

CITY OF LAWRENCE
Common Council
September 6, 2022
Regular Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lisa Chavis, Shawn Denney, Tom Shevlot, Lauren Russel, Sherron Freeman, Deborah Whitfield, and Rick Wells

MEMBERS BY ZOOM: Maria Rusomaroff

MEMBERS ABSENT: William Tyrrell Giles

ALSO BY ZOOM: None

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Kathleen Walton, Attorney Kristina Wheeler (Bose McKinney & Evans LLP), Brandon Scruggs (Baker Tilly), and Attorney Brian Bosma (Kroger Gardis Regas LLP)

STAFF PRESENT: Mayor Collier, Deputy Controller Nagila, Chief of Staff Hofmann, Deputy Chief of Staff Korn, Fire Chief Batalis, Deputy Fire Chief Wallace, Deputy Police Chief Bigsbee, Bob Swintz, Jason Fenwick, Utility Superintendent Salsbery, and Park Superintendent Martin

STAFF BY ZOOM: Police Chief Woodruff, and Director of Economic Development Zuerner

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 Russel announced a community outreach event sponsored by the Lawrence Church of God from noon to 2pm this Saturday. It will take place at the church building on the corner of 42nd Street and Post Road. Councilor Shevlot thanked Utility Superintendent Salsbery for hosting a tour for him and Councilor Rusomaroff. They visited three City of Lawrence water plants and a critical high-volume sewage lift station. Councilor Wells reported that he had visited the owner of the former Marsh Supermarket building on Franklin Road. The gentleman said that he was making progress on re-establishing a grocery store at the site. Councilor Wells also invited everyone to attend a car “Cruise-In” next Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at the location on Franklin Road.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilor Freeman moved to approve the minutes of the regular meetings on August 1, 2022, and August 17, 2022. Councilor Whitfield seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS 9-6-22: Councilor Denney moved to approve Payroll Claims for \$927,626.98 [August 15, 2022, payroll], and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for \$1,031,533.05]. Councilor wells seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: 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 recommended a do-pass for all three.

There was an introduction of Arts for Lawrence Executive Director Elana Thompson.

Brandon Scruggs, Baker Tilly, gave a presentation on the 2023 budget and distributed a handout.

Deputy Controller Nagila presented a video outlining the proposed 2023 budget.

PUBLIC HEARING: Pursuant to advertising, Councilor Chavis opened the floor for the public hearing concerning Proposal No. 18, 2022. Councilor Chavis called for comment and testimony. There were no public comments. Thereupon, the public hearing was closed.

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 Freeman moved to adopt Proposal No. 16, 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilor Russel. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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 Denney moved to adopt Resolution No. 12, 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilor Freeman. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Proposal No. 18, 2022, adopting a new schedule of sewer utility rates and charges, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Wells moved to adopt Proposal No. 18, 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilor Russel. By a roll call vote, the motion carried by the following vote of the Council: Seven (7) aye votes and one (1) nay vote (Councilor Whitfield).

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 Rusomaroff moved to adopt Proposal No. 19, 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilor Denney. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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 and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Shevlot moved to accept Proposal No. 20, 2022 in place of the original proposal. The motion to amend Proposal No. 20, 2022 was seconded by Councilor Wells. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Councilor Shevlot moved to adopt Amended Proposal No. 20, 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wells. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Proposal No. 21, 2022, amending Title 3, Article 2, Chapter 4 of the Lawrence Municipal Code with respect to event parking, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Denney moved

to adopt Proposal No. 21, 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wells. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: Proposal No. 22, 2022, authorizing the issuance of the City of Lawrence, Indiana, Economic Development Revenue Bonds, and the lending of the proceeds thereof to KG Fort LLC and authorizing and approving other actions in respect thereto, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 22, 2022 to the Administration, Budget, and Finance Committee.

Proposal No. 23, 2022, fixing salaries of appointed officers and employees of the City of Lawrence, Indiana for the year 2023, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 23, 2022 to the Administration, Budget, and Finance Committee.

Proposal No. 24, 2022, establishing compensation for elected officials for the year 2023, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 24, 2022 to the Administration, Budget, and Finance Committee.

Proposal No. 25, 2022, fixing salaries of appointed officers and employees of the Police Department and the Fire Department for the year 2023, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 25, 2022 to the Administration, Budget, and Finance Committee.

Proposal No. 26, 2022, For appropriations and tax rates for the 2023 budget, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 26, 2022 to the Administration, Budget, and Finance Committee.

Resolution No. 13, 2022, for an appeal of the maximum levy to the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis withdrew Resolution No. 13, 2022.

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

- On August 24, 2022, a 911 call brought the Lawrence Fire Department and EMT's to a Lawrence address to assist a man who had stopped breathing and was in serious distress. It was the man's wife who made the call. She provided specific instructions to transport her husband to St. Vincent's Hospital. When the EMT's quickly arrived, however, they realized the seriousness of the man's condition and decided to take him to the nearest hospital rather than the more distant St. Vincent's. Within a short time of his arrival at the hospital, the man was undergoing critical cardiac surgery. The surgeon later explained that the decision by the Lawrence first responders most likely saved the man's life. The patient's wife recently sent an email that said: "thank you from the bottom of my heart for using your technical/medical skills to make the best decision for my husband's life." Medics Erica Rothe and Sean Schmid were the individuals on the call and will be recognized later for their skills and professionalism. It's important for everyone to understand that this is the kind of protection our first responders provide daily.

- On September 17, 2022, the Friends of Fort Harrison State Park and the City of Lawrence will host our fourth annual “BBQ & Blues Festival” at Fort Harrison State Park. Food vendors will open at noon. Four Blues Bands will perform throughout the day from 1pm until 7pm. The event is free with normal park admission.
- The annual Lagers in Lawrence Oktoberfest will take place on Saturday, September 24, 2022, from 2pm to 6pm at the Cultural Campus. Highlights will include a return of the popular stein holding contest and the Weiner Dog Racing! We will welcome a record number of Indiana breweries, wineries, and distilleries from all over the state. There will be live polka music, traditional German dancing, and much more! Tickets can be purchased online at LagersInLawrence.com or in person on the day of the event.
- Lawrence Utilities Superintendent Scott Salsbery was honored with the 2022 Professional of the Year Award at the Indiana Water Environment Association conference in Ft. Wayne. Mr. Salsbery was recognized specifically for his efforts in managing and improving the City’s sewer collection systems. Congratulations to Scott for this important recognition.

Utility Superintendent Salsbery thanked the Common Council for adopting Ordinance No. 18, 2022.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 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.