within the City of Lawrence is the Trittipo Ditch. It has been a problem for at least 25 years. Councilor Freeman reports that former Councilor Dave Parnell is seeking to identify which county or state agency is responsible for Trittipo Ditch. Over the decades, no one has accepted responsibility for the drainage problems in that area. She has contacted the city engineer, and he is looking into the issue. She concluded by raising the issue of violence at the Canterbury Apartments after 2 people were shot recently. She asked what could be done to stop the violence and whether the crime watch program in such areas is working. Similarly, she asked if the "Coffee With A Cop" program is still functioning. Councilor Denney reported that Metronet is installing cabling throughout the Lawrence community.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS 3-16-22: Councilor Denney moved to approve Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for \$1,084,095.86]. Councilor Wells seconded the motion. By a show of hands, the motion to approve the vouchers carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: 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 and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Denney said the Finance Committee met and recommended a do-pass for Proposal No. 4, 2022 with amendments. The public hearing for Proposal No. 4, 2022 will be on April 4, 2022, at 6:30pm. Councilor Russel moved to accept Proposal No. 4, 2022 in place of the original proposal. The motion to amend Proposal No. 4, 2022 was seconded by Councilor Denney. By a show of hands, the motion carried unanimously.

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 Denney said the Finance Committee met and recommended a do-pass for Resolution No. 4, 2022 with amendments. He discussed the amendments. Councilor Russel moved to accept Resolution No. 4, 2022 in place of the original resolution. The motion to amend Resolution No. 4, 2022 was seconded by Councilor Denney. By a show of hands, the motion carried unanimously. Councilor Denney moved to adopt Amended Resolution No. 4 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilor Giles. By a show of hands, the motion carried unanimously.

Proposal No. 5, 2022, appropriating additional funds and amending the 2022 budget with respect to the General Fund, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Denney gave an overview of Proposal No. 5, 2022. The public hearing will be on April 4, 2022, at 6:30pm.

Proposal No. 6, 2022, amending Proposal No. 16, 2021 regarding the Rainy Day Fund transfer, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Denney said the Finance Committee recommended a do-pass for Proposal No. 6, 2022. The public hearing will be on April 4, 2022, at 6:30pm.

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 read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis withdrew Proposal No. 8, 2022.

Resolution No. 7, 2022, approving the issuance of bonds of the City of Lawrence Redevelopment Commission, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Denney said the Finance Committee met and recommended a do-pass for Resolution No. 7, 2022. Mr. Bob Swintz (London Witte) gave an overview of the bond issue.

NEW BUSINESS: Proposal No. 10, 2022, appropriating additional funds and amending the 2022 budget as approved by the Common Council with respect to the Stormwater Fund, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 10, 2022 to the Administration, Budget, and Finance Committee.

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

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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.