

**CITY OF LAWRENCE**  
**Common Council**  
**September 5, 2023**  
**Public Assembly Room**  
**Regular Meeting**

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

MEMBERS PRESENT BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: Lauren Russel, and Shawn Denney (experienced a technical issue and was unable to vote on agenda items)

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO, BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

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

STAFF PRESENT: Chief of Staff Korn, Police Chief Bigsbee, Deputy Chief of Police Cline, and Fire Chief Batalis

STAFF BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: Controller Douthit

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 Shevlot said Sergeant Hazelwood's K9 Chedo passed away on Monday, September 4, 2023. Councilor Whitfield asked if arrangements have been made. Police Chief Bigsbee said they are in the process of making arrangements.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilor Rusomaroff moved to approve the minutes of the regular meetings on August 7, 2023, and August 16, 2023, and executive session on August 16, 2023, Councilor Freeman seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS 9-5-23: Councilor Wells moved to approve Payroll Claims for \$964,880.03 [August 15, 2023, payroll], and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for \$968,862.56]. Councilor Rusomaroff seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: None

PUBLIC HEARING: Pursuant to advertising, Councilor Giles opened the floor for the public hearing concerning Proposal No. 9, 2023. Councilor Giles called for comments and testimony. There were no public comments. Thereupon, the public hearing was closed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Proposal No. 8, 2023, repealing certain secondary business permit fees in Title 4, Articles 1 and 2 of the Lawrence Municipal Code, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Giles assigned Proposal No. 8, 2023 to the Code Committee.

Proposal No. 9, 2023, appropriating additional funds and amending the 2023 budget with respect to the General Fund, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Freeman moved to adopt Proposal No. 9, 2023. Councilor Russel seconded the motion. Following discussion, by a roll call vote, the motion carried by the following vote of the Council: Six (6) aye votes, and two (2) abstentions (Councilors Giles, and Rusomaroff).

NEW BUSINESS: Proposal No. 10, 2023, fixing salaries of appointed officers and employees of the City of Lawrence, Indiana for the year 2024, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Giles assigned Proposal No. 10, 2023 to the Administration, Budget, and Finance Committee.

Proposal No. 11, 2023, fixing salaries of appointed officers and employees of the Police Department and the Fire Department for the year 2024, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Giles assigned Proposal No. 11, 2023 to the Administration, Budget, and Finance Committee.

Proposal No. 12, 2023, establishing compensation for elected officials for the City of Lawrence, Indiana for the year 2024, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Giles assigned Proposal No. 12, 2023 to the Administration, Budget, and Finance Committee.

Proposal No. 13, 2023, appropriations and tax rates for the 2024 budget year, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Giles assigned Proposal No. 13, 2023 to the Administration, Budget, and Finance Committee.

Resolution No. 10, 2023, to adopt application form and evaluation rubric for community services grants from the Common Council of the City of Lawrence, Indiana, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Giles assigned Resolution No. 10, 2023 to the Grants Committee.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m., by the unanimous vote of the Council.

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William T. Giles, President

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Kathleen A. Walton, Clerk

These minutes are not intended to be verbatim. They are a summary of discussions held, except for the motions. An audiotape is made which provides a detailed record.