

CITY OF LAWRENCE
Common Council
December 4, 2023
Public Assembly Room
Regular Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: William Tyrrell Giles, Rick Wells, Maria Rusomaroff, Lisa Chavis, Deborah Whitfield, Lauren Russel, and Sherron Freeman

MEMBERS PRESENT BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom Shevlot, and Shawn Denney

ALSO BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Kathleen Walton, Attorney Jacob Antrim (Bose McKinney & Evans LLP), FHRA Executive Director Heather Millikan, FHRA President Jeff Vest, John Kirkwood (Baker & Daniels), Stanley Richard (Barnes & Thornburg), Mark Cannon (Harris & Ford Properties LLC), Angie Steno (Crowe), and Tim Harris (Harris & Ford Properties LLC)

STAFF PRESENT: Chief of Staff Korn, Police Chief Bigsbee, and Park Superintendent Martin

STAFF BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: Controller Douthit, City Attorney Voller, Economic Development Director Zuerner and Utility Superintendent Salsbery

Council President William Giles called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m. and announced a quorum was present.

COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS: There was discussion amongst several councilors about trash pick up issues to include a change to a new contractor (Priority) and recent service complaints from citizens.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilor Wells moved to approve the minutes of the regular meetings on November 6, 2023, and November 15, 2023, Councilor Freeman seconded the motion. By a show of hands, the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS 12-4-23: Councilor Wells moved to approve Payroll Claims for \$867,389.68 [November 15, 2023, payroll], and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for \$1,485,039.96]. Councilor Whitfield seconded the motion. By a show of hands, the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: Councilor Chavis said the Economic Development Committee met and discussed Proposal No. 14, 2023. There was no recommendation. There was a public hearing on November 29, 2023, by the EDC and FHRA. The project and bonds were approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Proposal No. 12, 2023, establishing compensation for elected officials for the City of Lawrence, Indiana for the year 2024, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Giles assigned Proposal No. 12, 2023 to the Administration, Budget, and Finance Committee.

Resolution No. 10, 2023, to adopt application form and evaluation rubric for community services grants from the Common Council of the City of Lawrence, Indiana, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Giles assigned Resolution No. 10, 2023 to the Grants Committee.

Proposal No. 14, 2023, authorizing the issuance of the City of Lawrence, Indiana Economic Development Revenue Bonds (Harris & Ford Properties LLC Project – federally taxable), and the lending of the proceeds thereof to Harris & Ford Properties LLC and authorizing and approving other actions in respect thereto, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. There was discussion among councilors, Mark Cannon (general counsel for Harris & Ford Properties), Economic Development Director Zuerner, Tim Harris (Harris & Ford Properties), and Angie Steno (Crowe). Councilor Giles said Proposal No. 14, 2023 will remain in the Economic Development Committee.

NEW BUSINESS: Proposal No. 15, 2023, concerning the construction of additions and improvements to the waterworks of the City of Lawrence, Indiana, the issuance of revenue bonds to provide the cost thereof, the collection, segregation, and distribution of the revenues of said waterworks, the safeguarding of the interests of the owners of said revenue bonds, other matters connected therewith, including the issuance of notes in anticipation of bonds, and repealing ordinances inconsistent herewith, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Utility Superintendent Salsbery gave an overview of Proposal No. 15, 2023. Councilor Chavis moved to suspend the rules and adopt Proposal No. 15, 2023 on first reading. Councilor Russel seconded the motion. By a show of hands, the motion carried unanimously. Councilor Rusomaroff moved to adopt Proposal No. 15, 2023. Councilor Russel seconded the motion. By a show of hands, the motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: The following citizen addressed the Council:

- Daniel Rapp, 5718 Wallingwood Drive

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m., by the unanimous vote of the Council.

William T. Giles, President

Kathleen A. Walton, Clerk

These minutes are not intended to be verbatim. They are a summary of discussions held, except for the motions. An audiotape is made which provides a detailed record.