CITY OF LAWRENCE

**Common Council**

# November 6, 2017

**Regular Meeting**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Members Joe Williams, Lisa Chavis, Sherron Freeman, Elizabeth Wheeler, Tom Shevlot, Bob Jones, William Tyrrell Giles, Rick Wells and Becky Parker and were present.

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

STAFF PRESENT: Mayor Collier, Controller/Deputy Mayor Fenwick, Corporation Counsel Johnson, Police Chief Hofmann, Deputy Police Chief Bigsbee, Deputy Police Chief Woodruff, Fire Chief Batalis, Director of Crime Prevention Sokol and Human Resource Director Steans were present.

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

Councilor Williams asked everyone to participate in a moment of silence for those affected by the events in Sutherland Springs, Texas, on Sunday morning.

COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS: Councilor Freeman said Deputy Chief Bigsbee is working with her on a letter she received from General Buskirk from Saint Mary’s child care regarding restrictions on speed. She also asked for a follow up from DPW about the drainage issue at Esquire Plaza. Councilor Jones mentioned he was on the citizen next door app and said a gentleman said there was a missing street sign at McCord Lane and Old Orchard Drive. It’s been missing for 10 months. Councilor Jones looked into the matter. The sign was been prepared and will be put up shortly.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilor Wheeler moved to approve the minutes of the regular meetings on October 2, 2017 and October 18, 2017. The motion was seconded by Councilor Parker and carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS: Councilor Chavis moved to approve Payroll Claims for $838,632.11 [October 15, 2017 payroll], Payroll Claims for $888,297.06 [October 31, 2017 payroll]and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for $716,838.56]. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wheeler. By a show of hands, the motion to approve the vouchers carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: Councilor Wheeler said the Code Committee met and discussed Proposal No. 21, 2017. The Code Committee recommended a do pass for Proposal No. 21, 2017.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Proposal No. 21, 2017, amending the Code to establish an all-way stop intersection at Bearsdale Drive and Rose Haven Drive, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Wheeler moved to adopt Proposal No. 21, 2017. The motion was seconded by Councilor Parker and carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

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NEW BUSINESS: Resolution No. 8, 2017, Selecting the Perfection Group as the qualified provider of energy conservation measures for the City of Lawrence, Indiana and authorizing the Energy Savings Committee to take all actions necessary to develop a guaranteed energy savings contract proposal and related financing arrangements, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Freeman moved to adopt Resolution No. 8, 2017. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wheeler. Following discussion among several councilors and attorney Kristina Wheeler, the motion carried by the following vote of the Council: Six (6) aye votes (Councilors Williams, Wheeler, Freeman, Giles, Chavis and Parker), two (2) nay votes (Councilors Wells and Shevlot) and one (1) abstention (Councilor Jones).

Council President Williams acknowledged elected officials that were in attendance: State Representative John Bartlet and Lawrence Township Small Claims Court Judge Kim Bacon.

Prior to Mayor Collier and Police Chief Hofmann discussing the vision for a new police station, Councilor Williams asked that, in accordance with council rules, they notify the council 5 days in advance when such a presentation is planned so they can be placed on the agenda.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS: Mayor Collier responded to Councilor Williams comments by saying that his administration has made every effort to inform the council about the plans for the police station. At no time has the project been a secret. In addition to providing public requests for proposals (RFQ’s), Police Chief Hofmann has met individually with each member of the council to discuss the details of the project. Councilor Williams indicated that he thought the project is moving too quickly.

Police Chief Hofmann then presented some of the same details that he had presented to the councilors individually. He emphasized that his purpose in doing so was to provide information to members of the council and to the public about the proposal for the new police station. The administration plans to bring a resolution to the Council on November 15, 2017. One of the points was the confidence that the presence of the police station would encourage economic development. The estimated cost of the 2 story police station is from $12 to $14 million dollars. It will feature 150 parking spaces; a 112 person community room; a running track; the 911 call center; and a variety of spaces to conduct police operations to modern standards. It has been designed to be adaptable and expandable for a least the next 20 years.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: The following citizen addressed the Council:

* Rachel Thompson, 4701 Van Cleave Street

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m., by the unanimous vote of the Council.

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Joe Williams, 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.