

CITY OF LAWRENCE
Common Council
August 1, 2022
Regular Meeting

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

MEMBERS BY ZOOM: Lauren Russel (joined meeting at 7:24p.m.)

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO BY ZOOM: None

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Kathleen Walton, Attorney Kristina Wheeler (Bose McKinney & Evans LLP), Paige Sansone (Baker Tilly), Bruce Donaldson (Barnes & Thornburg), FHRA Executive Director Heather Milligan, FHRA President Jeff Vest, members of the FHRA, Kelly Mulder (Keystone Group)

STAFF PRESENT: Mayor Collier, Controller Douthit, Deputy Controller Nagila, Chief of Staff Hofmann, Police Chief Woodruff, Deputy Chief of Staff Murphy, Deputy Chief of Staff Korn, Bob Swintz, Park Superintendent Martin, and Director of Economic Development Zuerner

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 Denney called for a moment of silence to recognize the sacrifice of Elwood Police Officer Noah Shahnava who was shot and killed during a traffic stop early Sunday morning. Councilor Rusomaroff reminded everyone of the National Night Out activities scheduled for the following evening. She reported that Winding Ridge neighborhood is participating with some 17 neighborhoods throughout the City of Lawrence. Councilor Shevlot thanked Jim Heneghan and City Street crews for their efforts to clear site lines at the intersection of 79th Street and Indian Lake Road. Councilor Whitfield reminded everyone that summer vacation is over, and that school would be back in session the next day. She urged everyone to respect the school buses and to allow them to carryout their important responsibilities safely.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilor Rusomaroff moved to approve the minutes of the regular meetings on July 5, 2022, and July 20, 2022. Councilor Wells seconded the motion. By a show of hands, the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS 8-1-22: Councilor Freeman moved to approve Payroll Claims for \$974,734.00 [July 15, 2022, payroll], and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for \$81,883.42]. Councilor Denney seconded the motion. By a show of hands, the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: Councilor Freeman said the Code Committee met and discussed Proposal No. 16, 2022. They recommended a do-pass. Councilor Denney said the Administration, Budget, and Finance Committee met and discussed Resolution No. 12, 2022,

Proposal No. 18, 2022 and Proposal No. 19, 2022. They will need an additional meeting on August 17, 2022.

There was a presentation by the Fort Harrison Reuse Authority on the Keystone Project. Director of Economic Development Zuerner, Kelly Mulder (Keystone Group), Jason Fenwick (FHRA), and Bruce Donaldson (Barnes & Thornburg) discussed the project and responded to questions from the Council.

Paige Sansone, Baker Tilly, gave a presentation on a Financial Plan and Cashflow Analysis and responded to questions from the Council.

UNFINISHED 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 read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis said Proposal No. 16, 2022 will be voted on at the August 17, 2022, meeting.

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 read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 17, 2022 to the Committee of the Whole.

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

Councilor Chavis said consideration of a Council appointment to the Grants Committee will be on August 17, 2022.

Proposal No. 18, 2022, adopting a new schedule of sewer utility rates and charges, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 18, 2022 to the Administration, Budget, and Finance Committee.

Proposal No. 19, 2022, concerning acquisition, construction or improvement of sewage works; authorizing issuance of sewage works revenue bonds for such purpose; providing for the collection, segregation, and distribution of revenues of sewage works and safeguarding of interests of owners of sewage works revenue bonds; other matters connected therewith; and repealing ordinances inconsistent herewith, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 19, 2022 to the Administration, Budget, and Finance Committee.

