

**CITY OF LAWRENCE**  
**Common Council**  
**October 3, 2022**  
**Regular Meeting**

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

MEMBERS BY ZOOM: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO BY ZOOM: None

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

STAFF PRESENT: Mayor Collier, Controller Douthit, Deputy Mayor Hofmann, Chief of Staff Korn, Fire Chief Batalis, Deputy Fire Chief Wallace, Battalion Chief Griffin, Firefighter Rehmel, Deputy Police Chief Bigsbee, Sergeant Raftery, Executive Assistant Wolfe, Director of Streets Heneghan, Director of Economic Development Zuerner, Bob Swintz, Jason Fenwick, and Park Superintendent Martin

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 Freeman reported that she had attended the Watson Farms crime watch meeting held on September 26, 2022. The first major topic addressed resident concerns about vehicles parking on neighborhood streets and cul-de-sacs as they wait for the dismissal of students from Fall Creek Valley Middle and Forest Glenn Elementary Schools. She informed the gathering that the Common Council Code Committee is reviewing a proposal intended to address these concerns. Another issue that was raised involved an increase in animal bites in the neighborhood. As a point of information, the HOA of Watson Farms has contracted with “Geist Patrol” for three-hour lots of time to assist with this problem. She went on to say that on Sunday, September 25, 2022, there were two large trash bags behind one of the homes in Boston Commons filled with white food boxes. There was also a separate trash can near by overflowing with the same white boxes. Ice cream wrappers and beverage cups were strewn around the Boston Commons sign on Watertown Street. She asked that someone from the Parks Department look into the presence of this trash. One of the Boston Commons residents asked when the sidewalks in their subdivision were going to be fixed. She contacted DPW and learned that the sidewalk project was on the list for 2023. She concluded by voicing a welcome to the new Minority owners of Eddy’s at 9105 E. 56<sup>th</sup> Street. The business is now called “MGM”. The proud owners are Ms. Davis and Ms. Salvage. They intend to operate the business as it has been.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilor Rusomaroff moved to table the approval of the minutes of the regular meetings on September 6, 2022, and September 21, 2022. Councilor Freeman seconded the motion. By a show of hands, the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS 10-3-22: Councilor Wells moved to approve Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for \$261,592.05] except for voucher number 28206 for \$12,000 for Lagers in Lawrence. Councilor Denney seconded the motion. By a show of hands, the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: Councilor Denney said the Administration, Budget, and Finance Committee met and discussed, Proposals No. 22 -26, 2022. They recommended a do-pass for Proposal No. 22, 2022 and Proposal No. 26, 2022. Councilor Chavis said the Committee of the Whole met and discussed Proposal No. 17, 2022 and Proposals 23-26, 2022. They recommended a do-pass for Proposal No. 17, 2022 and Proposals No. 23, 24 (amended to 0% increase), and 26, 2022. Proposal No. 25, 2022 was not recommended out of committee. Councilor Wells said the Parks Committee met and discussed the lease at the Sterrett Center. He said it's a good thing for our city and Heartland Film will be an asset.

PUBLIC HEARING: Pursuant to advertising, Councilor Chavis opened the floor for the public hearing concerning Proposal No. 26, 2022. Councilor Chavis called for comment and testimony. There were no public comments. Thereupon, the public hearing was closed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Proposal No. 17, 2022, amending Title 1, Article 2, Chapter 2, Section 4, of the Municipal Code of the City of Lawrence redistricting Common Council district boundaries pursuant to Indiana Code 36-4-6-3, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Russel moved to accept the amended map in place of the original map. The motion was seconded by Councilor Whitfield. By a show of hands, the motion carried unanimously. Councilor Rusomaroff moved to adopt Proposal No. 17, 2022 with the amended version of the map. Councilor Whitfield seconded the motion. By a show of hands, the motion carried by the following vote of the Council: Six (6) aye votes and three (3) nay votes (Councilors Wells, Russel, and Shevlot).

Proposal No. 22, 2022, authorizing the issuance of the City of Lawrence, Indiana, Economic Development Revenue Bonds, and the lending of the proceeds thereof to KG Fort LLC and authorizing and approving other actions in respect thereto, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Following discussion, Councilor Russel moved to adopt Proposal No. 22, 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilor Freeman. By a show of hands, the motion carried unanimously.

Proposal No. 23, 2022, fixing salaries of appointed officers and employees of the City of Lawrence, Indiana for the year 2023, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 23, 2022 to the Committee of the Whole.

