

**Common Council
City of Lawrence
November 18, 2020
Regular Meeting**

MEMBERS PRESENT: None

MEMBERS BY ZOOM: Councilors Lisa Chavis, Tom Shevlot, William Tyrrell Giles, Sherron Freeman, Shawn Denney, Lauren Russel, Deborah Whitfield, Councilors Maria Rusomaroff and Rick Wells were present

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Kathleen Walton

ALSO BY ZOOM: Attorney Kristina Wheeler (Bose McKinney & Evans LLP), CFO/Deputy Mayor Fenwick, Director of Engineering Venugopalan, Deputy Police Chief Bigsbee, and Executive Assistant Rafala

STAFF PRESENT: None

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 reported that a constituent has been replacing windows in the basement of his home. He received a stop-work order because the windows required larger frames for the installation. Director of Engineering Venugopalan reported that the problem had been solved. Councilor Russel reported that a constituent has asked for signage to be provided at the corner of Geist Point Drive and Crystal Point Drive. Director of Engineering Venugopalan indicated that he would contact that constituent for clarification. Councilor Rusomaroff thanked Utility Superintendent Salsbery and Director of Streets Heneghan for solving various lighting issues in her district.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS: Councilor Rusomaroff moved to approve Payroll Claims for \$955,024.36 [October 31, 2020} payroll] and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for \$1,027,185.08]. Councilor Whitfield seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion to approve the vouchers carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED 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 read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Giles said the Code Committee met tonight at 5:30 p.m. and recommended a do-pass for Proposal No. 13, 2020. Councilor Shevlot moved to adopt Proposal No. 13, 2020. Councilor Denney seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Proposal No. 14, 2020, amending Title 3, Article 2, Chapter 4 of the City of Lawrence Municipal Code with respect to street closures, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Giles said the Code Committee met tonight at 5:30 p.m. and recommended a do-pass for Proposal No. 14, 2020. Councilor Rusomaroff moved to adopt Proposal No. 14, 2020. Councilor Wells seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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 read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Giles reported that the Code Committee met tonight at 5:30 p.m. to discuss this proposed ordinance. As a result, the Code Committee voted to recommend a do-pass. Councilor Giles went on to say that there is a lot of information and complexity in the proposed ordinance and requested that President Chavis return the proposed ordinance to the Code Committee for additional consideration. In response, Councilor Chavis returned Proposal No. 15, 2020 to the Code Committee and asked for a final recommendation by the December mid-month council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned, at 6:55 p.m., by the unanimous vote of the Council.

Lisa Chavis, President

Kathleen A. Walton, Clerk