

CITY OF LAWRENCE
Common Council
March 22, 2023
Regular Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: William Tyrrell Giles, Rick Wells, Lisa Chavis, Shawn Denney, Sherron Freeman, and Deborah Whitfield

MEMBERS PRESENT BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: Maria Rusomaroff

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom Shevlot and Lauren Russel

ALSO BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Kathleen Walton, Attorney Kristina Wheeler (Bose McKinney & Evans LLP)

STAFF PRESENT: Chief of Staff Korn

STAFF BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: Chief of Staff Hofmann

Council President William Giles called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and announced a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS 3-15-23: Councilor Wells moved to approve Payroll Claims for \$1,014,796.18 [February 28, 2023, payroll], and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for \$595,940.05]. Councilor Denney seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion was carried by the following vote of the Council: Six (6) aye votes and one (1) abstention (Councilor Chavis).

Councilor Whitfield explained to the rest of the council that various members of the council were wearing white clothing to the meeting to commemorate the observance of women's history month. She went on to say that international women's day was commemorated on March 8th, but the event is celebrated throughout the month of March. That is why they are wearing white.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Proposal No. 5, 2023, to adopt a new Title 5, Article 4, Chapter 1 regarding responsible bidding practices for bids to perform construction work on public works projects, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Freeman moved to adopt Proposal No. 5, 2023. Councilor Denney seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: Councilor Giles said nominations for a member of the Police Merit Commission were open for consideration. Councilor Chavis nominated Charles Wheeler. Councilor Giles announced that, there being no further nominations, nominations were closed. By a roll call vote, Seven votes were cast, 7 votes for Charles Wheeler. Clerk Walton announced that Charles Wheeler was elected to the Police Merit Commission.

Councilor Denney discussed and highlighted Ordinances No. 2, 3, and 4, 2023 and Resolutions 5, 6, and 8, 2023 before each was voted on concerning override of mayoral veto.

Consideration of veto by Mayor of Proposal No. 2, 2023.

Councilor Chavis moved to override the veto. Councilor Whitfield seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion to override the veto was carried by the following vote of the Council: Six (6) aye votes, and one (1) nay vote (Councilor Wells).

Consideration of veto by Mayor of Proposal No. 3, 2023.

Councilor Chavis moved to override the veto. Councilor Denney seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion to override the veto was carried unanimously.

Consideration of veto by Mayor of Proposal No. 4, 2023.

Councilor Denney moved to override the veto. Councilor Giles seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion to override the veto was carried unanimously.

Consideration of veto by Mayor of Resolution No. 5, 2023.

Councilor Chavis moved to override the veto. Councilor Denney seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion to override the veto was carried by the following vote of the Council: Six (6) aye votes, one (1) abstention (Councilor Wells).

Consideration of veto by Mayor of Resolution No. 6, 2023.

Councilor Chavis moved to override the veto. Councilor Denney seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion to override the veto was carried by the following vote of the Council: Six (6) aye votes, and one (1) nay vote (Councilor Wells).

Consideration of veto by Mayor of Resolution No. 8, 2023.

Councilor Denney moved to override the veto. Councilor Whitfield seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion to override the veto was carried unanimously.

President Giles said the April 3, 2023 meeting is cancelled due to lack of an agenda.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m., by the unanimous vote of the Council.

William T. Giles, President

Kathleen A. Walton, Clerk

These minutes are not intended to be verbatim. They are a summary of discussions held, except for the motions.