Common Council

**City of Lawrence**

**November 15, 2017**

**Regular Meeting**

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

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

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

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

COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS: Attorney Kristina Wheeler said she has received phone calls from council members asking if Bose McKinney & Evans LLP has a relationship with Perfection Group. She said Bose McKinney & Evans LLP does not represent the Perfection Group. Councilor Jones introduced Mr. Haney, Scout Master for Boy Scout Troop 196 from Lawrence Township. Mr. Haney asked 3 Boy Scouts to introduce themselves: Seth Wilson (11 year old, lst class scout), Kevin Haney (11 year old, lst class scout) and Jackson Leer (11 year old, tenderfoot). Councilor Freeman inquired about the crossing closure agreement for 46th Street and Franklin Road. She asked which fund the $10,000 from CSX would be deposited into. She will email David Lotts concerns about potholes in Kensington Farms and street lights out. Councilor Jones stated he has been contacted by people about the profanity on the Snafu Bar. He asked if it could be cleaned up since it is the possible site for the new police station. Councilor Parker inquired about the sidewalks at 8301 E. 46th Street. The area was never back filled by the developer. In response, Mayor Collier said he will contact the developer and let her know. Councilor Wells asked about future plans for the intersection at 46th Street and Franklin Road. He noted that businesses in the area are concerned about losing business.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS: Councilor Shevlot moved to approve Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for $79,774.21]. The motion was seconded by Councilor Parker. Following discussion among councilors and Controller Fenwick, the motion carried by the following vote of the Council: Six (6) aye votes (Councilors Giles, Shevlot, Chavis, Freeman, Wheeler and Parker) one (1) nay vote (Councilor Wells) and one (1) abstention (Councilor Jones).

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Resolution No. 9, 2017, amending the council rules with respect to time allowed for citizen and council member comments, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Resolution No. 9, 2017 to the Code Committee.

Proposal No. 23, 2017, amending prior bond ordinances authorizing the issuance of certain waterworks revenue bonds of the city and repealing ordinances inconsistent herewith, was

introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 23,

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2017 to the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee. Councilor Giles asked Controller Fenwick to discuss Proposal No. 23, 2017. Controller Fenwick said there was a press release today that stated the refinancing of the 2007 and 2009 water bonds will save the water utility $2.5 million. Proposal No.23, 2017 is related to refunding bonds; there is no requirement to adopt Proposal No. 23, 2017 before the pricing of the bonds.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS: Mayor Collier updated the Council with information about the proposed police station. He told them that the Police Chief had prepared several pages of questions and answers that were then handed to each councilor with an email follow up. These are intended to assist councilors responding to citizen questions. The Mayor went on to invite members of the council and public to the Christmas tree parade and tree lighting at 5pm on Saturday, November 25, 2017.

Police Chief Hofmann elaborated on the information contained in the question and answer handout. He noted that the administration will bring to the council on December 4, 2017 a resolution to move forward with the construction of a new City of Lawrence Police Station. Police Chief Hofmann assured the councilors that they would have access to the documents involved with the construction of the new police station. Police Chief Hofmann reminded the councilors that the answers to the questions they are asking are contained in the handout they received.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned, at 7:00 p.m., by the unanimous vote of the Council.

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Joe Williams. President Kathleen A. Walton, Clerk