

CITY OF LAWRENCE
Common Council
January 9, 2025
Rescheduled Regular Meeting

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

MEMBERS BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: Councilor Tyrrell Giles

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilor Rick Wells

ALSO, BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Adkisson, Michael Johnson, Frost Brown Todd

STAFF PRESENT: Jim Heneghan, Keith Johnson, Greg Goodnight, Jami Weinrich, Renea Rafala, LeAndre Level, Chris Wilburn, Bob Wallace, Amber Riley, Jeanette Jenkins, Eric Martin and Curtis Bigsbee.

STAFF BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

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

The pledge of allegiance was administered, followed by a prayer given by Council President, Betty Robinson.

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.

Council President, Betty Robinson, announced the Council will now have the election of officers, starting with the Council President. She asked for nominations for Council President. Councilor Jennings moved to nominate Councilor Cramer. Councilor Masur 2nd the move. Vote was taken, motion carried unanimously. Councilor Zach Cramer was voted in as Lawrence Common Council President for the year of 2025. Councilor Robinson asked for motion or nomination for Council Vice-President. Councilor Chavis moved to nominate Councilor Robinson for Vice-President. Councilor Cramer 2nd the move. Vote was taken, motion carried unanimously. Councilor Betty Robinson was voted as the Lawrence Common Council Vice-President for the year 2025.

COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS: Councilors Freeman, Masur, Jennings and Krone gave great thanks and appreciation to Streets Director, Jim Heneghan and crew. They did an amazing job of clearing the streets of Lawrence after a significant amount of snow the city received. Councilor Krone mentioned, constituent Brandon Warren, who has also been in contact with Councilor Freeman, is very concerned about the traffic backup at 63rd and Lee Road. The backup, specifically during drop-off and pickup of students in this area. Also, constituent, Daniel Lynch, a 40-year resident of Lawrence, on Triboli Drive, claims it has been decades since this street has been paved. Throughout the years the road has only been patched and is asking for it to be repaved.

Councilor Krone also, mentioned, at the December 18, 2024 meeting, speaking with Alex Etherington, who lives in Indian Point, off of 79th Street. Stated to her, he is super concerned about cars speeding through his neighborhood. The day after speaking with Mr. Etherington, Councilor Krone received a phone call from Anthony Guzman, who is a security resource officer at Horizon Christian School. He helps with containing traffic during the parent drop off and pick up. He believes streets lights are needed in the area. He stated to Councilor Krone, that with the change in time, it's really dark and dangerous during parent drop offs. Councilor Jennings mentioned one of his constituents, Ms. Asian Anderson and others have complaints regarding a bridge located at 56th and German Church Road. The concerns are people walking this bridge to access Kroger, Walmart and other shops are not safe because the bridge is narrow. Councilor Jennings is asking for a solution to this problem before someone is injured.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS OR RESOLUTIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES REGULAR MEETING 12-18-2024

Councilor Chavis made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilor Robinson 2nd the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS: None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

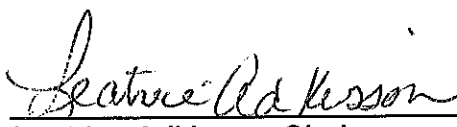
COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION: Mayor, Deborah Whitfield wished the councilors and their families a safe, healthy and prosperous new year. She mentioned as the new year begins, let's embrace the challenges that are ahead with optimism and teamwork. She also gave great thanks to all department heads.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITIZENS: J.D. Masur, 6203 Carrington, Lawrence, IN. Mr. Masur stated he watched the dglf hearing regarding the city's budget. He gave congrats to the administration and the council for passing the test. He also stated, maybe the council should give the mayor authority to declare a snow emergency when needed.

Daniel Rapp, 5718 Wallingwood Drive, Lawrence, IN. Mr. Rapp has concerns regarding the monthly finance reports not being posted on the city's website.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilor Cramer called for adjournment. There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m., by President Cramer.


Zach Cramer, President


Leatrice Adkisson, Clerk

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