

CITY OF LAWRENCE
Common Council
July 21, 2021
Regular Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: None

MEMBERS BY ZOOM: Lisa Chavis, Tom Shevlot, Sherron Freeman, William Tyrrell Giles, Lauren Russel, Deborah Whitfield, Shawn Denney, and Maria Rusomaroff

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rick Wells

ALSO BY ZOOM: Clerk Kathleen Walton, Attorney Kristina Wheeler (Bose McKinney & Evans LLP) and Susan Reed (Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, LLC)

ALSO PRESENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: None

STAFF BY ZOOM: Controller Douthit, Police Chief Hofmann and Deputy Police Chief Bigsbee

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 Whitfield reminded everyone that the Olympic games begin on Friday, July 23, 2021. This is relevant because many of the athletes come from Indiana. Councilor Giles praised the efforts of DPW and the Street Department for their work in upgrading the quality of the stormwater system within the City of Lawrence.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS 7-21-21: Several vouchers were presented to the Common Council for consideration and approval. What followed was a discussion that included Councilor questions and responses from Police Chief Hofmann and Controller Douthit. Following that conversation, Councilor Denney moved to approve Payroll Claims for \$1,401,415.27 [June 30, 2021, payroll] and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for \$1,625,430.39] except for the vouchers for Ice Miller in the amount of \$18,000. Questions remained about that vendor. Councilor Russel seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion to approve the vouchers except those for Ice Miller carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED 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 Denney said the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee met tonight and discussed Resolution No. 10, 2021. They recommended a do-pass. Susan Reed responded to questions from the Council. Councilor Chavis moved to adopt Resolution No. 10 2021. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rusomaroff. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: Resolution No. 11, 2021, approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Lawrence and the Lawrence Professional Firefighters Association, Local 416 effective January 1, 2021, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Resolution No. 11, 2021 to the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee.

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ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 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, with the exception of the motions. An audiotape is made which provides a detailed record.