Common Council

**City of Lawrence**

**September 18, 2019**

**Regular Meeting**

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

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

STAFF PRESENT: Mayor Collier, Controller/Deputy Mayor Fenwick, Fire Chief Batalis and Police Chief Hofmann were present.

Council President Lisa Chavis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and announced a quorum was present.

There was a 465N & 56th Street Gateway presentation by Sallie Rowland and Amy Hammes (Millersville at Fall Creek Valley).

COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS: Councilor Freeman said she attended the FHRA meeting on September 16, 2019. She asked when the Lawrence library would break ground. In response, she was told that the ground breaking for the new Lawrence branch on Fort Harrison will take place sometime in 2020. She asked if Halloween is scheduled to be held this year on October 31st. She concluded by complimenting Crime Watch Coordinator, Elia Sanchez, for doing a “fantastic job out in the community”. Elia is looking to start a crime watch group in the 8000 block on Patton Drive. Councilor Hall reported that a veteran service office will be set up in the City of Lawrence on a periodic basis. Its purpose will be to assist veterans with obtaining VA and pension benefits. Once a location has been identified an announcement will be made about that place and the hours of operation. Councilor Wells expressed interest in the concept of “food deserts”. He recalled that during the recent zoning hearing concerning 5104 N. Franklin Road, the realtor said that she had made several attempts to attract a grocery store to that location. Because of her inability to do so, does that quality that Franklin Road area as a food desert. If so, does that qualify for whatever assistance might be available. He offered to assist the Administration in determining the answers to those questions.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS: Councilor Parker moved to approve Payroll Claims for $943,287.92 [August 31, 2019 payroll] and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for $631,234.76]. The motion was seconded by Councilor Freeman. By a show of hands, the motion to approve the vouchers carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Proposal No. 7, 2019, appropriations and tax rates for the 2020 budget year was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis said the public hearing on Proposal No. 7, 2019 will be October 7, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Proposal No. 9, 2019, fixing salaries of appointed officers and employees of the Police Department and the Fire Department for the year 2020, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Shevlot said the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee met at 5pm and recommended a do pass for Proposal No. 9, 2019. Following discussion, Councilor Shevlot moved to adopt Proposal No. 9, 2019. The motion was seconded by Councilor Giles and carried by a unanimous vote of the council.

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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 read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Giles said the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee met at 5pm and recommended a do pass for Proposal No. 10, 2019. Councilor Giles moved to Proposal No. 10, 2019. The motion was seconded by Councilor Shevlot and carried by a unanimous vote of the council

Proposal No. 11, 2019, amending the Lawrence Municipal Code to establish an preferential street at Oakland Hills Court and Oakland Hills Drive, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis said Proposal No. 11, 2019 is in the Code Committee. The Code Committee will meet on October 7, 2019 at 6 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned, at 7:00 p.m., by the unanimous vote of the Council.

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Lisa Chavis. President Kathleen A. Walton, Clerk