

CITY OF LAWRENCE
Common Council
November 2, 2020
Regular Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Members Sherron Freeman, William Tyrrell Giles and Lauren Russel were present

MEMBERS BY ZOOM: Lisa Chavis, Tom Shevlot, Maria Rusomaroff, Deborah Whitfield and Shawn Denney

ALSO BY ZOOM: Attorney Kristina Wheeler (Bose McKinney & Evans LLP)

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Kathleen Walton

STAFF PRESENT: Mayor Collier, CFO/Deputy Mayor Fenwick, Director of Engineering Venugopalan, 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: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilor Freeman moved to approve the minutes of the regular meetings on October 5, 2020 and October 21, 2020. Councilor Russel seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS 10-5-20: Councilor Rusomaroff moved to approve Payroll Claims for \$877,165.93 [October 15, 2020] payroll] and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for \$541,668.92]. Councilor Whitfield seconded the motion. Councilor Denney reminded everyone that payments over \$25,000 need a contract and council approval. By a roll call vote, the motion to approve the vouchers carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Resolution No. 10, 2020, to adopt fiscal policy for discretionary funds of the Common Council, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Resolution No. 10, 2020 to the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee.

Resolution No. 11, 2020, approving the sale of properties owned by the Lawrence Redevelopment Commission, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Resolution No. 11, 2020 to the Economic Development Committee.

Proposal No. 13, 2020, amending the Lawrence Municipal Code to establish non-discrimination policies in employment, housing and City contracting, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 13, 2020 to the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee.

Proposal No. 14, 2020, amending Title 3, Article 2, Chapter 4 of the City of Lawrence Municipal Code with respect to street closures, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 14, 2020 to the Code Committee.

Proposal No. 15, 2020, amending Title 2 and Title 5 of the City of Lawrence Municipal Code updating the building code, listing and licensing of contractors and use of public right-of-way, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 14, 2020 to the Code Committee.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS: Mayor Collier provided an update on recent events and a look at what is coming up in the near future:

- The traditional “Day of the Dead” celebration was held in recent days at Civic Plaza hosted by MSDLT.
- Earlier today, there was a ribbon cutting opening the new nature trail located east of Lee Road behind the fire station. This trail expands the opportunities for recreation within the City of Lawrence.
- Planning has begun for the fifth annual Lawrence Christmas celebration to be held Saturday, November 28, 2020. Because of the popularity of the event, it has been moved to Civic Plaza where an ice skating rink has been added.
- December 5, 2020 will feature a “pop up” farmers market at Civic Plaza.
- The dedication of the new Fire Engine #37 will take place on Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. at Station #37 on German Church Road.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 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.