

**CITY OF LAWRENCE
Common Council
February 2, 2026
Regular Meeting**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilors Carlos Jennings, Kristie Krone, Rick Wells, Zach Cramer, Liz Masur, Sherron Freeman, Tracy Boyd, and Betty Robinson

MEMBERS BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilor Giles

ALSO, BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: Marcus Harden and Mayor Whitfield

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Adkisson and Michael Allen, of Frost Brown Todd

STAFF PRESENT: Greg Goodnight, Chief Bigsbee, Terri Faulker, Jared Hooten, and Jami Weinrich

STAFF BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: Renea Rafala

Council President Zach Cramer called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

The pledge of allegiance was administered, followed by a moment of silence.

Roll call was taken. Eight (8) council members were present. President Cramer recognized there was a quorum. A quorum was confirmed.

Present:

- Councilor Masur
- Councilor Wells
- Councilor Robinson
- Councilor Jennings
- Councilor Freeman
- Councilor Krone
- Councilor Cramer
- Councilor Boyd

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 AND SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS OR RESOLUTIONS:

• **Snow Removal Appreciation:**

Council members expressed appreciation to the City for effective snow removal during a recent winter storm, noting safe and clear road conditions during an emergency situation. Applause was suggested and expressed.

• **Food Trailers / State Legislation (Councilor Wells):**

Councilor Wells discussed oversight concerns regarding food trailers and referenced **Indiana House Bill 1577**, passed by the Indiana State Legislature and effective next year.

- A representative from the Marion County Board of Health offered to attend a council meeting to explain the bill and its impact on municipalities.
- **Motion:** To invite the representative to present to the Council.
- **Second:** Councilor Krone.
- **Outcome:** Motion accepted; presentation to be scheduled for a future meeting.

- **Unfinished Business Concerns (Councilor Wells):**
Councilor Wells raised concerns regarding several proposals from 2025 still listed under unfinished business.
 - Administration explained delays were due to the closure of the building and inability to schedule committee meetings.
 - Committees will meet once an alternate meeting location is secured.
- **Development Update:**
Councilor Freeman noted discussions surrounding the development at **46th Street and Shadeland**, including a potential laundromat. It was also noted that a Starbucks at the former Arby's site is open and operating.
- **Statement on ICE Operations (Councilor Krone):**
Councilor Krone delivered a statement condemning ICE enforcement actions, expressing opposition to ICE operations, and reaffirming commitment to constitutional protections, community advocacy, and vulnerable populations.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF 01-21-26

A motion was made by **Councilor Carlos Jennings** and seconded by **Councilor Betty Robinson** to approve the minutes of January 21, 2026, regular meeting.

- Councilor Masur – Yay
- Councilor Wells – Yay
- Councilor Robinson – Yay
- Councilor Jennings – Yay
- Councilor Freeman – Yay
- Councilor Krone – Yay
- Councilor Cramer – Yay
- Councilor Boyd – Abstained
 - Yes: 7
 - Abstain: 1
- **Result:** Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS 02-2-2026:

Payroll Claims for [January 15, 2026] \$1,180,455.99 and invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for \$2,467,706.73]. Due to council members not having sufficient time to review vouchers. President deferred approval of vouchers until the mid-month meeting.

- **Motion:** Councilor Jennings
- **Second:** Councilor Masur
- **Vote:** 8–0
- **Result:** Motion carried.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Proposal No. 3-2025**

Ordinance amending Title 1, Article 2, Chapter 5 of the City Code.

- o Remains before the Committee of the Whole.

2. **Proposal No. 7-2025**

Ordinance adopting a Code of Ethics.

- o Remains before the Committee of the Whole.

3. **Resolution No. 10-2025**

Resolution amending Common Council rules and procedures.

- o Remains before the Committee of the Whole.

4. **Proposal No. 1-2026**

Ordinance amending municipal code regarding council approval of professional service contract expenditures.

- o Remains before the Rules and Code Committee.
- o Chair, Councilor Kron, noted efforts are underway to schedule a committee meeting.

Discussion occurred regarding possible time limits for items remaining in committee; clarification to be reviewed.

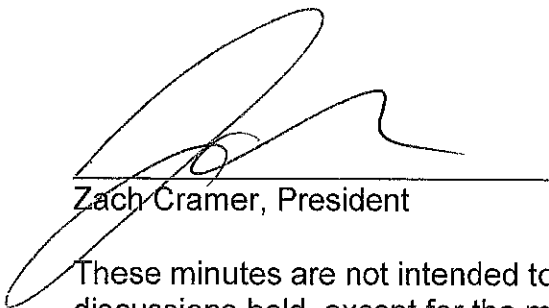
NEW BUSINESS: None

COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION:

- Administration's Chief of Staff, Greg Goodnight, addressed concerns regarding **possible mold** in the City building.
 - o Inspections were conducted, and remediation has begun in the basement.
 - o Further testing will continue over the coming days.
- Budget and reserve fund concerns were briefly discussed.
 - o Administration noted reconciliation of multiple funds is ongoing.
 - o Revenue considerations include recently passed taxes.
 - o A more detailed presentation may be scheduled in the future.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: President Cramer called for adjournment. There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m., by President Cramer.


Zach Cramer, President


Leatrice Adkisson, Clerk

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

