

CITY OF LAWRENCE
Common Council
September 20, 2023
Public Assembly Room
Regular Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: William Tyrrell Giles, Rick Wells, Shawn Denney, Deborah Whitfield, Maria Rusomaroff, and Sherron Freeman

MEMBERS PRESENT BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: Lisa Chavis, and Lauren Russel

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom Shevlot

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 Schneider, Fire Chief Batalis, Director of Engineering Venugopalan, Director of Streets Heneghan, and Firefighter Rehmel

STAFF BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

Council President William Giles called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m. and announced a quorum was present.

COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS: Councilor Freeman reminded everyone of the recent loss of K-9 Chedo whose handler and caregiver was Sergeant Adam Hazelwood and his family. K-9 Chedo was honored at a ceremony that recalled his service in ensuring the safety of the citizens of our City. She mentioned especially the End of Watch recognition for K-9 Chedo. She also mentioned a property tax town hall meeting that was held on September 13, 2023, at LCHS. It was a well-attended event. Participants included Marion County Assessor Joe O'Connor; Marion County Auditor Myla Eldridge; and Marion County Treasurer Barbara Lawrence. They presented information and answered questions from the attendees. A similar event is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10, 2023, from 6pm-7:30pm at Stonybrook Middle School (11300 Stonybrook Drive). She also welcomed the announcement that the Indiana Golf Association will construct a new "Pete and Alice Dye Indiana Golf Center" on the grounds of the Fort Golf Resort in Lawrence. Finally, she reported complaints from residents that heavy trash was not picked up on the recent trash day. For those seeking assistance on this matter, call DPW at 317-823-8959. They will forward the complaint to Republic Services. Councilor Rusomaroff thanked Director of Streets Heneghan for the Street Department's continuing program of re-painting curbs in Winding Ridge. Councilor Giles asked about the removal of a tree branches and debris on Shadeland Avenue. He was informed that nearby neighbors removed the tree branches. Councilor Denney mentioned, as a follow up to comments by Councilor Freeman, that one of the links on the Republic Services website was not working properly in recent days. He also praised the Street Department for anticipating and clearing trees, bushes, and weeds that block visibility for drivers at 79th Street and Sunnyside Road, 86th Street and Carroll Road, and other corners in the City.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS 9-20-23: Councilor Freeman moved to approve Payroll Claims for \$1,059,845.74 [June 30, 2023, payroll], and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for \$1,027,939.45]. Councilor Denney seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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 Freeman said the Code Committee met tonight and discussed Proposal No. 8, 2023. It will remain with the Code Committee for further discussion.

Proposal No. 10, 2023, fixing salaries of appointed officers and employees of the City of Lawrence, Indiana for the year 2024, was 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 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 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 read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Giles assigned Proposal No. 13, 2023 to the Administration, Budget, and Finance Committee. There will be a public hearing on Proposal No. 13, 2023 on October 2, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

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.

NEW BUSINESS: Resolution No. 11, 2023, authorizing the transfer of appropriations between major budget classifications, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Following discussion, by a roll call vote Councilor Freeman moved to adopt Resolution No 11, 2023. Councilor Denney seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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.

William T. Giles, President

Kathleen A. Walton, Clerk

These minutes are not intended to be verbatim. They are a summary of discussions held, except for the motions.