Common Council

**City of Lawrence**

**December 20, 2017**

**Regular Meeting**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Members Joe Williams, Lisa Chavis, Sherron Freeman, Bob Jones, Elizabeth Wheeler, Tom Shevlot, William Tyrrell Giles, Rick Wells and Becky Parker were present

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

STAFF PRESENT: Mayor Collier, Controller/Deputy Mayor Fenwick, Corporation Counsel Johnson, Police Chief Hofmann, Deputy Police Chief Bigsbee, Deputy Police Chief Woodruff, Captain Osborn, Captain Cantrell, Captain Steele, Fire Chief Batalis, Utility Superintendent Salsbery, Executive Assistant Kukolla, Administrative Assistant Wolfe, several police officer, several firefighters and several members of LPD Explorer Post #160 were present.

Council President Joe Williams called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and announced a quorum was present.

COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS: Councilor Freeman identified 10 areas of government activity within the City of Lawrence during 2017. These included staffing at Fire Station #40; the water rate hike; continuing concern over an animal shelter; the Energy Savings Program; the street closure at 46th Street and Franklin Road; sidewalks and street lights; the appearance of City parks; the large number of used car lots on Pendleton Pike; the need for members of boards and commissions to appear at scheduled meetings; and public safety. She also asked Mayor Collier for an overview of economic development initiatives for 2018. Councilor Jones thanked Fire Chief Batalis for his 29 years of leadership of the Needy Families Program.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS: Councilor Freeman moved to approve Payroll Claims for $843,483.52 [November 30, 2017 payroll], payroll Claims for $822,898.58 [December 15, 2017 payroll] and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for $1,386,943.92]. The motion was seconded by Councilor Parker. By a show of hands, the motion to approve the vouchers carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: Councilor Freeman said the Code Committee met and recommended a do pass for Resolution No. 9, 2017. Councilor Giles said the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee met and discussed Proposals No. 23, 24 and 25, 2017. The Committee recommended a do pass for Proposal No. 23, 2017. Proposals No. 24 and 25, 2017 need further research.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Resolution No. 9, 2017, amending the council rules with respect to time allowed for citizen and council member comments, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Jones moved to adopt Resolution No. 9, 2017. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wells. Following a discussion among several councilors, Councilor Giles moved to amend Resolution No. 9, 2017 by removing the section allowing council members to speak for 10 minutes instead of 5 minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilor Chavis. Following discussion, by a show of hands, the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Council. Councilor Jones moved to adopt amended Resolution No. 9, 2017. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wells and carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

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LPD Explorer Post #160 honored the widow of Lieutenant Aaron Allan from the Southport Police Department who lost his life on July 27, 2017 in the line of duty while responding to a traffic accident. They designed a pendent that they presented in front of a public assembly room filled with police officers, firefighters and citizens.

Proposal No. 23, 2017, amending prior bond ordinances authorizing the issuance of certain waterworks revenue bonds of the city and repealing ordinances inconsistent herewith, was

read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Parker moved to adopt Proposal No. 23, 2017. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wheeler and carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

Proposal No. 24, 2017, amending the Municipal Code of the City of Lawrence, Indiana with respect to disability retiree stipend benefits, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Proposal No. 24, 2017 remains in the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee.

Proposal No. 25, 2017, amending the Municipal Code of the City of Lawrence, Indiana with respect to the City’s credit card policy, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Proposal No. 25, 2017 remains in the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee.

NEW BUSINESS: Councilor Williams said nominations for a member of the Fire Merit Commission were open for consideration. Councilor Freeman nominated Damonn Burns. Councilor Williams nominated Kieaunte Robinson. Councilor Williams announced that, there being no further nominations, nominations were closed. Clerk Walton distributed paper ballots. The Clerk tallied the votes. Nine votes were cast, 5 votes for Damonn Burns (Councilors Shevlot, Jones, Parker, Freeman and Wells) and 4 votes for Kieaunte Robinson (Councilors Williams, Giles, Wheeler and Chavis). Clerk Walton announced that Damonn Burns was elected to the Fire Merit Commission.

President Joe Williams requested acceptance of the Uniform Conflict Of Interest Statement for Robert Jones. Councilor Wells moved to accept the Uniform Conflict of Interest Statement for Robert Jones. The motion was seconded by Councilor Giles. By a show of hands, the vote carried by the following vote of the Council: Eight (8) aye votes and one (1) abstention (Councilor Jones).

President Joe Williams requested acceptance of the Uniform Conflict Of Interest Statement for Joe Williams. Councilor Wheeler moved to accept the Uniform Conflict of Interest Statement for Joe Williams. The motion was seconded by Councilor Freeman. By a show of hands, the vote carried by the following vote of the Council: Eight (8) aye votes and one (1) abstention (Councilor Williams).

Resolution No. 10, 2017, authorizing the City of Lawrence to proceed with the Lawrence police station and take all actions required by law, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Williams assigned Resolution No. 10, 2017 to the Committee of the Whole.

Resolution No. 11, 2017, honoring Carl Erlenbaugh for service to the community of Lawrence, Indiana upon his passing, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Giles requested Resolution No. 11, 2017 be addressed at the next meeting.

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ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS: Mayor Collier was proud of the City for their actions taken tonight for Lieutenant Aaron Allan of Southport.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned, at 7:10 p.m., by the unanimous vote of the Council.

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Joe Williams. President Kathleen A. Walton, Clerk