

CITY OF LAWRENCE
Common Council
June 6, 2022
Regular Meeting

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

MEMBERS BY ZOOM: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO BY ZOOM: None

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

STAFF PRESENT: Mayor Collier, Chief of Staff Hofmann, Deputy Chief of Staff Murphy, Deputy Chief of Staff Korn, Fire Chief Batalis, and Park Superintendent Martin

STAFF BY ZOOM: Controller Douthit, Deputy Controller Nagila, and Director of Engineering Venugopalan

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 suggested that the council revisit the landlord registry because its her impression that landlords are not in compliance. For instance, DPW collected \$24,000 in fines for high grass and weeds in 2021. Councilor Russel expressed enthusiasm for lasts weeks opening of the Farmers Market. Councilor Wells expressed gratitude to the Street Department and Scott Salsbery for their assistance in placing blocks on property at the corner of 47th Street and VanCleave Street. This action should assist in limiting damage to the lawn at that location. Councilor Wells also thanked LPD for heading off a potential disturbance in Lawrence Community Park caused by a spontaneous car club gathering. Councilor Shevlot recognized the presence of Shannon Kohl, the former mayor of Martinsville, Indiana.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilor Rusomaroff moved to approve the minutes of the regular meetings on May 2, 2022, and May 18, 2022. Councilor Giles seconded the motion. By a show of hands, the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS 6-6-22: Councilor Wells moved to approve Payroll Claims for \$1,028,897.70 [May 31, 2022, payroll], and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for \$1,481,924.43]. Councilor Denney seconded the motion. By a show of hands, the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: Councilor Denney said the Administration, Budget, and Finance Committee met tonight, at 5:00pm. They recommended a do not pass, by a 3-1 vote, for Resolution No. 9, 2022. They recommended a do-pass for Proposal No. 13, 2022. Councilor Wells said the Parks Committee met tonight at 5:30pm and recommended a do-pass for Proposal No. 11, 2022.

PUBLIC HEARING: Pursuant to advertising, Councilor Chavis opened the floor for the public hearing concerning Proposal No. 10, 2022. Councilor Chavis called for comment and testimony. The following citizens gave public comments:

- Robert Schlafer, 10423 Rainbow Lane
- Sandy Schlafer, 10423 Rainbow Lane

Thereupon, the public hearing was closed.

PUBLIC HEARING: Pursuant to advertising, Councilor Chavis opened the floor for the public hearing concerning Proposal No. 11, 2022. Councilor Chavis called for comment and testimony. There were no public comments. Thereupon, the public hearing was closed.

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. Councilor Denney moved to adopt Proposal No. 10, 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rusomaroff. Councilor Russel read comments into the record: these are included with these minutes. Following discussion, by a show of hands, the motion carried by the following vote of the Council: Seven (7) aye votes and two (2) nay votes (Councilors Shevlot and Russel).

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 Rusomaroff moved to accept Proposal No. 11, 2022 in place of the original proposal. The motion to amend Proposal No. 11, 2022 was seconded by Councilor Wells. By a show of hands, the motion carried unanimously. Councilor Rusomaroff moved to adopt Amended Proposal No. 11, 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wells. By a show of hands, the motion carried unanimously.

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 Shevlot moved to adopt Resolution No. 9, 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilor Russel. Following discussion, by a show of hands, the motion failed by the following vote of the Council: two (2) aye votes (Councilors Shevlot and Russel) and Seven (7) nay votes

Proposal No. 13, 2022, amending the 2022 civil salary ordinance, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Russel moved to adopt Proposal No. 13, 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilor Denney. By a show of hands, the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: Proposal No. 12, 2022, appropriating additional funds and amending the 2022 budget with respect to the Local Road and Street Fund, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 12, 2022 to the Administration, Budget, and Finance Committee. They will meet on June 15, 2022, at 5:15pm.

Proposal No. 14, 2022, authorizing the City of Lawrence to become a member of the Central Indiana Regional Development Authority pursuant to Ind. Code 36-7.7 et seq, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Mayor Collier gave an overview of Proposal No. 14, 2022. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 14, 2022 to the Committee of the Whole. They will meet on June 15, 2022, at 5:45pm.

Resolution No. 11, 2022, adopting a preliminary strategic economic development plan for the Central Indiana Regional Development Authority pursuant to Ind. Code 36-7.7 et seq, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Resolution No. 11, 2022 to the Committee of the Whole.

Proposal No. 15, 2022, adopting a new schedule of rates and charges for services rendered by the City of Lawrence Water Utility to reflect the repeal of the Utility Receipts Tax, effective July 1, 2022, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 15, 2022 to the Administration, Budget, and Finance Committee.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS: Chief of Staff Hofmann reported that Cohron's Annual Strawberry Festival was held last Saturday and hosted a large crowd. He thanked the Cohron's family for their long history of generosity to the community. He also spoke with enthusiasm about last Thursday's opening of the Farmers Market. He reminded everyone that the event has been moved to its new location on the Cultural Campus. It will take place from 4pm to 7pm every Thursday through October. He announced that July 4th activities will begin at 10am with the annual parade. Lawrence North basketball coach, Jack Keefer, will serve as the Grand Marshall. Among the scheduled events are a music festival beginning at 6pm by the Sledding Hill at the back of the park. This will be followed by the always-popular Fireworks Show at 10pm.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: The following citizens addressed the Council:

- Joan Carter, 1040 Courageous Drive
- Tony Fesi, 106 Walnut Court

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 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, except for the motions.