

**CITY OF LAWRENCE**  
**Common Council**  
**December 7, 2020**  
**Regular Meeting**

MEMBERS PRESENT: None

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

ALSO BY ZOOM: Attorney Kristina Wheeler (Bose McKinney & Evans LLP)

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Kathleen Walton

STAFF PRESENT: Mayor Collier, CFO/Deputy Mayor Fenwick, Fire Chief Batalis, Deputy Fire Chief Hardie, and several firefighters were present

STAFF BY ZOOM: Deputy Police Chief Bigsbee, Director of Engineering Venugopalan, Director of Economic Development Zuerner, Executive Assistant Rafala

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 Shevlot thanked Executive Assistant Rafala and code enforcement for their efficient handling of a recent issue affecting one of his constituents. Councilor Wells noted that the Post Pet Hospital has closed. He suggested that the City consider establishing an animal shelter and that this property provides a great opportunity to do so. Councilor Denney thanked the street department for the completion of road work on 45<sup>th</sup>, 46<sup>th</sup>, and 47<sup>th</sup> streets.

There was a presentation on Station #38 by American Structurepoint, Garmong Construction, CFO/Deputy Mayor Fenwick and Fire Chief Batalis.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilor Rusomaroff moved to approve the minutes of the regular meetings on November 2, 2020 and November 18, 2020. Councilor Wells seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS 12-7-20: Councilor Shevlot moved to approve Payroll Claims for \$877,981.00 [November 15, 2020 payroll] and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for \$818,350.93]. Councilor Freeman seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion to approve the vouchers carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: Councilor Whitfield said the Economic Development Committee met and discussed Resolution No. 11, 2020. They recommended a do-pass for Resolution No. 11, 2020. Councilor Denney said the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee met and discussed Resolution No. 10, 2020. They recommended it stay in committee for editing. Councilor Giles said the Code Committee met and discussed Proposal No. 15, 2020. They recommended a do-pass for Proposal No. 15, 2020.

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

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 said Resolution No. 10, 2020 will remain in 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 Shevlot moved to adopt Resolution No. 11, 2020. Councilor Whitfield seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion to adopt Resolution No. 11, 2020 carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

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 moved to accept Proposal No. 15, 2020 in place of the original proposal. The motion to amend Proposal No. 15, 2020 was seconded by Councilor Whitfield. By a roll call vote, the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Council. Councilor Wells moved to adopt amended Proposal No. 15, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rusomaroff. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: Councilor Shevlot moved to approve the 2021 meeting schedule for the Common Council. The motion was seconded by Councilor Russel and carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

Proposal No. 16, 2020, establishing rates and fees for the City of Lawrence Storm Water Management District, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Shevlot moved to suspend the rules and adopt on first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilor Russel. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Following discussion, Councilor Shevlot moved to adopt Proposal No. 16, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rusomaroff. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Proposal No. 17, 2020, amending Title 3, Article 1, Chapter 2 and Title 3, Article 1, Chapter 3 of the City of Lawrence Municipal Code with respect to police and fire residency requirement, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Shevlot moved to suspend the rules and adopt on first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilor Giles. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Following discussion, Councilor Shevlot moved to adopt Proposal No. 17, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilor Giles. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Proposal No. 18, 2020, amending Title 1, Article 2, Chapter 8 of the City of Lawrence Municipal Code with respect to police and fire personnel vehicle usage, was introduced and read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Proposal No. 18, 2020 to the Public Safety Committee.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS: Mayor Collier expressed great enthusiasm for the great success surrounding the Lawrence Christmas celebration on Saturday, November 28, 2020. One of the features of the festival was the opening of an ice skating rink that has attracted a steady stream of families who have visited the rink and have gone skating together.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: None

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ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m., by the unanimous vote of the Council.

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Lisa Chavis, President

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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.