

**CITY OF LAWRENCE**  
**Common Council**  
**October 2, 2023**  
**Public Assembly Room**  
**Regular Meeting**

MEMBERS PRESENT: William Tyrrell Giles, Rick Wells, Lisa Chavis, Shawn Denney, Tom Shevlot, Deborah Whitfield, Sherron Freeman, Lauren Russel, and Maria Rusomaroff

MEMBERS PRESENT BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO, BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

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

STAFF PRESENT: Chief of Staff Korn, and Park Superintendent Martin

STAFF BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: Controller Douthit

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

COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS: Councilor Freeman reported that the Code Committee meeting had not been rescheduled yet. She is coordinating with the administration concerning Proposal No. 8, 2023 when to schedule the meeting. Councilor Russel expressed enthusiasm for the recent dedication of Fire Station #38. It was a great event and helped to bring the community together. Councilor Chavis announced that the Grants Committee will schedule a meeting soon. She also mentioned that the last meeting of the Finance Committee reviewed the budget process and asked for further review of various line items. Councilor Wells reported that he had received complaints that citizens' comments cannot be made at council meetings. Councilor Giles responded by saying that the choice of agenda items is his as council president. He then agreed that it is time for public comments to be put back on the agenda for all meetings. Councilor Giles then encouraged the public to contact him by cell phone or email with specific topics for public comment. He then provided his contact information for public use.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilor Freeman moved to approve the minutes of the regular meetings on September 5, 2023, and September 20, 2023, Councilor Chavis seconded the motion. By show of hands, the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS 10-2-23: Councilor Chavis moved to approve Payroll Claims for \$966,198.22 [August 15, 2023, payroll], and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for \$1,078,578.39]. Councilor Whitfield seconded the motion. By a show of hands, the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: None

PUBLIC HEARING: Pursuant to advertising, Councilor Giles opened the floor for the public hearing concerning Proposal No. 13, 2023. Councilor Giles called for comments and testimony. There were no public comments. Thereupon, the public hearing was closed.

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 Giles assigned Proposal No. 8, 2023 to the Code Committee.

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.

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. 12, 2023, authorizing the transfer of appropriations between major budget classifications, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Giles assigned Resolution No. 12, 2023 to the Administration, Budget, and Finance Committee.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m., by the unanimous vote of the Council.

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William T. Giles, President

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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.