Common Council

**City of Lawrence**

**December 18, 2019**

**Regular Meeting**

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

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

STAFF PRESENT: Police Chief Hofmann, Fire Chief Batalis, Deputy Fire Chief Wallace, Battalion Chief Griffin and Utility Superintendent Salsbery 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 complimented DPW for its efforts during the recent snow storms. These included putting down “beet juice” before the storms and clearing the streets afterward. She went on to recognize the success of the firefighter’s assistance fund (formally known as the needy family program) that was held on December 13, 2019 and December 14, 2019.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilor Freeman moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on December 2, 2019 and special meetings on December 2, 2019 and December 3, 2019. The motion was seconded by Councilor Chavis and carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS: Councilor Giles moved to approve Payroll Claims for $776,196.81 [November 30, 2019 payroll] and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for $1,642,460.00]. The motion was seconded by Councilor Shevlot. By a show of hands, the motion to approve the vouchers carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

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 Shevlot said the Finance Committee recommended a do pass with amendments for Proposal No. 12, 2019. Councilor Shevlot moved to accept Proposal No. 12, 2019 in place of the original proposal. The motion to amend Proposal No. 12, 2019 was seconded by Councilor Giles and carried by a unanimous vote of the Council. Councilor Shevlot moved to adopt amended Proposal No. 12, 2019. The motion was seconded by Councilor Giles and carried 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 read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Shevlot said the Finance Committee unanimously recommended a do pass for Proposal No. 8, 2019. He went on to say that Proposal No. 8, 2019 has been amended to address concerns that emerged at the Committee meeting. Councilor Shevlot moved to accept Proposal No. 8, 2019 in place of the original proposal. The motion to amend Proposal No. 8, 2019 was seconded by Councilor Giles and carried by a unanimous vote of the Council. Following discussion, Councilor Shevlot moved to adopt amended Proposal No. 8, 2019. The motion was seconded by Councilor Giles and carried by Five (5) aye votes and one (1) nay vote (Councilor Wells).

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NEW BUSINESS: Resolution No. 9, 2019, approving the transfer of real property, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Utility Superintendent Salsbery discussed Resolution No. 9, 2019. Councilor Shevlot moved to adopt Resolution No. 9, 2019. The motion was seconded by Councilor Giles. By a show of hands, the motion to adopt Resolution No. 9, 2019 carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

Councilor Chavis tabled the Council’s appointments to the Redevelopment Commission, Fort Harrison Reuse Authority and Board of Zoning Appeals until January 6, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned, at 6:50 p.m., by the unanimous vote of the Council.

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Lisa Chavis. President Kathleen A. Walton, Clerk