Common Council

**City of Lawrence**

**July 19, 2017**

**Regular Meeting**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Members Joe Williams, Lisa Chavis, Sherron Freeman, Elizabeth Wheeler, William Tyrrell Giles, Rick Wells, Tom Shevlot and Greg Allen were present

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

STAFF PRESENT: None

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

COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS: Councilor Freeman discussed these items:

* She requested a left turn arrow at Harrison Park Drive.
* She’s been waiting on a reply since June 27, 2017 from the Mayor’s office, the director of EDC and DPW regarding a proposal to amend the weeds and tall grass ordinance.
* There are no 35 mph speed limit signs posted from 56th Street and Post Road to 59th Street and Post Road.
* She requested permission to have Purple Line Transit give an update to the full Council.
* There is a problem with Republic Services picking up yard waste in Kensington Farms. She inquired when the contract expires.

Councilor Williams responded by saying Indygo will be at the next Council meeting on August 7, 2017 to give an update on the Purple Line. He is also concerned about tall grass issues and asked DPW to do a better job of communicating with Republic Services. Councilor Giles said he spoke to a constituent in Brookhaven. There are a lot of concerns about code violations. He encouraged the administration to go to Brookhaven and address the code violations to get the neighborhood moving in the right direction. Councilor Allen mentioned the Indian Lake area has a foul smell and people have been advised not to swim there. He would like an update from the administration on the situation. Councilor Shevlot inquired about the $30,000 in legal fees for Bose, McKinney & Evans that was discussed at the July 5, 2017 meeting. He asked if there was a contract for Bose, McKinney & Evans regarding the water utility bond. Councilor Williams responded by saying there was no contract and Bose, McKinney & Evans was engaged about the water issue last year. Council President Williams received an itemized bill; the bill was verified and approved and paid out of the bond for the water utility. Councilor Wells sought clarity about which items on the Bose, McKinney & Evans invoice were submitted for payment thru the water bond. Specifically, he pointed out that several lines were blacked out and not readable. Attorney Kristina Wheeler responded that the blacked out lines were not related to the water bond and therefore were not included in the water bond. Councilor Wells asked why pictures of some activities at the July 4, 2017 celebration, such as the Car Show, were not included on the City’s Facebook page.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS: Councilor Freeman moved to approve Payroll Claims for $868,396.69 [June 30, 2017 payroll] and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for $2,544,404.54]. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wheeler. By a show of hands, the motion to approve the vouchers carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned, at 6:45 p.m., by the unanimous vote of the Council.

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Joe Williams. President Kathleen A. Walton, Clerk