CITY OF LAWRENCE

 **Common Council**

# July 1, 2019

**Regular Meeting**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Members Lisa Chavis, Tom Shevlot, Bob Jones, William Tyrrell Giles, Sherron Freeman, Rick Wells and Matt Hall were present.

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Kathleen Walton and Attorney Jeffery Earl (Bose McKinney & Evans LLP)

STAFF PRESENT: Controller/Deputy Mayor Fenwick and Police Chief Hofmann, 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 said she received a letter from Kensington Farms HOA concerning basements flooding due to poor drainage easements and sidewalks damaged near bus stops. These issues have been reported to DPW. Jim Heneghan will meet with Kensington Farms HOA. She reminded everyone that on July 8, 2019 to July 25, 2019 Sunnyside Road will be closed from the railroad tracks south of 59th Street. She recommended the Council contact Dan Parker and express the desire to see the Interlocal Agreement finalized. Councilor Freeman went on to report that she has received a complaint about a broken wooden fence at the rear of the Landings Apartments off 53rd Street and Kercheval Drive. She asked that DPW code enforcement visit the site and investigate the situation. She expressed concern that if kids are tearing down the fence because they are taking a short cut, this could be a recurring issue. She went on to express earlier concerns about the former Marsh grocery store on Franklin Road being converted into a charter school. She understands that the owners are Ruby & Pearl Property LLC who have owned the property since May 15, 2018. She suggested that the council study the situation through the RDC. Councilor Giles thanked LPD for the increased patrols in Brookhaven. Councilor Hall expressed gratitude to Councilor Chavis for her comments about funding for bike trails in the City of Lawrence on his behalf at the last meeting. He emphasized his earlier interest in obtaining funding for bike paths. He mentioned a letter concerning the possibility of a magnet or charter school at the old Marsh store. He framed his concerns within the continuing discussion about “food deserts” in the areas such as Franklin Road. Councilor Shevlot reminded everyone that information about ongoing and upcoming road closures are already posted on social media. He noted that DPW is out throughout the City doing a lot of work on various projects. He complimented LPD for its high level of professionalism exhibited on national television through the “Live PD” program. He expressed the opinion that the performance of the police department reflected very positively on the City of Lawrence. Councilor Chavis recalled the request made earlier by Councilor Freeman for information about the upcoming Lawrence Township School Board referendum on the November ballot. Councilor Chavis reported that there would be a legislative breakfast to which they will all be invited. The referendum will be discussed at that time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilor Wells moved to approve the minutes of the regular meetings on June 3, 2019 and June 19, 2019. The motion was seconded by Councilor Jones and carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS: Councilor Wells moved to approve Payroll Claims for $978,349.91 [May 15, 2019 payroll] and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for

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$1,055,866.85]. The motion was seconded by Councilor Giles. By a show of hands, the motion to approve the vouchers carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: Councilor Jones informed the Council that a Zoning Committee meeting was held tonight at 6:00 p.m. to consider Petition No. 2019-ZON-067, 6025 Sunnyside Road. Councilor Jones moved on behalf of the Zoning Committee, that the Council hear Petition No. 2019-ZON-067 at a Special Council meeting on July 29, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Councilor Hall seconded the motion. By a show of hands, the vote carried by the unanimous vote of the Council.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Councilor Chavis said nominations for a member of the Fort Harrison Reuse Authority were open for consideration. Councilor Freeman nominated Russell Brown. Councilor Shevlot nominated Jerry Clifford. Councilor Chavis announced that, there being no further nominations, nominations were closed. Clerk Walton distributed paper ballots. The Clerk tallied the votes. Seven votes were cast, 6 votes for Russell Brown and 1 vote for Jerry Clifford (Councilor Shevlot). Clerk Walton announced that Russell Brown was elected to the Fort Harrison Reuse Authority.

Proposal No. 5, 2019, amending the Lawrence Municipal Code to establish an additional no parking zone on Broadway Street, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton.

Councilor Jones moved to suspend the rules and adopt on first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wells and failed by the following vote of the council: Six (6) aye votes

and one (1) nay vote (Councilor Giles). Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 5, 2019 to the Code Committee.

Proposal No. 6, 2019, A supplemental bond ordinance of the City of Lawrence, Indiana, supplementing and amending Ordinance No. 38, 2009, adopted on August 3, 2009, all for the purpose of authorizing the modification of certain contractual rights of the City, the execution and delivery of its amended sewage works revenue bonds, series 2009B and series 2009C (taxable), and approving certain related matters in connection therewith, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 6, 2019 to the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS: Controller/Deputy Mayor Fenwick said the Marsh property on Franklin Road has been sold. It will not be a charter school. He discussed the July 4th festival and Freedom 5K on July 6, 2019.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: The following citizens addressed the Council:

* Jim Massel, 10630 Tennison Drive
* Joe Passarelli, 6257 Winford Drive

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m., by the unanimous vote of the Council.

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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.