

CITY OF LAWRENCE
Common Council
June 16, 2021
Regular Meeting

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

MEMBERS BY ZOOM: Maria Rusomaroff

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO BY ZOOM: None

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

STAFF PRESENT: Controller Douthit, Fire Chief Batalis, Deputy Fire Chief Wallace and several firefighters

STAFF BY ZOOM: None

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 Giles thanked DPW for their efforts in various stormwater projects. He suggested informing the citizens of the City of Lawrence that Lawrence is responsible for addressing stormwater issues. Therefore, they should call DPW directly and inform them of any stormwater issues that need to be addressed. Councilor Rusomaroff thanked Police Chief Hofmann and Sergeant Lushin for assistance they provided to residents on Rose Haven Drive. She also expressed gratitude to Mayor Collier, his Administration and several others for the creation of a butterfly sanctuary in Lawrence. She concluded by expressing the need for cooperation between the cities of Lawrence and Indianapolis for addressing lighting issues on Carroll Road from 62nd Street to 46th Street. Councilor Wells reported that he had spoken with the owner of the shopping center on Franklin Road that use to host the old Marsh grocery store. He learned that construction is underway for a new grocery store at that site. The target date for completing the project is within the next 4 to 6 months. The owner also expressed interest in becoming more involved with City activities to include the 4th of July parade. Councilor Chavis expressed appreciation to the Godroxx organization for their superb support during the cleanup activities at Explorer Park on Sunday, June 13, 2021. Councilor Denney also noted the participation of Allen's Tree Service in the cleanup.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS 6-16-21: Councilor Russel moved to approve Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for \$258,592.02]. Councilor Shevlot seconded the motion. Following discussion, by a roll call vote, the motion to approve the vouchers carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Resolution No. 7, 2021, making a preliminary determination to enter into lease to finance fire station project, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Russel moved to accept Resolution No. 7, 2021 in place of the original resolution. The motion to amend Resolution No. 7, 2021 was seconded by Councilor Denney. By a roll call vote, the motion

carried unanimously. Councilor Russel moved to adopt Amended Resolution No. 7, 2021. The motion was seconded by Councilor Whitfield. Councilor Denney said there were two amendments:

- The second Whereas, last line to read: “Corporation, is not greater than Ten Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$10,500,000)”
- Amended the second sentence of point #2 to read: “The maximum principal amount of the Bonds is \$10,500,000, to include construction cost of 5 (five) Four-Fold Apparatus Bay Doors for the front bay exits”. The remaining numbers in paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Resolution were also updated to conform to the amended maximum principal amount.

Following discussion among Councilors, by a roll call vote, the motion carried by the following vote of the Council: Seven (7) aye votes and two (2) nay votes (Councilors Giles and Wells).

Resolution No. 9, 2021, receiving and approving the petition of taxpaying citizens requesting the leasing of certain facilities and real estate, approving execution of the proposed lease and taking other actions regarding the proposed lease, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Shevlot moved to accept Resolution No. 9, 2021 in place of the original resolution. The motion to amend Resolution No. 9, 2021 was seconded by Councilor Whitfield. Councilor Denney said there was an amendment to Section 10. It now reads in an amount not to exceed \$10,500,000 to finance all or any portion of the Project are hereby approved. By a roll call vote, the motion carried by the following vote of the Council: Seven (7) aye votes and two (2) nay votes (Councilors Giles and Wells). Councilor Shevlot moved to adopt Amended Resolution No. 9, 2021. The motion was seconded by Councilor Denney. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Proposal No. 4, 2021, amending the Lawrence Municipal Code to amend Title 3, Article 2, Chapter 4 regarding the establishment of loading and unloading zones on public streets, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 4, 2021 to the Code Committee.

NEW BUSINESS: None

Attorney Kristina Wheeler noted for the record that this evening’s meeting was held in full compliance with the Open Door Law. This was necessary to make clear because the internet and phone systems within the City Building were not working for an extended period of time during the day. Requirements that everyone was present or could be seen and heard were met.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 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, with the exception of the motions. An audiotape is made which provides a detailed record.