

**CITY OF LAWRENCE**  
**Common Council**  
**February 18, 2026**  
**Regular Meeting**

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

MEMBERS BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO, BY MICROSOFT TEAMS:

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

STAFF PRESENT: Greg Goodnight, Terri Faulker and Jared Hooten

STAFF BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: Renea Rafala

Council President Zach Cramer called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

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

Roll call was taken. Nine (9) 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
- Councilor Giles

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:

- Councilors Masur and Krone wish to apologize for their earlier statement indicating that they had not seen the pay claim vouchers. They acknowledge that this statement was made in error.
- Councilor Freeman addressed concerns raised by constituents about the increasing cost of apartment rent across the city and the impact on residents.
- Councilor Robinson concurred with Councilor Freeman's constituents' concerns regarding the rising cost of rent in the city. She expressed agreement that increasing rental prices are placing a significant financial burden on residents.
- Councilor Wells voiced his concerns regarding contracts exceeding \$5,000 being approved by the Board of Works prior to receiving approval from the Council. He expressed the importance of ensuring that proper approval procedures are followed before contracts are finalized.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF 02-02-26

A motion was made by **Councilor Jennings** and seconded by **Councilor Robinson** to approve the minutes of February 2, 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 – Yay
- Councilor Giles – Yay
  
- **Result:** Motion carried unanimously.

### 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. A motion was made by **Councilor Robinson** and seconded by **Councilor Jennings** to approve February 2, 2026, pay claim vouchers.

- Councilor Masur – Yay
- Councilor Wells – Yay
- Councilor Robinson – Yay
- Councilor Jennings – Yay
- Councilor Freeman – Yay
- Councilor Krone – Yay
- Councilor Cramer – Yay
- Councilor Boyd – Yay
- Councilor Giles – Yay

**Result:** Motion carried. 8 – 1

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEE:

The President announced that the Committee of the Whole met earlier and moved a favorable recommendation to the full Council for Proposal No.3 , 2025; Proposal No. 7, 2025; and Resolution No. 10, 2025.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Proposal No. 3, 2025**  
Ordinance amending Title 1, Article 2, Chapter 5 of the City Code.
  - President Cramer stated the proposal was being referred to the Public Safety Committee for consideration and recommendation.
2. **Proposal No. 7, 2025**  
Ordinance adopting a Code of Ethics.
  - A motion was made by Councilor Jennings and seconded by Councilor Wells to approve the proposal.

- Councilor Masur – Yay
- Councilor Wells – Yay

- Councilor Robinson – Yay
- Councilor Jennings – Yay
- Councilor Freeman – Yay
- Councilor Krone – Yay
- Councilor Cramer – Yay
- Councilor Boyd – Yay
- Councilor Giles – Yay

**Result:** Motion carried unanimously, .9 – 0.

**3. Resolution No. 10, 2025**

Resolution amending Common Council rules and procedures.

- A motion was made by Councilor Giles and seconded by Wells to approve the proposal.

- Councilor Masur – Yay
- Councilor Wells – Yay
- Councilor Robinson – Yay
- Councilor Jennings – Yay
- Councilor Freeman – Yay
- Councilor Krone – Yay
- Councilor Cramer – Yay
- Councilor Boyd – Yay
- Councilor Giles – Yay

**Result:** Motion carried unanimously, 9 – 0 .

**4. Proposal No. 1, 2026**

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

- President Cramer stated the proposal was being referred to the Committee of the Whole.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Resolution No. 1, 2026**

A resolution approving a professional services contract for the Common for legal services by McCarter & English, LLP.

- A motion was made by Councilor Krone and seconded by Councilor Wells to approve the proposal.

- Councilor Masur – Yay
- Councilor Wells – Yay
- Councilor Robinson – Yay
- Councilor Jennings – Yay
- Councilor Freeman – Yay
- Councilor Krone – Yay
- Councilor Cramer – Yay
- Councilor Boyd – Yay
- Councilor Giles – Yay

**Result:** Motion carried unanimously, 9 – 0.

COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION:

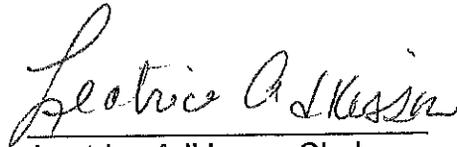
- Administration's Chief of Staff, Greg Goodnight, addressed remediation of mold at the Lawrence City Government Center bldg. He gave the council an update on the mold removal and a possible timeline for completion.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: President Cramer called for adjournment. There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 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.