

**Common Council
City of Lawrence
August 19, 2020
Regular Meeting**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Member Rick Wells

BY ZOOM: Councilors Lisa Chavis, Tom Shevlot, William Tyrrell Giles, Sherron Freeman, Shawn Denney, Lauren Russel, Maria Rusomaroff, Deborah Whitfield and Attorney Kristina Wheeler (Bose McKinney & Evans LLP)

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Kathleen Walton

STAFF PRESENT: CFO/Deputy Mayor Fenwick

Council President Lisa Chavis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and a roll call was used to determine a quorum was present.

COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS: Councilor Chavis announced that there will be a groundbreaking ceremony on Friday, September 25, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. for the new MSD Lawrence Transportation facility. The event is at 10410 E. 52nd Street. Councilor Freeman reported that she had attended a FHRA meeting on August 17, 2020 with other members of the council. She reported some uncertainty over the timing of a new library. Mayor Collier has indicated a date in 2023. She asked for a clarification on various projects on the Fort to include whether a hotel and amphitheater can be constructed if the City contributes matching funds to the projects. In response, Councilor Chavis indicated that there would be an update at the next meeting by either the Administration or the FHRA. Councilor Wells reported that he had spoken with Scott Salsbery about persistent flooding problems in the areas of 48th Street and 49th Street. He learned that the problems centered on a pipe not connected correctly. He went on to say that he understands that Harrison Park and Records Street are going to be re-paved. He indicated that he continues to have technical problems signing into the council meetings on Zoom. He is receiving assistance from the IT office.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS: Councilor Whitfield moved to approve Payroll Claims for \$972,842.07 [July 30, 2020} payroll] and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for \$387,504.37]. Councilor Giles seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion to approve the vouchers carried unanimously.

There was a presentation on the Lawrence Parks Foundation by Derek Morris.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Councilor Chavis said nominations for a member of the Fort Harrison Reuse Authority were open for consideration. Councilor Freeman nominated Karen Horth Powers. Councilor Chavis announced that, there being no further nominations, nominations were closed. By a roll call vote, Nine votes were cast, Six aye votes (Councilors Chavis, Denney, Freeman, Giles, Russel and Whitfield), two nay votes (Councilors Wells and Shevlot) and one abstention (Councilor Rusomaroff). Clerk Walton announced that Karen Horth Powers was elected to the Fort Harrison Reuse Authority.

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ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned, at 6:55 p.m., by the unanimous vote of the Council.

Lisa Chavis, President

Kathleen A. Walton, Clerk