CITY OF LAWRENCE

 **Common Council**

# September 3, 2019

**Regular Meeting**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Members Lisa Chavis, Tom Shevlot, Bob Jones, William Tyrrell Giles, Sherron Freeman, Rick Wells, Becky Parker and Matt Hall were present.

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

STAFF PRESENT: Mayor Collier, Controller/Deputy Mayor Fenwick, Interim Corporation Counsel Hopper, Police Chief Hofmann, Fire Chief Batalis, Park Superintendent Martin and firefighters were present.

Council President Lisa Chavis called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. and announced a quorum was present.

There was a Blue Star Banner presentation.

COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS: Councilor Freeman said the Spring Valley cemetery needs attention. She also thanked DPW for paving streets and removing dead trees.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilor Wells moved to approve the minutes of the regular meetings on August 5, 2019 and August 21, 2019. The motion was seconded by Councilor Jones and carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS: Councilor Freeman moved to approve Payroll Claims for $870,879.10 [August 15, 2019 payroll] and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for

$804,298.80]. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hall. By a show of hands, the motion to approve the vouchers carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: Councilor Parker informed the Council that a Zoning Committee meeting was held tonight at 5:15 p.m. to consider Petition No. 2019-ZON-091, 8005 Oaklandon Road. Councilor Parker moved on behalf of the Zoning Committee, that the Council hear Petition No. 2019-ZON-091 at a Special Council meeting on September 30, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Councilor Jones seconded the motion. By a show of hands, the vote carried by the unanimous vote of the Council.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Proposal No. 7, 2019, appropriations and tax rates for the 2020 budget year was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 7, 2019 to the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee.

Proposal No. 9, 2019, fixing salaries of appointed officers and employees of the Police Department and the Fire Department for the year 2020, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 9, 2019 to the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee.

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Proposal No. 10, 2019, fixing salaries of appointed officers and employees of the City of Lawrence, Indiana for the year 2020, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton.

Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 10, 2019 to the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee.

Proposal No. 11, 2019, amending the Lawrence Municipal Code to establish an preferential street at Oakland Hills Court and Oakland Hills Drive, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 11, 2019 to the Code Committee.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS: Mayor Collier addressed the Council. He discussed:

* Last week the Water Utility received its 5th upgrade in the last 2 years from S & P to ‘A’.
* GFOA presented the City of Lawrence with its 3rd consecutive distinguished budget presentation award.

Controller Fenwick introduced the proposed 2020 budget by way of a video that highlighted the proposed 2020 budget. The Common Council was provided a 2020 proposed budget book and a citizen’s guide to the 2020 proposed budget. Controller Fenwick discussed the timeline for adopting the proposed 2020 budget. The public hearing for the 2020 budget will be on October 7, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m., by the unanimous vote of the Council.

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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.