

CITY OF LAWRENCE
Common Council
July 19, 2023
Public Assembly Room
Regular Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: William Tyrrell Giles, Rick Wells, Lisa Chavis, Deborah Whitfield, and Sherron Freeman

MEMBERS PRESENT BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: Shawn Denney

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom Shevlot, Lauren Russel, and Maria Rusomaroff

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

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Kathleen Walton

STAFF PRESENT: Chief of Staff Korn, and Controller Douthit

STAFF BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

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

COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS: Councilor Wells asked for clarification about the current status of the lawsuit focusing on the 2022 budget. In response, there was a discussion among councilors and the council attorney about the fire chief being added to the lawsuit concerning the 2022 budget.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS 7-19-23: Councilor Freeman moved to approve Payroll Claims for \$1,134,692.94 [June 30, 2023, payroll], and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for \$1,637,068.83]. Councilor Whitfield seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Resolution No. 9, 2023, to amend the City of Lawrence's second amended ARP Fund Plan, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Giles assigned Resolution No. 9, 2023 to the Committee of the Whole. Councilor Freeman withdrew her sponsorship of Resolution No. 9, 2023.

Proposal No. 7, 2023, to appropriate from the ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund in 2023 for purposes that fulfill the intent of the American Rescue Plan Act, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Giles assigned Proposal No. 7, 2023 to the Committee of the Whole. Councilor Freeman withdrew her sponsorship of Proposal No.7, 2023.

NEW BUSINESS: 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.

William T. Giles, President

Kathleen A. Walton, Clerk

These minutes are not intended to be verbatim. They are a summary of discussions held, except for the motions.