Common Council

**City of Lawrence**

**March 21, 2018**

**Regular Meeting**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Members Lisa Chavis, Elizabeth Wheeler, Joe Williams, Sherron Freeman, Bob Jones, Tom Shevlot, William Tyrrell Giles, Rick Wells and Becky Parker 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, Police Chief Hofmann, Deputy Police Chief Bigsbee, Utility Superintendent Salsbery and Park Superintendent Martin were present.

Councilor Wheeler asked everyone to participate in a moment of silence to think about the uncertainties facing Americans across the country.

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 Parker thanked Renea Rafala from DPW with her assistance in addressing an issue in District 5. Councilor Wells requested an update on issues discussed during last month’s meeting concerning the OCRA grant, and capital improvement projects for the next 18 months. Councilor Parker asked for an update on work on the water tower at the Oaklandon Playpark. In response, Utility Superintendent Salsbery told the council that the specific components of the OCRA grant request include a community income survey within the project area. Councilors Giles, Chavis, Jones and Parker asked several questions to which Utility Superintendent Salsbery responded. As for the water tower at the Oaklandon Playpark, Utility Superintendent Salsbery reported that there is to be a complete rehabilitation of the water tower that should conclude with the reopening of the Playpark on June 30, 2018. In response to Councilor Wells question about future capital improvement projects, Councilor Chavis told him that a detailed report will be forthcoming in the near future.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS: Councilor Wheeler moved to approve Payroll Claims for $842,420.77 [February 28, 2018 payroll] and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for $727,809.85]. The motion was seconded by Councilor Parker. By a show of hands, the motion to approve the vouchers carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

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. There were no public comments. Thereupon, the public hearing was closed.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS: 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 Shevlot moved to adopt Resolution No. 3, 2018. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wheeler and carried by the following vote of the Council: Seven (7) aye votes, one (1) nay vote (Councilor Wells) and one (1) abstention (Councilor Williams). Councilor Williams explained his vote.

NEW BUSINESS: Resolution No. 4, 2018, receiving and approving the petition of taxpaying citizens requesting the leasing of certain facilities and real estate, approving execution of the proposed lease and taking other actions regarding the proposed lease. Councilor Giles moved to adopt Resolution No. 4, 2018. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wheeler and carried by the following vote of the Council: Seven (7) aye votes, one (1) nay vote (Councilor Wells) and one (1) abstention (Councilor Williams).

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS: Mayor Collier thanked members of the Common Council for their support in approving the construction of a new police headquarters.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned, at 6:45 p.m., by the unanimous vote of the Council.

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Lisa Chavis. President Kathleen A. Walton, Clerk