

**CITY OF LAWRENCE**  
**Common Council**  
**April 16, 2025**  
**Regular Meeting**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilors Kristie Krone, Sherron Freeman, Zach Cramer, Lisa Chavis, Rick Wells, Tyrrell Giles, Liz Masur, and Betty Robinson

MEMBERS BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilor Carlos Jennings

ALSO, BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

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

STAFF PRESENT: Jami Weinrich, Humphrey Nagila, LeAndre Level, Greg Goodnight and Jim Perron

STAFF BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: Shawn Fugate.

President Cramer called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 Wells extended special thanks to Peni Faitele, the city's building inspector/code enforcement officer, and DPW staff for resolving inoperable/unregistered vehicle issues in both the Traditions neighborhood and on Kingsboro Drive.

Councilor Krone addressed speeding concerns raised by constituent *Mr. Cerzac* on East 75th Street. She plans to meet with Captain Cantrell to explore solutions to this issue.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS OR RESOLUTIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES REGULAR MEETING 4-7-2025

Councilor Wells made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilor Robinson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS 4-16-2025: Councilor Giles moved to approve vouchers and claims. The motion was seconded by Councilor Robinson. Payroll Claims for \$1,127,522.46 [March 31, 2025 payroll]. Roll call for a vote was taken, (7) ayes Councilors Giles, Chavis, Robinson, Cramer, Freeman, Krone, and Masur. (1) nay Councilor Wells, Motion carried 7 – 1.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION: Deputy Chief of Staff LeAndre Level announced the unfortunate loss of Detective Michael McKenna of the Lawrence Police Department who passed away on April 10 after a battle with cancer. A memorial service will be held Friday, April 18 at 1:00 p.m. at Horizon Christian Fellowship. Mr. Level also made reference to the following upcoming events in the city:


- Announcement of new economic development project: **The Corner at Fort Ben**, a 15,000 sq. ft. commercial space for dining and retail. Groundbreaking: **Tuesday, April 22 at 11:00 a.m.**, 56th Street & Lee Road.
- **National Day of Prayer: May 1, 7:30–9:00 a.m.** at **Lawrence Community Park**, featuring keynote speaker Pastor James Jackson. Free event with breakfast; **RSVP required.**
- **Neighborhood Hub Initiative:** Three neighborhoods (Eagle Pines, Traditions, Kensington Farms) are participating. The council is encouraged to spread awareness.
- **State of the City Address:** Scheduled for **April 23, 2025.** The council will receive a run-of-show the day prior.
- **Health & Wellness Fair: Sunday, April 27 from 12–4 p.m.** at Lawrence Community Park. Free events include health screenings, kids' clinics, and vendor booths. Part of the mayor's "Live Longer in Lawrence" initiative.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Councilor 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.