

CITY OF LAWRENCE
Common Council
June 14, 2023
Special Meeting

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

MEMBERS BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lauren Russel, and Tom Shevlot

ALSO BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Kathleen Walton, Attorney Kristina Wheeler (Bose McKinney & Evans LLP), Attorney Jonathan Hughes (Bose McKinney & Evans LLP), Attorney Greg Hahn (Bose McKinney & Evans LLP), and Attorney Brian Bosma (Kroger Gardis & Regas, LLP)

STAFF PRESENT: Controller Douthit, Police Chief Bigsbee, Deputy Chief of Police Woodruff, Fire Chief Batalis, Chief of Staff Korn, Park Superintendent Martin, Director of Streets Heneghan, and City Attorney Voller

STAFF BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

Council President William Tyrrell Giles called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and announced a quorum was present.

This was a special meeting focused on a report of an inquiry conducted into the process of preparing and approving the 2022 budget. Therefore, some of the activities did not conform to the sequence identified in the agenda.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS 6-14-23: Councilor Chavis moved to approve Payroll Claims for \$1,097,544.44 [May 15, 2023, payroll], and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for \$2,106,657.74] except for voucher number 28882 in the amount of \$21,568.88 for Barnes & Thornburg. Councilor Denney seconded the motion. By a show of hands, the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: Councilor Giles introduced Jonathan Hughes, Bose McKinney & Evans LLP, to present the “Preliminary report on the Council’s 2022 budget investigation”. Mr. Hughes’ presentation concluded at 8:10pm. After a 5 minute break, the council reconvened for a period of questions and answers.

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

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m., by the unanimous vote of the Council.

William Tyrrell 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.