

CITY OF LAWRENCE
Common Council
July 5, 2022
Regular Meeting

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

MEMBERS BY ZOOM: Lisa Chavis

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lauren Russel

ALSO BY ZOOM: Attorney Kristina Wheeler (Bose McKinney & Evans LLP)

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Kathleen Walton

STAFF PRESENT: None

STAFF BY ZOOM: Controller Douthit, Deputy Controller Nagila, Chief of Staff Hofmann, Deputy Chief of Staff Murphy, and Director of Engineering Venugopalan

Council Vice President Shawn Denney called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and announced a quorum was present.

COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS: Councilor Freeman suggested that identification signs are needed for Lee Road Park. She also asked that the new stop signs with the flashing warning lights be placed in neighborhoods as well. She noted that there were places on the 4th of July parade route where heavy trash was stacked. However, it seemed that this was a coincidence of dates rather than a persistent problem. Councilor Wells thanked the Parks Department employees, city workers, and public safety personnel for ensuring a safe 4th of July celebration. He concluded by calling for a moment of silence for the victims of the July 4th shootings in Highland Park, Illinois. Councilor Whitfield reported that the Juneteenth celebration was well attended and thanked the Administration for organizing and conducting the event. Councilor Rusomaroff recognized that the 4th of July celebration was a complete success. In particular, she reported that the concert featuring Big Rosco & the Hammers proved very popular. So much so that large numbers of people remained to the end of their performance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilor Freeman moved to approve the minutes of the regular meetings on June 6, 2022, and June 15, 2022. Councilor Wells seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS 7-5-22: Councilor Freeman moved to approve Payroll Claims for \$1,017,044.01 [May 31, 2022, payroll], and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for \$1,006,368.00]. Councilor Wells seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: None

PUBLIC HEARING: Pursuant to advertising, Councilor Denney opened the floor for the public hearing concerning Proposal No. 12, 2022. Councilor Denney called for comment and testimony. There were no public comments. Thereupon, the public hearing was closed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Proposal No. 12, 2022, appropriating additional funds and amending the 2022 budget with respect to the Local Road and Street Fund, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Giles moved to adopt Proposal No. 12, 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rusomaroff. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: Proposal No. 16, 2022, establishing a vehicle inspection fee pursuant to Ind. Code 9-17-2-12 and a rebuilt salvage motor vehicle inspection fee pursuant to Ind. Code 9-22-3-15, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Denney assigned Proposal No. 16, 2022 to the Code Committee.

Proposal No. 17, 2022, amending Title 1, Article 2, Chapter 2, Section 4, of the Municipal Code of the City of Lawrence redistricting Common Council district boundaries pursuant to Indiana Code 36-4-6-3, was introduced, and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Denney assigned Proposal No. 17, 2022 to the Committee of the Whole. The Committee of the Whole will meet on July 20, 2022, at 5pm.

Resolution No. 12, 2022, amending the City of Lawrence's ARP Fund Plan, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Denney assigned Resolution No. 12, 2022 to the Administration, Budget, and Finance Committee.

Councilor Denney said consideration of a Council appointment to the Grants Committee will be on July 20, 2022.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS: None

CITIZENS COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 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, except for the motions.