

CITY OF LAWRENCE
Common Council
December 1, 2025
Regular Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilors Liz Masur, Carlos Jennings, Kristie Krone, Lisa Chavis, Sherron Freeman, Tyrrell Giles and Betty Robinson

MEMBERS BY MICROSOFT TEAMS:

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilors Zach Cramer and Rick Wells

ALSO, BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: Councilor Zach Cramer, Brad Addington and Chance Haliburton

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Adkisson, and Scott Krapf, of Frost Brown Todd

STAFF PRESENT: Jim Perron, Jami Weinrich, Greg Goodnight, Terri Falker and Nick Rehmel

STAFF BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: Renea Rafala

Council President Betty Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The pledge of allegiance was administered, followed by a prayer offered from Councilor Tyrrell Giles asking for protection over city workers, public safety personnel, and for wisdom and discernment for the Council.

Roll call was taken. Seven (7) council members were present. President Robinson recognized there was a quorum.

It was also recognized there were extra copies of the agenda located at the back of the room along with a sign-up sheet for comments from the citizens.

COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS OR RESOLUTIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES' REGULAR MEETING 11-19-2025

Councilor Krone made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilor Masur 2nd the motion.

- **Discussion:** None.
- **Vote:** Approved unanimously. 7 – 0

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS 12-1-2025: Councilor Jennings moved to approve vouchers and claims. The motion was 2nd by Councilor Masur. Payroll Claims for [October 31, 2025] \$1,213,505.26 and for [November 15, 2025] \$1,140,749.34 and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for \$3,892,427.74]. Vote was taken.

- **Discussion:** None.
- **Vote:** Approved unanimously. 7 – 0

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE: **Committee of the Whole** met earlier the same evening and reported:

- **Proposal No. 3, 2025** – *Recommendation:* Tabled.
- **Resolution No. 8, 2025** – Moved to the 6:30 PM Council meeting by the Council President due to time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1) Proposal No. 3, 2025

Title: *An ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Lawrence, Indiana, amending Title 1, Article 2, Chapter 5 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lawrence, Indiana. This item was tabled and removed from the agenda.*

2) Proposal No. 7, 2025

Title: *An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Lawrence, Indiana Adopting a Code of Ethics.*

- Read into the record by the Clerk.
- Referred to the Committee as a Whole for consideration.

3) Resolution No. 8, 2025

Title: *A Resolution Approving a Designation of the Sunnyside to Oakland Economic Development Area and Adoption of an Economic Development Plan.*

Presentation:

Attorney Russell Brown (Clark Quinn) addressed the Council, summarizing:

- Structure and required statutory findings.
- Broad goals listed to allow the Redevelopment Commission flexibility.
- Future allocation areas (TIF districts) would require separate approval.
- Modifications to the plan can be made by the RDC, but changes to the geographic area require Council approval.

Questions:

Several councilors asked for clarification regarding residential development and RDC authority. Mr. Brown provided statutory context.

Comment from RDC Representative:

Michael Townsend (Council appointee, RDC Vice President) expressed support, stating the designation provides future redevelopment tools even though no current project is identified.

- **Motion:** Made and seconded. (Councilor Chavis – M and Councilor Jennings – 2nd)
- **Vote:** Passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Approval of 2026 meeting schedule.

- Motion made and seconded. (Councilor Chavis – M and Councilor Jennings – 2nd)
- **Vote:** Passed unanimously.

2) Resolution No. 10, 2025

Title: *A Resolution Amending the Common Council Rules and Procedures.*

- Read into the record by the Clerk.
- Referred to the Committee of the Whole.

COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION: **Jamie Weinrich, Director of City Events**, reported:

- Successful food drive with Lawrence Police Department. Over 300 families served 200 additional meals provided through Moselle Sanders distribution.
- Community Christmas event was rescheduled due to snow. Full event now planned for upcoming Saturday (vendors, ice skating, parade, tree lighting).

CITIZENS' COMMENTS: Citizens' Comments (*Limited to 3 minutes per speaker*)

Daniel Rap – 5718 Wallingwood Drive

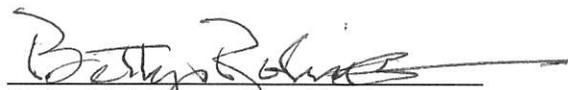
Topic: *Sunnyside to Oakland Economic Development Area*

- Reported submitting a public records request two weeks earlier but had not received documentation.
- Expressed concerns about lack of clarity on benefits for property owners.
- Encouraged property owners to attend the **December 18 public hearing** of the Redevelopment Commission.
- Requested more transparency and continued to await documentation.

****Clarification from Chair**

The Chair clarified that Proposal No. 7 will be referred to the Committee of the Whole when the proposal is ready. **

ADJOURNMENT: Councilor Robinson called for adjournment. There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m., by President Robinson.


Betty Robinson, President


Leatrice Adkisson, Clerk

These minutes are not intended to be verbatim. They are a summary of discussions held, except for the motions.

Table Summary of Votes & Items

Agenda Item	Description	Action Taken	Vote Result
Approval of Minutes	Approval of minutes from Nov. 19, 2025 meeting	Approved	Passed unanimously
Vouchers, Claims & Payments	Authorization of vouchers, claims, and payments	Approved	Passed unanimously
Proposal No. 3, 2025	Economic development-related proposal	Tabled	No vote taken
Proposal No. 7, 2025	Ordinance adopting a Code of Ethics	Referred to Committee of the Whole	No vote taken
Resolution No. 8, 2025	Sunnyside to Oakland Economic Development Area designation	Approved	Passed unanimously
2026 Meeting Schedule	Adoption of next year's meeting schedule	Approved	Passed unanimously
Resolution No. 10, 2025	Amendment to Council Rules & Procedures	Referred to Committee of the Whole	No vote taken