

CITY OF LAWRENCE
Common Council
December 15, 2021
Regular Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Shevlot, Shawn Denney, Rick Wells, and Maria Rusomaroff

MEMBERS BY ZOOM: Lisa Chavis, William Tyrrell Giles, Sherron Freeman, Deborah Whitfield, and Lauren Russel

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

ALSO PRESENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Police Chief Hofmann

STAFF BY ZOOM: 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 noted that this month's vouchers to be paid included funding for public safety. She wanted everyone to be aware that the media are reporting that Marion County Sheriff Forestal has announced that they will no longer provide transportation for prisoners downtown. As this applies only to excluded cities, it may become necessary for the City of Lawrence to purchase a van to perform that function. Councilor Whitfield asked the Administration for an update on planning for the 2022 Black History Month Celebration. It has been a successful program in the past. Councilor Wells reminded Police Chief Hofmann that Proposal No. 10, 2021 remains in the Code Committee awaiting action. Police Chief Hofmann said again that he is available at any time to meet and discuss the proposal. In fact, Police Chief Hofmann repeated that commitment during tonight's meeting.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS 12-15-21: Councilor Rusomaroff moved to approve Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for \$665,503.14]. Councilor Denney seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion to approve the vouchers carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Proposal No. 10, 2021, amending the Lawrence Municipal Code regarding requirements for City towing providers, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis said Proposal No. 10, 2021 remains in the Code Committee.

Councilor Chavis tabled the consideration of the council appointment to the Lawrence Plan Commission.

Resolution No. 20, 2021, providing funding to the INSPIRE Program, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis said Resolution No. 20, 2021 remains in the Administration, Budget, and Finance Committee.

Resolution No. 21, 2021, providing funding to the “Laundry & More” Program, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis said Resolution No. 21, 2021 remains in the Administration, Budget, and Finance Committee. Councilor Chavis said there is a need to develop a grant process to handle public requests for funding. This development of a process should begin in January 2022.

NEW BUSINESS: Resolution No. 22, 2021, providing funding to the “Aktion Club” of the Kiwanis Club of Lawrence, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Resolution No. 20, 2021 to the Administration, Budget, and Finance Committee.

Resolution No. 23, 2021, providing funding to the Arts for Lawrence, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Chavis assigned Resolution No. 23, 2021 to the Administration, Budget, and Finance Committee.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m., by the unanimous vote of the Council.

Lisa Chavis, 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.