

**CITY OF LAWRENCE**  
**Common Council**  
**October 18, 2023**  
**Public Assembly Room**  
**Regular Meeting**

MEMBERS PRESENT: William Tyrrell Giles, Rick Wells, Shawn Denney, Deborah Whitfield, Sherron Freeman, and Lauren Russel (left the meeting at 7:20pm)

MEMBERS PRESENT BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom Shevlot, Lisa Chavis, and Maria Rusomaroff

ALSO BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Kathleen Walton, Attorney Kristina Wheeler (Bose McKinney & Evans LLP), FHRA Executive Director Heather Millikan, FHRA President Jeff Vest, Daniel Connors (VP Development Meyer-Najem), Shawn Curran (Curran Architecture), Travis Tucker (OnPoint Real Estate Services) and Chuck Pechette (Mark III Management Corporation)

STAFF PRESENT: Chief of Staff Korn, Police Chief Bigsbee, Deputy Chief of Police Cline, Fire Chief Batalis, Director of Engineering Venugopalan, and Director of Streets Heneghan

STAFF BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

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 Whitfield asked for a moment of silence for the loss of lives in Israel. Councilor Freeman said she received an email from Mr. George about a concern about the curb with pillars on Boy Scout Road. Councilor Denney gave special recognition to the noon Castleton Kiwanis Club for their program “Character Counts”. The club celebrated 35 years and many of those years they have given 2 scholarships per grade level to MSD high school students.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS 10-18-23: Councilor Freeman moved to approve Payroll Claims for \$1,046,725.03 [September 30, 2023, payroll], Payroll Claims for \$975,315.94 [October 15, 2023, payroll], and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for \$1,405,846.01]. Councilor Denney seconded the motion. By a show of hands, 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. Proposal No. 8, 2023 is being reviewed in 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 Wells moved to adopt Proposal No. 10, 2023. Councilor Whitfield seconded the motion. By a show of hands, the motion carried unanimously.

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 Freeman moved to adopt Proposal No. 11, 2023. Councilor Denney seconded the motion. By a show of hands, the motion carried unanimously.

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 tabled Proposal No. 12, 2023.

Proposal No. 13, 2023, appropriations and tax rates for the 2024 budget year, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Russel moved to adopt Proposal No. 13, 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wells. Councilor Denney said the Administration, Budget, and Finance Committee recommended a do-pass. By a show of hands, the motion carried unanimously.

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. Attorney Wheeler asked on behalf of Councilor Chavis for additional time for Resolution No. 10, 2023 in the Grants Committee. Councilor Giles assigned Resolution No. 10, 2023 to the Grants Committee.

Resolution No. 12, 2023, authorizing the transfer of appropriations between major budget classifications, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Denney said the Finance Committee recommended a do-pass for Resolution No. 12, 2023. Councilor Whitfield moved to adopt Resolution No. 12, 2023. Councilor Freeman seconded the motion. By a show of hands, the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: Resolution No. 13, 2023, to approve the statement of benefits of Onpoint Fort Ben, LLC, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Following a discussion among Councilors, FHRA Executive Director Heather Millikan, FHRA President Jeff Vest, Daniel Connors (VP Development Meyer-Najem), Shawn Curran (Curran Architecture), Travis Tucker (OnPoint Real Estate Services) and Chuck Pechette (Mark III Management Corporation), Councilor Russel moved to adopt Resolution No. 13, 2023. Councilor Denney seconded the motion. By a show of hands, the motion failed by the following vote of the Council: Four (4) aye votes, and two (2) nay votes (Councilors Giles, and Wells). Councilor Giles asked for a motion to recall the vote. Councilor Russel moved to recall the vote on Resolution No. 13, 2023. Councilor Denney seconded the motion. By a show of hands, the motion carried by the following vote of the Council: Five (5) aye votes, and one (1) nay vote (Councilor Wells). Councilor Russel moved to adopt Resolution No. 13, 2023. Councilor Denney seconded the motion. By a show of hands, the motion carried by the following vote of the council: Five (5) aye votes, and one (1) nay vote (Councilor Wells).

CITIZENS COMMENTS: The following citizen addressed the Council:

- Judy Logsdon, 5230 Franklin Road

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 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.