CITY OF LAWRENCE

 **Common Council**

# December 2, 2019

**Regular Meeting**

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

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

STAFF PRESENT: Mayor Collier, Controller/Deputy Mayor Fenwick, Deputy Controller Douthit, Police Chief Hofmann, Fire Chief Batalis and Director of Streets Heneghan 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: Councilor Freeman noted the success of Saturday’s City of Lawrence Christmas celebration.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilor Freeman moved to approve the minutes of the regular meetings on November 4, 2019 and November 20, 2019. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hall and carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS: Councilor Freeman moved to approve Payroll Claims for $693,484.05 [November 15, 2019 payroll] and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for $646,619.19]. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hall. By a show of hands, the motion to approve the vouchers carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: Councilor Giles said the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee will meet on December 4, 2019 at 6pm. Councilor Giles informed the Council that the Energy Savings Committee meeting was held tonight at 4:45 p.m. to consider Resolution No. 7, 2019. The Committee recommended a do pass for Resolution No. 7, 2019.

The Mayor, Clerk and Council signed certifications pursuant to IC 36-1-20.2 and 36-1-21.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Proposal No. 12, 2019, amending the Lawrence Municipal Code to establish a nonreverting fund to fund benefit payments for retiring employees, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis said Proposal No. 12, 2019 is in the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee.

NEW BUSINESS: Councilor Jones moved to approve the 2020 meeting schedule for the Common Council. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hall and carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

Resolution No. 7, 2019, approving a guaranteed energy savings contract between the City of Lawrence and the Perfection Group, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis invited Rob Vollrath, Perfect Group, to give an over view of the energy savings proposal. Mr. Rob Vollrath discussed the energy savings for Phase I and Phase II of the project. Mr. Rob Vollrath and Mr. Greg Horn responded to questions from the Council. Following discussion,

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Councilor Giles moved to adopt Resolution No. 7, 2019. The motion was seconded by Councilor Parker. By a show of hands, the motion to adopt Resolution No. 7, 2019 carried by the following vote of the Council: Six (6) aye votes, one (1) nay vote (Councilor Wells) and one abstention (Councilor Jones).

Resolution No. 8, 2019, recognizing a new city flag, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis invited Controller Fenwick to discuss Resolution No. 8, 2019 concerning the design of a new City Flag. Controller Fenwick briefly described the initiative and then introduced former summer intern, Ethan Marasco, who presented details about his design. Following the presentation, Councilor Shevlot moved to adopt Resolution No. 8, 2019. The motion was seconded by Councilor Parker and carried by a unanimous vote of the council.

Proposal No. 8, 2019, establishing compensation for elected officials for the City of Lawrence, Indiana for the year 2020, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 8, 2019 to the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS: Mayor Collier echoed Councilor Freeman’s comments about the Lawrence Christmas celebration. He reported that more than 750 people attended. Mayor Collier then introduced Fire Chief Batalis who discussed the annual firefighter assistance program which will take place at Fire Station #38 on Friday, December 13, 2019 at 5:30pm.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: The following citizens addressed the Council:

* Shavnella Lee Brownie, Beautiful Beta Beginnings, Inc.
* Valerie Ellis, 4820 Atwell Drive

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m., by the unanimous vote of the Council.

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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.