

**CITY OF LAWRENCE
Common Council
March 3, 2025
Regular Meeting**

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

MEMBERS BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilors Giles and Wells

ALSO, BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: Walker Vail, Daniel Rapp and Read.ai.meeting

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Adkisson and Scott Krapf (Frost Brown Todd)

STAFF PRESENT: Greg Goodnight, Jami Weinrich, Shawn Fugate, and Jim Perron

STAFF BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: Mayor Whitfield and Humphrey Nagila

President Cramer called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

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

President Cramer 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.

COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS: Councilor Freeman mentioned a concern raised by one of her constituents regarding a hidden driveway sign. The issue pertains to the lack of visibility for vehicles coming out from the back way of Westminster at Sunnyside. The current sign does not adequately warn drivers approaching from the opposite side by Westminster, especially when driving downhill. Councilor Freeman proposed that an additional sign be placed on the opposite side near Westminster at Sunnyside. She also mentioned she has already contacted the Department of Public Works, and they are currently addressing the issue.

President Cramer took a moment to congratulate the ladies of Lawrence North High School for their recent achievement of becoming "2025" Indiana High School Girls Basketball State Champs.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS OR RESOLUTIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES REGULAR MEETING 3-3-2025

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

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS 3-3-2025: Council Councilor Jennings moved to approve vouchers and claims. The motion was seconded by Councilor Masur. Payroll Claims for \$1,381,822.85 [March 3, 2025, payroll] and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for \$1,909,593.87]. Call for a vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: January 15, 2025 - Signing of Vouchers, Approval of Claims and Authorization of Payment. Councilor Jennings moved to approve vouchers and claims. The motion was seconded by Councilor Freeman. Payroll Claims for \$945,292.62 [December 31, 2024, payroll] and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for \$1,178,323.16]. Call for a vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

February 19, 2025 - Signing of Vouchers, Approval of Claims and Authorization of Payment. Councilor Jennings moved the motion to table until the mid-month meeting. Councilor Krone seconded the motion. Call for a vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

Controller's Office request for the Lawrence Common Council to void outstanding checks issued before 12/31/2022. President Cramer announced this item will remain pending at the committee level of the Administration, Budget and Finance for consideration and recommendation. Councilor Chavis announced this committee will meet on 3/19/2025 at 5:30 pm.

Proposal No. 2, 2025 - An Ordinance Of The Common Council Of The City Of Lawrence, Indiana Amending Title 1, Article 1, Chapter 2, Section 12 Of The Municipal Code Regarding Common Council Approval On Expenditures Of Professional Service Contracts. President Cramer announced this item will remain pending at the committee level of the Committee of the Whole for consideration and recommendation. This meeting has also been set to meet on 3/19/2025 at 5:00 pm.

NEW BUSINESS: None

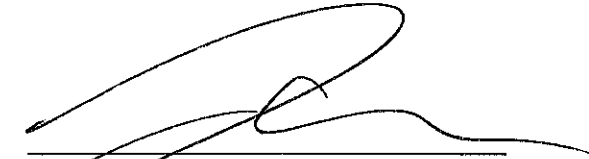
COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION: Chief of Staff, Greg Goodnight announced upcoming dates for the city.

- **March 15th:** Shred-It Day at Lawrence Community Park.
- **April 22nd:** Lawrence Community Cleanup Day (currently in the planning stage). For further details, contact Jamie at the Parks Department.
- **April 23rd:** The Mayor's State of the City Speech will be held in the evening at the Theater at the Fort. All members are welcome to attend.

It was asked by Councilor Freeman the time of The Mayor's State of the City; it was confirmed by Jami Weinrich it starts at 6:00 PM.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITIZENS: Charles C. Knapp Jr., 5728 Wallingwood Drive, Lawrence, IN 46226. Mr. Knapp voiced his concerns about a 43-foot pole telecom tower being planned in his neighborhood. One of the concerns he raised regards the impact of electromagnetic radiation from the tower which could cause great harm to human and animal life.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilor Cramer called for adjournment. There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:46 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.

