

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

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

MEMBERS BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tyrrell Giles

ALSO, BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: Mayor Whitfield

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Adkisson, Zach Myers and Kaylin Cook of McCarter & English, LLP

STAFF PRESENT: Greg Goodnight, Terri Faulker, Jami Weinrich and Greg Goodnight

STAFF BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: Shawn Fugate and Renea Rafala

Council President Zach Cramer called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

The pledge of allegiance was administered, followed by a moment of silence observed in honor of a former community leader, Marion Hall.

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF 03-02-26

A motion was made by **Councilor Jennings** and seconded by **Councilor Robinson** to approve the minutes of February 18, 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
  
- **Result:** Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

**1) Proposal No. 3, 2025**

An ordinance amending **Title 1, Article 2, Chapter 5 of the City of Lawrence Code of Ordinances** remains under consideration by the **Public Safety Committee** and will return to the council when ready.

**2) Proposal No. 1, 2026**

An ordinance amending **Title 2, Article 1, Chapter 2, Section 12** concerning **Common Council approval of professional service expenditures** remains before the **Committee of the Whole**.

NEW BUSINESS:

**1) Rezoning Petition (26-ZON-01)**

**Address:** 8121 E. 45th Street, Indianapolis, IN

- Public hearing conducted.
- Petitioner presented plans for rezoning and development.
- Discussion included:
  - Site layout and parking concerns
  - Landscaping and buffering
  - Traffic and access
  - Proposed building design and materials
- City administration initially recommended denial but revised to **approval with conditions**, including:
  - Limited permitted uses (contractor/office warehouse)
  - Landscaping plan approval
  - Architectural compliance
  - Paved parking
  - **No outdoor storage**
- **Motion:** Favorable recommendation was made by Councilor Masur. Councilor Jennings seconded the favorable recommendation.
- **Vote:** Approved (6–2)
  - Councilor Masur – Yay
  - Councilor Wells – Yay
  - Councilor Robinson – Nay
  - Councilor Jennings – Yay
  - Councilor Freeman – Nay
  - Councilor Krone – Yay
  - Councilor Cramer – Yay
  - Councilor Boyd – Yay
  - Recommendation to be forwarded to the Metropolitan Development Commission.

## 2.) Re-Zoning Petition (26-LZO-02)

**Address:** 5649 Lee Road – 9535 Memorial Park Driver – **Notice Issue (26-LZO-02)**

- Determined **not properly noticed**.
  - **Action:** Tabled until April 6, 2026.
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## 3) Resolution No. 2, 2026

- Conveyance of land to Fort Harrison Reuse Authority.
  - **Motion:** Favorable recommendation was made by Councilor Jennings. Councilor Masur seconded the favorable recommendation.
  - Councilor Masur – Yay
  - Councilor Wells – Yay
  - Councilor Robinson – Yay
  - Councilor Jennings – Yay
  - Councilor Freeman – Yay
  - Councilor Krone – Yay
  - Councilor Cramer – Yay
  - Councilor Boyd – Yay
  - **Vote:** Approved unanimously.
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## 4) Appointment to Economic Development Commission

President Cramer entertained a motion to add a new business item to the agenda.

- **Motion:** Favorable recommendation was made by Councilor Krone. Councilor Jennings seconded the favorable recommendation. Vote taken:
- Councilor Masur – Yay
- Councilor Wells – Yay
- Councilor Robinson – Yay
- Councilor Jennings – Yay
- Councilor Freeman – Yay
- Councilor Krone – Yay
- Councilor Cramer – Yay
- Councilor Boyd – Yay
- Motion to add to agenda approved.

President Cramer accepted a motion from Councilor Masur, and seconded by Councilor Robinson to re-appoint Ray Anderson, to the Economic Development Commission.

- **Vote:** Approved (7–1)
  
  - Councilor Masur – Yay
  - Councilor Wells – Nay
  - Councilor Robinson – Yay
  - Councilor Jennings – Yay
  - Councilor Freeman – Yay
  - Councilor Krone – Yay
  - Councilor Cramer – Yay
  - Councilor Boyd – Yay
  
  - **Appointment:** Ray Anderson retained.
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**5) Proposal No. 2, 2026**

Economic development revenue bonds (TRG Fort Harrison project).

- President Cramer accepted a motion from Councilor Jennings and seconded by Councilor Boyd to suspend the rules to vote on this proposal on the first reading.
  
- Councilor Masur – Nay
- Councilor Wells – Nay
- Councilor Robinson – Nay
- Councilor Jennings – Nay
- Councilor Freeman – Nay
- Councilor Krone – Nay
- Councilor Cramer – Nay
- Councilor Boyd – Nay
  
- Attempt to suspend rules failed.
- **Status:** Tabled until April 6, 2026.

COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION:

Chief of staff, Greg Goodnight delivered an update on the mold remediation in the Government Center, along with additional information.

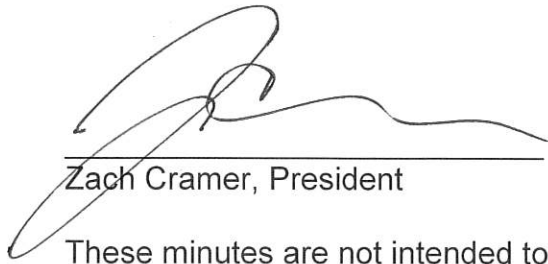
- Update on building remediation:
  - Second floor nearing completion
  - Minor mold remediation ongoing
  
- Mayor's State of the City scheduled:
  - **April 16, 2026, at 5:30 PM**


CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

Daniel Rapp, 5817 Wallingwood Drive, Lawrence, IN. Mr. Rapp raised concerns regarding:

- Lack of public financial reporting
- Missing 2025 annual financial report on Indiana Gateway
- Transparency and compliance issues

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.

  
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Zach Cramer, President

  
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Leatrice Adkisson, Clerk

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

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