Proposal No. 24, 2022, establishing compensation for elected officials for the year 2023, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 24, 2022 to the Committee of the Whole.

Proposal No. 25, 2022, fixing salaries of appointed officers and employees of the Police Department and the Fire Department for the year 2023, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 25, 2022 to the Committee of the Whole.

Proposal No. 26, 2022, For appropriations and tax rates for the 2023 budget, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 26, 2022 to the Committee of the Whole.

NEW BUSINESS: Proposal No. 27, 2022, Amending the Lawrence Municipal Code to establish an all-way stop intersection at Glass Chimney Lane and High Timber Lane, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 27, 2022 to the Code Committee.

Proposal No. 28, 2022, authorizing the issuance of general obligation notes for the purpose of providing funds to pay for certain capital projects and incidental expenses in connection therewith and on account of the issuance of the notes; and appropriating the proceeds thereof, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 28, 2022 to the Committee of the Whole.

Proposal No. 29, 2022, amending Title 3, Article 2, Chapter 4, of the Lawrence Municipal Code related to vehicle stopping, standing, and parking within 2,000 feet of a school, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 27, 2022 to the Code Committee.

Resolution No. 14, 2022, authorizing storm water improvement plan grant application submission and local match commitment to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs and addressing related matters, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Resolution No. 14, 2022 to the Administration, Budget, and Finance Committee.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS: Deputy Mayor Hofmann presented a report on activities throughout the City of Lawrence. Highlights:

- Last Friday night, September 30, 2022, the Lawrence Kiwanis Club hosted a very successful Italian Dinner night at Community Park. Many families and individuals came to enjoy the delicious Italian cuisine prepared by Kiwanian volunteers. The event raised funds for the club's important program in support of our kids and Riley Hospital for Children.
- More than 3,200 runners and walkers participated in the Fort Ben Half Marathon on Saturday, October 1, 2022. Two of the participants were Mayor and Mrs. Collier who completed the 5K portion of the event, turning in what I'm sure was a record time.
- More than 1,000 visitors from all over the state of Indiana enjoyed our popular "Lager in Lawrence Oktoberfest" at the Cultural Campus. The event featured polka bands, performances by dance troupes, a stein-holding competition, wiener-dog racing, and delicious food and beverages. More than 30 micro-breweries and distilleries participated. The weather was beautiful, and our guests had a great time at this popular destination event.
- Wednesday, October 5, 2022, is "National Coffee with a Cop Day". Lawrence Police Officers will be celebrating at Brickhouse Coffee Company near 79<sup>th</sup> Street and Fall Creek Road in the Kroger Plaza of shops. Everyone is invited to come out and join us as we chat with some of our officers from 9-11am.

- Also on Wednesday, we will be participating in a “Community Resource and Employment Fair” with our partners at CAFÉ (the Community Alliance for the Far Eastside and La Plaza) and the Far Eastside Employer Engagement Taskforce. This free event will highlight employment opportunities and other resources our citizens can take advantage of. It will take place from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the CAFÉ headquarters located at 8902 East 38<sup>th</sup> Street. That is on the NW corner of 38<sup>th</sup> Street and Post Road.
- On this coming Thursday, October 6, 2022, will be this year’s final Ft. Ben Farmer’s Market of the season. This event will feature 44 vendors, food, beverages, a DJ, activities for the kids, and the Fall Fest Howl-o-Ween Pet Costume Contest. As always, the Farmers Market will be held at the Cultural Campus from 4pm to 7pm on the corner of Otis Avenue and Post Road.
- We invite everyone to join us to celebrate Latino Culture through food, dance, art, and crafts at Dia Latino de Lawrence. This fun event takes place this coming Saturday, October 8, 2022, at the Cultural Campus from 11am to 3pm. Our partners include the MSD of Lawrence Township, Arts for Lawrence, and the Lawrence Township School Foundation.
- Finally, on Thursday, October 13, 2022, will bring teams of city employees from all departments throughout the city as part of our community’s citywide clean-up effort. You will see the employees wearing their neon shirts and gloves while using “grabbers” to fill dozens of large trash bags with litter from our local streets, sidewalks, drainage ditches and parking lots. We encourage all Lawrence neighborhoods to organize their own litter-pick-up events to help Keep Lawrence Beautiful. Great volunteers from our largest neighborhood, Winding Ridge, led the effort last Saturday as an example of what is possible.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 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, except for the motions.