Common Council

**City of Lawrence**

**June 20, 2018**

**Regular Meeting**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Members Lisa Chavis, Sherron Freeman, Tom Shevlot, Elizabeth Wheeler, Becky Parker, Bob Jones and Rick Wells were present

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

STAFF PRESENT: Controller/Deputy Mayor Fenwick, Police Chief Hofmann and Director of Public Works and Code Enforcement Anthony were present.

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 expressed her gratitude to David Lotts for his service to the citizens of the City of Lawrence. She further sought clarification about a recent restructuring that placed the Street Department and DPW under the direction of the Utility Superintendent. She is trying to determine whether this is a permanent change or merely a “quick fix”. She also reported on persistent disruptions in the swimming pool area at Kenningston Farms and requested additional police patrols in the area. Councilor Wells began by noting a candlelight vigil that was held last Saturday, June 16, 2018 at the Lions Club on Richardt Street. This was to commemorate the memory of a young teenager who was shot and killed the previous week. He spoke to many people who attended and found that all agree that greater security should be available at such events. Echoing the comments of Councilor Freeman, Councilor Wells also sought clarification about the restructuring. He also expressed gratitude to Mr. Lotts for his efforts on behalf of the City of Lawrence. In response to the comments of Councilors Freeman and Wells, Council President Chavis said that she will prepare a comprehensive list of questions on the matter and email them to the Administration as a method to get the most complete information.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS: Councilor Freeman moved to approve Payroll Claims for $837,669.07 [May 31, 2018 payroll] and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for $268,237.29]. The motion was seconded by Councilor Parker. By a show of hands, the motion to approve the vouchers carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Proposal No. 2, 2018, amending the Municipal Code of the City of Lawrence, Indiana to establish an all-way stop intersection at River Birch Lane and Elm Ridge Drive, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Proposal No. 2, 2018 remains in the Code Committee. The Code Committee will meet on July 2, 2018 at 5:30pm.

Proposal No. 3, 2018, amending the Municipal Code of the City of Lawrence, Indiana to establish a preferential stop intersection at Indian Lake Boulevard South drive and Hidden Oak Lane, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Proposal No. 3, 2018 remains in the Code Committee.

Proposal No. 4, 2018, amending the Municipal Code of the City of Lawrence, Indiana to adopt a new chapter of Title 3, Article 3 to establish standards for the elimination of graffiti, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Proposal No. 4, 2018 remains in the Code Committee.

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NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned, at 6:40 p.m., by the unanimous vote of the Council.

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Lisa Chavis. President Kathleen A. Walton, Clerk