

**CITY OF LAWRENCE**  
**Common Council**  
**May 2, 2022**  
**Regular Meeting**

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

MEMBERS BY ZOOM: Sherron Freeman

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lisa Chavis

ALSO BY ZOOM: Jacob Antrim (Bose McKinney & Evans LLP)

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

STAFF PRESENT: Mayor Collier, Controller Douthit, Deputy Controller Nagila, Chief of Staff Hofmann, Deputy Chief of Staff Murphy, Deputy Chief of Staff Korn, Director of Engineering Venugopalan, Police Chief Woodruff, and Park Superintendent Martin

STAFF BY ZOOM: None

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

COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS: Councilor Whitfield called for a moment of silence for former Marion County Sherriff Frank Anderson who passed away in recent days. Councilor Russel announced that the 42<sup>nd</sup> Street and Post Road Church of God has established a program for community members. She added that this program should be recognized for its efforts. She also reported that constituents are concerned about paving needs in Geist Valley Estates. She concluded by congratulating Lawrence North musical leadership for the excellent musical program this past weekend. It was a wonderful event deserving of recognition. Councilor Wells thanked the Assistant Director of Transportation for Lawrence Township Schools for addressing various safety concerns. It has been the practice to have bus drivers honk their horns while backing up. They are now using cameras to ensure that the path behind them is clear. He noted that this precaution demonstrated the school district's commitment to being good neighbors. He also reported that he attended the opening of the softball program at Lawrence Community Park on Saturday, April 30, 2022. He asked if it is possible that roads could be blocked next year to provide a longer and safer path for the parade. He concluded by thanking Mayor Collier for presenting him with a framed copy of Resolution No. 8, 2022 honoring his sister Linda Treat who recently passed away. Councilor Shevlot thanked DPW for patching 79<sup>th</sup> Street to Sunnyside Road. This was a problem identified earlier, and he thanked DPW for their timely response. Councilor Denney recognized that the past weekend featured many activities within the City of Lawrence. Two highlights were the opening of the softball season on Saturday morning and the Fiesta Lawrence on Saturday afternoon. He concluded by thanking the Parks Department for their efforts in planning for and carrying out quality activities for families to participate together.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilor Shevlot moved to approve the minutes of the regular meetings on April 4, 2022, and April 20, 2022. Councilor Russel seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS 4-20-22: Councilor Rusomaroff moved to approve Payroll Claims for \$986,826.34 [March 15, 2022, payroll], and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for \$1,704,654.35]. Councilor Russel seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS 5-2-22: Councilor Rusomaroff moved to approve Payroll Claims for \$976,292.51 [April 15, 2022, payroll], Payroll Claims for \$733,018.91 [April 22, 2022, payroll], and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for \$350,799.48]. Councilor Russel seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: Councilor Denney said the Administration, Budget, and Finance Committee met tonight, at 5:30pm. Proposal No. 10, 2022 needs a public hearing. Proposal No. 11, 2022 was amended and needs a public hearing. Resolution No. 9, 2022 is still in committee.

UNFINISHED 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 read only by title by Clerk Walton. A public hearing will be scheduled for Proposal No. 10, 2022.

Proposal No. 11, 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 said Proposal No. 11, 2022 was amended by the Administration, Budget, and Finance Committee and needs a public hearing.

Resolution No. 9, 2022, approving the issuance of Storm Water Revenue Bonds of the City of Lawrence Storm Water Management District and matters related thereto, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Denney said Resolution No. 9, 2022 is still in the Administration, Budget, and Finance Committee.

NEW BUSINESS: Resolution No. 10, 2022, approving the Vlink Law Firm LLC contracts for 2022 redistricting legal and consulting service, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Denney and attorney Wheeler discussed Resolution No. 10, 2022. Following discussion, Councilor Rusomaroff moved to adopt Resolution No. 10, 2022. Councilor Giles seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS: Deputy Chief of Staff Murphy reported that, on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources awarded the City of Lawrence \$1.7 million in grant funds for developing trails in the City of Lawrence. This is the largest investment in trails to date. As a matter of information, the City of Lawrence was one of 38 cities to receive such grant funding from a program begun in 2021. Echoing earlier comments, he recognized last weekends Fiesta Lawrence as a free community event to celebrate Latino culture. He sent a shout out to Deputy Chief of Staff Cori Korn for organizing the event. He also noted a Saturday morning Memorial Ceremony commemorating the life and service of long time firefighter Jeff Holt. He went on to announce that three tons of trash were picked up by a large team of more than 100 volunteers during a recent Lawrence Clean-Up Day. He concluded by reminding everyone that the complete list of activities throughout the City of Lawrence is available by visiting the city's website.

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CITIZENS COMMENTS: None

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.