NEW BUSINESS: Proposal No. 20, 2022, amending Section 3-3-4-7 and Section 3-3-4-8 of the Lawrence Municipal Code with respect to litter violation notices, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 20, 2022 to the Code Committee.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS: Chief of Staff Hofmann presented an extensive report on activities throughout the City of Lawrence. Highlights:

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- The new pickleball courts in Lee Road Park have attracted a lot of attention and have welcomed many players since they opened. More than 26,000 folks have looked at the City's Facebook page to get information about the courts. They are open from 7am to 10pm.
- The Lawrence Fire Department reports that the new Auxiliary Building is nearing completion; Also, the demolition of the old fire station on McCoy Street is nearing completion. This means that the construction of the new LFD headquarters building, Station #38, is about to begin. A groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, August 23, 2022, at 9:30 am. He encouraged members of the Common Council and citizens of the City of Lawrence to attend.
- The Lawrence Police Department's 911 Communications Director, LiAnn Wolfe, is happy to announce that they have hired 2 new 911 dispatchers in recent weeks. Both have previous experience and have already begun work in their permanent shifts. The 911 operators serve as the lifeline between all our first responders and those people in need who call for emergency assistance.
- Police Chief Woodruff reported that the July "Fourth Fest" was a safe event due in part to the collaborative efforts of every member of the City's public safety team and with additional assistance from the Indiana State Police and the Marion County Sheriff's Department. There were no major public safety incidents in Lawrence Community Park or anywhere else in the City on July 4th. It was a fun-filled day packed with events from the annual parade to the fish fry, car show, band concerts, and food trucks all the way to the spectacular fireworks show at 10 pm.
- As you know, tomorrow night is the annual National Night Out celebration of Police-Community relationships. What is unique to the event here in the City of Lawrence is that teams of all first responders and City officials travel throughout the City to visit some 20 neighborhoods to establish personal connections with the citizens we serve. These include the Mayor's Office, the Fire Department, the City Clerk, many of you Councilors, and representatives from other divisions of the city join our public safety professionals in meeting and greeting our citizens.
- Streets Department Director Heneghan reported a couple of weeks ago that the large city street sweeper has covered more than 300 miles of streets, roads, and parking lots this summer. During that time, more than 150 cubic yards of debris have been removed as part of our Lawrence Is Beautiful campaign.
- The re-roofing of the Sterrett Center has been an exercise in patience and cooperation. Parks Director Martin would like to publicly thank the Common Council for their favorable consideration of the project. The contractor on the project is working quickly, with minimal interruption to the building users and campus visitors. The HVAC contractor recently has a crane on site to remove the existing three units and to begin construction of new support structures for the new units. We expect the project to be completed by mid-August. This new roof should last nearly half a century and continue to preserve the Sterrett Center into its second hundred years of existence.
- Major changes in the operation of the Fort Ben Farmer's Market have resulted in great success. So far, we have hosted nine market dates featuring vendors, food trucks, live entertainment, and a new venue at the Lawrence Cultural Campus. Some 3,500 people have enjoyed the farmers market experience. Now that we are in the mist of the growing

- season, there is plenty of fresh produce finding its way to Lawrence. The Farmer's Market will continue through October 6th on Thursday from 4-7pm.
- A popular Community Safety Day will take place this year on Saturday, August 13th, from 10 am to 2 pm. As always, Station #40, which is located at the corner of 59th Street and Lee Road, will host the event. Public safety demonstrations and a bicycle safety course will join with some 50 vendors who will offer various giveaways. The annual First Responders Wing Eating contest will once again attract large crowds and offer exciting entertainment. We invite the entire community to join us and learn all about what first responders do.
- Lawrence City Controller Douthit was the recipient of the Government Finance Officers Association's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. This is the sixth consecutive year the City of Lawrence was recognized with this honor. This is particularly impressive because all the work of preparing the budget and the presentation is carried out in-house by the City of Lawrence. Tyler and I and the various department leaders from throughout the city have already held eight public budget workshops to share and discuss the proposed 2023 city budget. We have eleven more scheduled. Dates and times for these gatherings are to be posted on the bulletin board in the hallway and on the City's website.
- As usual we have been working closely with the FHRA to be certain that the final remaining elements of the redevelopment remain in the best interests of the city and our citizens. There are some exciting public and private projects in development all over our thriving city. We plan to have important announcements in the near future and about these projects and the growth occurring here. Please take time to visit our website and Facebook pages for more information on everything going on in Lawrence.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 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.