

CITY OF LAWRENCE
Common Council
May 17, 2023
Regular Meeting

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

MEMBERS PRESENT BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: Shawn Denney, Maria Rusomaroff, and Lauren Russel (unable to be present due to an unforeseen circumstance)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom Shevlot

ALSO BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

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

STAFF PRESENT: Chief of Staff Korn

STAFF BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

Council President William Giles called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. and announced a quorum was present.

COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS: Councilor Wells reported that he had met with some gentlemen who have purchased the Marsh store on Franklin Road. They have told him that there will be a new grocery store opening in mid-summer.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS 5-17-23: Councilor Chavis moved to approve Payroll Claims for \$1,004,706.41 [April 30, 2023, payroll], and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for \$1,181,418.12]. Councilor Wells seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Resolution No. 9, 2023, to amend the City of Lawrence's second amended ARP Fund Plan, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Giles assigned Resolution No. 9, 2023 to the Administration, Budget, and Finance Committee.

Proposal No. 7, 2023, to appropriate from the ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund in 2023 for purposes that fulfill the intent of the American Rescue Plan Act, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Giles assigned Proposal No. 7, 2023 to the Administration, Budget, and Finance Committee

NEW BUSINESS: Council President Giles turned the meeting over to Attorney Wheeler to discuss issues surrounding the ongoing lawsuit with the City. She began by asking for a motion to authorize Bose McKinney & Evans to represent the council on matters related to the lawsuit filed by the mayor. Additionally, she sought authorization for the council president to respond to questions about the matter moving forward. In response, Councilor Chavis moved to approve Bose McKinney & Evans to represent the council in all matters related to the lawsuit filed against the council by the mayor. The motion authorizes the council president to respond to questions about the matter moving forward. Council Giles seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion carried 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 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.