

CITY OF LAWRENCE
Common Council
April 6, 2020
Regular Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Member Lisa Chavis

BY TELEPHONE: Councilors Tom Shevlot, William Tyrrell Giles, Sherron Freeman, Rick Wells, Shawn Denney, Maria Rusomaroff, Lauren Russel, Deborah Whitfield and Attorney Kristina Wheeler (Bose McKinney & Evans LLP)

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Kathleen Walton

STAFF PRESENT: Police Chief Hofmann and Fire Chief Batalis were present.

Council President Lisa Chavis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and a roll call was used to determine a quorum was present.

COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS: Councilor Freeman reported that a constituent had approached her with a question about their utility bill. Should the bill be dropped off outside or go inside? Because of the current situation governed by social distancing, no answer was immediately available.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilor Russel moved to approve the minutes of the regular meetings on March 2, 2020 and March 16, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilor Freeman. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS: Councilor Shevlot moved to approve Payroll Claims for \$927,507.55 [March 15, 2020} payroll] and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for \$900,264.24]. The motion was seconded by Councilor Denney. By a roll call vote, the motion to approve the vouchers carried unanimously.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Proposal No. 3, 2020, amending civil salary ordinance in the event of a public emergency declaration, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Rusomaroff moved to suspend the rules and adopt on first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wells. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Councilor Rusomaroff moved to adopt Proposal No. 3, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wells. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 5, 2020, regarding council meetings during the current public health emergency, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Whitfield moved to adopt Resolution No. 5, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilor Giles. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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Resolution No. 6, 2020, regarding council meetings during the current public health emergency, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Shevlot moved to adopt Resolution No. 6, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilor Giles. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS: None

CITIZENS COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m., by the unanimous vote of the Council.

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.