

CITY OF LAWRENCE
Common Council
October 5, 2020
Regular Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Members Lisa Chavis, Tom Shevlot, Sherron Freeman, William Tyrrell Giles, Maria Rusomaroff, Lauren Russel, Deborah Whitfield and Rick Wells were present

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

STAFF PRESENT: CFO/Deputy Mayor Fenwick, Deputy Controller Douthit, Fire Chief Batalis, Utility Superintendent Salsbery, Director of Engineering Venugopalan, Director of Streets Heneghan and Director of Economic Development Zuerner were present

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 asked Fire Chief Batalis about this year's Christmas "give away". Fire Chief Batalis responded that the annual firefighter assistance program is moving forward though some details have yet to be finalized. The tentative dates have been set for December 18, 2020 and December 19, 2020.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilor Russel moved to approve the minutes of the regular meetings on September 8, 2020 and September 16, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rusomaroff and carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS 10-5-20: Councilor Freeman moved to approve Payroll Claims for \$872,486.92 [September 15, 2020} payroll] and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for \$1,122,604.61]. Councilor Whitfield seconded the motion. By a show of hands, the motion to approve the vouchers carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: Councilor Shevlot said the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee met and discussed Proposals 8, 9, 10 and 11, 2020. They recommended a do pass for all the proposals. Councilor Whitfield said the Economic Development Committee met and discussed Resolution No. 8, 2020. They recommended a do pass for Resolution No. 8, 2020.

PUBLIC HEARING: Pursuant to advertising, Councilor Chavis opened the floor for the public hearing concerning Proposal No. 8, 2020. Councilor Chavis called for comment and testimony. There were no public comments. Thereupon, the public hearing was closed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Resolution No. 8, 2020, approving the sale of properties owned by the Lawrence Redevelopment Commission, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Rusomaroff moved to adopt Resolution No. 8, 2020. Councilor Giles seconded the motion. By a show of hands, the motion to adopt Resolution No. 8, 2020 carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

Proposal No. 8, 2020, appropriations and tax rates for the 2021 budget year, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. The adoption of the 2021 budget is advertised for a meeting on October 21, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Proposal No. 9, 2020, fixing salaries of appointed officers and employees of the City of Lawrence, Indiana for the year 2021, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Shevlot moved to adopt Proposal No. 9, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rusomaroff and carried by a unanimous vote of the council.

Proposal No. 10, 2020, fixing salaries of appointed officers and employees of the Police Department and the Fire Department for the year 2021, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Shevlot moved to adopt Proposal No. 10, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilor Giles and carried by a unanimous vote of the council.

Proposal No. 11, 2020, establishing compensation for elected officials for the City of Lawrence, Indiana for the year 2021, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Shevlot moved to accept Proposal No. 11, 2020 in place of the original proposal. The motion to amend Proposal No. 11, 2020 was seconded by Councilor Giles and carried by a unanimous vote of the council. Councilor Shevlot moved to adopt amended Proposal No. 11, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilor Giles and carried by a unanimous vote of the council.

NEW BUSINESS: Proposal No. 12, 2020, electing to withdraw from the Marion County Storm Water Management District, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis introduced Attorney Brian Bosma, Kroger Gardis & Regas, LLP, to provide a power point presentation on the process on” Withdrawal from the Marion County Stormwater District 2020”. To support his comments, Mr. Bosma provided a handout entitled “City of Indianapolis – Flood Control and Storm Water District as well as a schedule for combined annual debt service”. He responded to questions from the Council. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 12, 2020 to the Committee of the Whole. The first meeting on Proposal No. 12, 2020 will be held on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS: None

CITIZENS COMMENTS: The following citizen addressed the Council:

- Tammy Myers, 8348 crystal Point Lane

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 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, with the exception of the motions. An audiotape is made which provides a detailed record.