CITY OF LAWRENCE

**Common Council**

# May 6, 2019

**Regular Meeting**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Members Lisa Chavis, William Tyrrell Giles, Rick Wells, Sherron Freeman, Becky Parker and Matt Hall were present.

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Kathleen Walton and Attorney Jeffery Earl (Bose McKinney & Evans LLP)

STAFF PRESENT: Police Chief Hofmann was present.

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 attended the April crime watch meeting at Boston Commons. One issue that emerged was the need for more street lights on Glenn Road. She went to report that a car lot, located at 8860 Pendleton Pike, is displaying a rent or lease sign on its property. Can they do that? Is there an ordinance that addresses the use of property for car lots? She would like to see some sort of resolution about car lots. Councilor Freeman also expressed concern about pot holes at the entrance to Benjamin Square. Councilor Hall recalled that, in December he had asked about bike paths and sidewalks and their connections to the upcoming Purple Line in Lawrence. He repeated the need to work with the community to decide where the bike paths and sidewalks should be placed. He wants to meet with the Administration to promote sidewalks and bike paths through several areas to include Districts 1-4. Councilor Parker reported that she attended the Canterbury Apartments crime watch meeting a few hours before the council meeting. She met individuals attending the meeting who are working with the community on various issues. These included representatives from The Freedom Academy and Youth for Christ. Councilor Wells reminded the council that the Canterbury Apartments are within his district, but that he had not known that there was a crime watch meeting this evening. Had he known, he would have attended. As to the car lots issue, he reported that there is a part of the City Code stating that, once car lots are vacated, they must go through a special process to get themselves re-established as car lots. He said he has heard that the CDC may be selling properties that they own at 46th Street and Franklin Road. He wondered if that means the renewal project at that site had been scrapped. He also asked whether the inter local agreement on stormwater issues had been signed with the City of Indianapolis. He also noted that he had submitted several public information requests. In response, Councilor Parker reported that she had missed the first Canterbury Apartments crime watch meeting. She had then reached out to the crime watch director and asked her about follow up meetings. That is how she found out about this evenings meeting and was able to attend. Councilor Chavis then asked Police Chief Hofmann to post the crime watch meetings schedule on the city’s website.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilor Parker moved to approve the minutes of the regular meetings on April 1, 2019 and April 17, 2019 and special meeting on April 1, 2019. The motion was seconded by Councilor Freeman and carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS: Councilor Freeman moved to approve Payroll Claims for $942,572.29 [April 15, 2019 payroll] and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for $810,954.83]. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wells. By a show of hands, the motion to approve the vouchers carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS: None

CITIZENS COMMENTS: The following citizen addressed the Council:

* Linda Moore, 4909 Leone Drive

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

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.