

**CITY OF LAWRENCE**  
**Common Council**  
**May 20, 2026**  
**Regular Meeting**

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

MEMBERS BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO, BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: Mayor Whitfield

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Adkisson and Caylin Cook of McCarter & English, LLP

STAFF PRESENT: Greg Goodnight, Terri Falker, Jami Weirich and Nick Rahmel

STAFF BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: Renea Rafala and Shawn Fugate

Council President Zach Cramer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Council members and attendees stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken. Nine (9) council members were present. President Cramer recognized there was a quorum. A quorum was confirmed.

Present:

- Councilor Wells
- Councilor Freeman
- Councilor Robinson
- Councilor Jennings
- Councilor Krone
- Councilor Cramer
- Councilor Boyd
- Councilor Masur
- 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 & SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS OR RESOLUTIONS:

**Councilor Krone** shared participation in a Junior Achievement career fair held on May 13 at Fall Creek Valley for eighth-grade students. Councilor CR discussed engaging students in civic involvement through an interactive activity asking:

- "What do you love about living in Lawrence?"
- "What could be better?"

Students expressed appreciation for:

- Schools
- Parks
- Community members

Students also identified potholes as a major concern. Councilor Krone requested permission to display the students' feedback board for public viewing.

**Councilor Masur** commented on the city's nearly five acres of pollinator-friendly plantings in Lawrence parks, specifically mentioning Lee Road Park. Observations included:

- Hairy beardtongue plants
- Foxglove beardtongue plants
- Monarch butterfly caterpillars on milkweed

Councilor Masur noted that children are right to appreciate the parks.

**Councilor Wells** thanked the Department of Public Works employees, particularly Renee Rafella and Jim Hennean, for temporary street patching work in the Kingsboro area. Residents were advised that future infrastructure improvements are expected, including:

- New water mains
- New sewer mains
- Street reconstruction

**President Cramer** commended on organizers of the Lawrence International Festival, Jami Weirich, noting:

- Efficient vendor operations
- Minimal wait times
- Ample seating
- Positive community participation and entertainment

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF 05-04-2026

A motion was made by **Councilor Jennings** and seconded by **Councilor Freeman** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting minutes from May 4, 2026.

- Councilor Wells – Yay
- Councilor Freeman – Yay
- Councilor Robinson – Yay
- Councilor Jennings – Yay
- Councilor Krone – Yay
- Councilor Cramer – Yay
- Councilor Boyd – Yay
- Councilor Masur – Yay
- Councilor Giles – Yay
  
- **Result:** Motion carried unanimously.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEE:

The Committee of the Whole met earlier in the evening and discussed Proposal No. 1, which had previously been tabled for further discussion.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**a. Proposal No. 3, 2025**

**Title:** An ordinance amending Title 1, Article 2, Chapter 5 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lawrence, Indiana.

The proposal was before the Public Safety Committee. A motion was made and seconded to discharge the proposal from committee for consideration by the full council.

**Action:**

A motion was made by **Councilor Jennings** and seconded by **Councilor Freeman** to approve the removal.

- Councilor Wells – Yay
- Councilor Freeman – Yay
- Councilor Robinson – Yay
- Councilor Jennings – Yay
- Councilor Krone – Yay
- Councilor Cramer – Yay
- Councilor Boyd – Yay
- Councilor Masur – Yay
- Councilor Giles – Yay
  
- **Result:** Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to discharge approved.

**Vote:** 9–0.

A motion was made by **Councilor Jennings** and seconded by **Councilor Freeman** to approve Proposal No. 3, 2025.

- Councilor Wells – Yay
- Councilor Freeman – Yay
- Councilor Robinson – Yay
- Councilor Jennings – Yay
- Councilor Krone – Yay
- Councilor Cramer – Yay
- Councilor Boyd – Yay
- Councilor Masur – Yay
- Councilor Giles – Yay
  
- **Result:** Motion carried unanimously.

**Action:**

Proposal No. 3, 2025 approved.

**Vote:** 9–0.

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

**Title:**

An ordinance amending Title 1, Article 1, Chapter 2, Section 12 of the municipal code regarding Common Council approval on expenditures of professional service contracts.

The proposal remains before the Committee of the Whole for further consideration and recommendation to the Council.

NEW BUSINES:

**There was no new business.**

COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION:

**Jami Weirich – Director of City Events**

Jami thanked council members for attending the Lawrence International Festival and reported an estimated attendance of approximately 537 people.

Upcoming events announced:

- **May 29, 2026:** "Films at the Fort" featuring *Despicable Me* in partnership with Heartland. Approximately 299 reservations had been made.
- **May 31, 2026:** Rescheduled Health Fair.

Council discussion followed regarding Fourth of July car show registration procedures:


- Day-of registration will still be permitted.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

**No citizen comments were presented.**

ADJOURNMENT: President Cramer called for adjournment. There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 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.