

**CITY OF LAWRENCE**  
**Common Council**  
**July 6, 2021**  
**Regular Meeting**

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

MEMBERS BY ZOOM: Shawn Denney

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

STAFF PRESENT: Police Chief Hofmann

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 Freeman informed the Council that the Davis Building Group has proposed a townhome development at the corner of Birtz and Hawkins Streets on the former Fort Harrison. There has been considerable concern expressed by residents about the fact that the Davis Building Group bypassed the City of Lawrence and went directly to the Department of Metropolitan Development (DMD) for action. The residents have identified several issues to include the location of the project so close to the 4-way stop on Birtz Road. There is a sense that this project represents over development within limited space that sets the precedent for over development throughout Fort Harrison. She went to say that she understands that Larry Calloway, principal DMD planner, continues to receive new documents concerning the development that are not being provided to the City of Lawrence. She also informed the Council of two significant zoning variance cases to be heard at the Lawrence Government Center on Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 6 p.m.:

- 10605 Deme Drive. Petitioner seeks a variance to allow for motor vehicle sales.
- 5505 N. Post Road. Petitioner seeks a variance for a liquor store to be constructed on a vacant lot of roughly 2 acres.

Councilor Whitfield recognized the Lawrence Police Department and thanked them for their quick reaction and management of the shooting on July 5, 2021 on Pendleton Pike. Councilor Shevlot revisited the issue of limited visibility at the intersection of 79<sup>th</sup> Street and Indiana Lake Road. The concern is the over growth of vegetation that gets in the way. He then thanked Jim Heneghan, Director of Streets, for once again cutting back the vegetation and making the intersection safer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilor Freeman moved to approve the minutes of the regular meetings on June 7, 2021 and June 16, 2021. Councilor Rusomaroff seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS 6-7-21: Councilor Giles moved to approve Payroll Claims for \$964,368.44 [June 15, 2021 payroll] and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for

\$891,302.94]. Councilor Whitfield seconded the motion. Following discussion, by a roll call vote, the motion to approve the vouchers carried unanimously.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: Councilor Giles said the Code Committee met and discussed Proposal No. 4, 2021. The committee recommended a do-pass with an amendment to the passenger zone section (A). Three minutes were changed to twenty minutes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: 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 Giles moved to accept Proposal No. 4, 2021 in place of the original proposal. The motion to amend Proposal No. 4, 2021 was seconded by Councilor Whitfield. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Councilor Giles moved to adopt Amended Proposal No. 4, 2021. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rusomaroff. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: Resolution No. 10, 2021 approving the Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, LLC contract for accounting services, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Resolution No. 10, 2021 to the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS: Police Chief Hofmann presented an upbeat assessment of the events during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival. He reported that there were no injuries, no arrests, and no traffic accidents during what was a well-planned and well-attended community event. He noted that this was particularly significant because of the wide range of activities including a large and diverse parade, car show, fish fry, band concerts, carnival, and spectacular fireworks show.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: The following citizens addressed the Council:

- Joe Davenport, 7533 Geist Estates Drive
- Dona Sapp, 9101 Rising Road
- Susan Cotten, 5733 Birtz Road

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m., by the unanimous vote of the Council.

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Lisa Chavis, President

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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.