

CITY OF LAWRENCE
Common Council
September 15, 2021
Regular Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lisa Chavis, Tom Shevlot, Deborah Whitfield, Shawn Denney, Rick Wells, and Maria Rusomaroff

MEMBERS BY ZOOM: Sherron Freeman and Lauren Russel

MEMBERS ABSENT: William Tyrrell Giles

ALSO BY ZOOM: Tracy Boyd

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

STAFF PRESENT: Police Chief Hofmann, Director of Engineering Srikanth Venugopalan, and Manager of Communications Daniel Beyer

STAFF BY ZOOM: None

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 Chavis recognized Clerk Kathy Walton for her 25 years of service to the City of Lawrence. Councilor Russel asked members of the council and the community to keep Chaplain Mel Keaton in their thoughts and prayers as he recovers from a recent health emergency.

Director of Engineering Srikanth Venugopalan presented an update on the progress of the stormwater projects for the City of Lawrence.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS 9-13-21: Councilor Russel moved to approve Payroll Claims for \$1,076,535.54 [August 31, 2021, payroll] and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for \$211,626.79]. Councilor Freeman seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion to approve the vouchers carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Proposal No. 9, 2021, amending the Lawrence Municipal Code to establish an all-way intersection at Bogey Drive, Half Mile Drive and High Grass Lane, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 9, 2021 to the Code Committee.

Proposal No. 10, 2021, amending the Lawrence Municipal Code regarding requirements for City towing providers, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 10, 2021 to the Code Committee.

Proposal No. 12, 2021, appropriations and tax rates for the 2022 budget year, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 12, 2021 to the Administration, Budget, and Finance Committee

Proposal No. 13, 2021, fixing salaries of appointed officers and employees of the City of Lawrence, Indiana for the year 2022, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 13, 2021 to the Administration, Budget, and Finance Committee.

Proposal No. 14, 2021, establishing compensation for elected officials for the year 2022, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 14, 2021 to the Administration, Budget, and Finance Committee.

Proposal No. 15, 2021, fixing salaries of appointed officers and employees of the Police Department and Fire Department for the year 2022, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 15, 2021 to the Administration, Budget, and Finance Committee.

NEW BUSINESS: Councilor Chavis said nominations for a member of the Utility Service Board were open for consideration. Councilor Chavis nominated Tracy Boyd. Councilor Chavis announced that, there being no further nominations, nominations were closed. By a roll call vote, Eight votes were cast, 8 votes for Tracy Boyd. Clerk Walton announced that Tracy Boyd was elected to the Utility Service Board.

Councilor Chavis tabled the consideration of the council appointment to the Lawrence Plan Commission

Councilor Chavis said nominations for a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) as an alternate were open for consideration. Councilor Denney nominated Trace Yates. Councilor Chavis announced that, there being no further nominations, nominations were closed. By a roll call vote, Eight votes were cast, 8 votes for Trace Yates. Clerk Walton announced that Trace Yates was elected as the alternate to the BZA.

Resolution No. 16, 2021, honoring Jerry Harkness for his service to the City of Lawrence and the State of Indiana, upon his passing, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis tabled Resolution No. 16, 2021.

Ms. Paige Sansone, Bakertilly Municipal Advisors, distributed and discussed a handout entitled, "Actual and Projected Cash Flows 2018-2023 City of Lawrence, Indiana". At the conclusion of her remarks, she answered questions from members of the Common Council.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS: Daniel Beyer, Manager of Communications, presented a video outlining the proposed 2022 budget.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 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. An audiotape is made which provides a detailed record.