

**Common Council  
City of Lawrence  
June 17, 2020  
Regular Meeting**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Members Lisa Chavis and Rick Wells

BY ZOOM: Councilors Tom Shevlot, William Tyrrell Giles, Sherron Freeman, Shawn Denney, Maria Rusomaroff, Lauren Russel, Deborah Whitfield and Attorney Kristina Wheeler (Bose McKinney & Evans LLP)

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Kathleen Walton and Thom John (Ice Miller LLP)

STAFF PRESENT: Controller/Deputy Mayor Fenwick

Council President Lisa Chavis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and a roll call was used to determine a quorum was present.

COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS: Councilor Freeman reported concerns about speeding traffic from residents along Twyckenham Drive and surrounding streets. Signs have been posted directing drivers to slow down but they have been ignored. Councilor Giles noted that speeding through neighborhoods is also a significant problem in and around his district. These include stretches along Shadeland Avenue, Pendleton Pike, and 46<sup>th</sup> Street. He believes that these speeding vehicles will be a problem all summer. He suggested that the Lawrence Police Department include those areas as “hot spots” of concern. In response, Councilor Chavis asked all councilors to submit such areas of concern to her in an email. She will then forward them to LPD for appropriate attention by officers. Councilor Shevlot reported that he has been working with Police Chief Hofmann on traffic issues involving construction on the 79<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge. Among the most serious concerns for the police is the fact that drivers continue to ignore the traffic lights and run the red lights. He went on to say that, Police Chief Hofmann has agreed to share his recent email on public safety and that he will forward that email to members of the Council and to the Clerk. Councilor Chavis also emphasized the dangerous conditions exiting on and around the 79<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge. She cautioned everyone to be extra careful in the area and to regard a yellow light as a warning to stop. She went on to report that constituents throughout the City have said that they believe that fireworks are going off earlier each year. She expressed her desire to have tougher enforcement of existing rules. She then asked Councilor Whitfield of the Public Safety Committee to assess the current situation and to consider tougher regulations. Councilor Wells again expressed his concerns about the flow of all traffic into and around District 2. It seems that large trucks are guided by their GPS navigation systems to follow various neighborhood streets to their destinations. Those streets are not wide enough to support that kind of traffic. He concluded by seeking information surrounding the digging for internet cable that is going on in and around Harrison Park. These activities are affecting the neighbors and their properties, and they would like to know who is responsible for restoring property affected by the digging. Councilor Rusomaroff expressed gratitude to DPW and the Administration for filling potholes in her district. She then observed that trash and weeds are collecting on medians and areas surrounding Sunnyside Road and Pendleton Pike. She asked for assistance in cleaning up the debris.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS: Councilor Giles moved to approve Payroll Claims for \$900,292.99 [May 31, 2020} payroll] and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for

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\$710,030.74]. Councilor Rusomaroff seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion to approve the vouchers carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Resolution No. 7, 2020, approving an amending declaratory resolution of the Redevelopment Commission, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Whitfield said the Economic Development Committee met tonight at 5:30pm and recommended a do pass for Resolution No. 7, 2020. Councilor Whitfield moved to adopt Resolution No. 7, 2020. Councilor Freeman seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Proposal No. 7, 2020, amending prior bond ordinances authorizing the issuance of certain waterworks revenue bonds of the City and repealing ordinances inconsistent herewith, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Denney said the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee met tonight at 5:00pm and recommended a do pass for Proposal No. 7, 2020. Councilor Denney moved to adopt Proposal No. 7, 2020. Councilor Whitfield seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned, at 6:50 p.m., by the unanimous vote of the Council.

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Lisa Chavis, President

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Kathleen A. Walton, Clerk