

**CITY OF LAWRENCE**  
**Common Council**  
**September 8, 2020**  
**Regular Meeting**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Council Members Lisa Chavis, Tom Shevlot, Sherron Freeman, William Tyrrell Giles, Shawn Denney, Maria Rusomaroff, Lauren Russel, Deborah Whitfield, Rick Wells were present

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

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mayor Collier, CFO/Deputy Mayor Fenwick, Public Information Officer Beyer, Fire Chief Batalis, Utility Superintendent Salsbery, Human Resource Director Jackson and Director of Economic Development Zuerner were present

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 Shevlot reminded everyone that an ordinance passed a few years ago involving contracts in excess of \$25,000 requires the Council be notified and given a heads up in such cases.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Councilor Russel moved to approve the minutes of the regular meetings on August 3, 2020 and August 19, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilor Whitfield and carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS 9-8-20:** Councilor Denney moved to approve Payroll Claims for \$932,809.96 [August 15, 2020] payroll] and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for \$3,476,543.19]. Councilor Freeman seconded the motion. By a show of hands, the motion to approve the vouchers carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Councilor Chavis said nominations for a new member of the Utility Service Board were open for consideration. Councilor Giles nominated Zachary Brown. Councilor Chavis announced that, there being no further nominations, nominations were closed. Clerk Walton distributed paper ballots. Clerk Walton tallied the votes. Nine votes were cast, nine votes for Zachary Brown. Clerk Walton announced that Zachary Brown was elected to the Utility Service Board.

Resolution No. 8, 2020, approving the sale of properties owned by the Lawrence Redevelopment Commission, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Mayor Collier introduced Dan Zuerner, Director of Economic Development, to discuss properties along Shadeland Avenue. Mr. Zuerner noted that these properties are owned by the RDC. It has been determined that there is no need to retain these properties and that they should be sold. Such a sale requires Council approval. Mr. Zuerner responded to questions from the Council. Councilor Chavis assigned Resolution No. 8, 2020 to the Economic Development Committee.

Resolution No. 9, 2020, honoring Maddie Smiles, was read in its entirety by Clerk Walton. Councilor Russel moved to adopt Resolution No. 9, 2020. Councilor Freeman seconded the motion. By a show of hands, the motion to adopt Resolution No. 9, 2020 carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

Proposal No. 8, 2020, appropriations and tax rates for the 2021 budget year, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 8, 2020 to the Committee of the Whole. The Committee of the Whole will meet on September 16, 2020 at 5:15 p.m.

Proposal No. 9, 2020, fixing salaries of appointed officers and employees of the City of Lawrence, Indiana for the year 2021, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 9, 2019 to the Committee of the Whole.

Proposal No. 10, 2020, fixing salaries of appointed officers and employees of the Police Department and the Fire Department for the year 2021, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 10, 2020 to the Committee of the Whole.

Proposal No. 11, 2019, establishing compensation for elected officials for the City of Lawrence, Indiana for the year 2021, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 11, 2020 to the Committee of the Whole.

**ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS:** Mayor Collier announced that the City has welcomed three new employees: Dan Zuerner, Director of Economic Development; Janette Jackson, Human Resource Director; Humphrey Nagila, Financial Analyst.

Controller Fenwick introduced the proposed 2021 budget by way of a video that highlighted the proposed 2021 budget. The Common Council was provided a 2021 proposed budget book and a citizen's guide to the 2021 proposed budget. Controller Fenwick discussed the timeline for adopting the proposed 2021 budget. The public hearing for the 2021 budget will be on October 5, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m., by the unanimous vote of the Council.

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Lisa Chavis, President

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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.