

**CITY OF LAWRENCE**  
**Common Council**  
**May 5, 2025**  
**Regular Meeting**

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

MEMBERS BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilor Tyrrell Giles

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, Renea Rafala and Mayor Whitfield.

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: None

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS OR RESOLUTIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES REGULAR MEETING 4-16-2025

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

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS 5-5-2025: Councilor Jennings moved to approve vouchers and claims. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Freeman. Payroll Claims for \$1,161,052.86 [May 5, 2025 payroll] and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for \$1,002,012.00]. Roll call vote was taken, (7) ayes Councilors Jennings, Chavis, Robinson, Cramer, Freeman, Krone, and Masur. (1) nay Councilor Wells, Motion carried 7 – 1.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Resolution No. 3, 2025 - A Resolution Of The Common Council Of The City Of Lawrence, Indiana Approving A Professional Services Contract For Legal Services By Frost Brown Todd LLP. This proposal was read in the record by Clerk Adkisson. President Cramer announced, he would be referring this proposal to the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee for recommendations or consideration.

Resolution No. 4, 2025 - A Resolution Of The Common Council Of The City Of Lawrence, Indiana Approving A Professional Services Contract For Engineering Services By United Consulting This proposal was read in the record by Clerk Adkisson. President Cramer announced, he would be referring this proposal to the Public Works Committee for recommendations or consideration.

COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION: The Deputy Chief of Staff thanked council members for attending the *State of the City* event the previous week, describing it as a "spectacular event" showcasing the full body of Lawrence's government. Mr. Level highlighted Mayor Whitfield's announcement of the **Live Longer in Lawrence** initiative. He also announced the following:

**Spring Heavy Trash Week (May 5–9):**

- Residents may place up to three bulky items curbside for pickup at no additional cost on their regular trash collection day.
- This service is offered twice annually (May and October).
- For more than three items, residents are advised to contact Priority Waste directly.
- Acceptable items include household items such as vacuums or microwaves.
- Unacceptable items include construction debris, bricks, concrete, batteries, and toxic or chemical waste.

**Lawrence Community Park Master Plan:**

- The city is currently developing a long-range master plan for the Lawrence Community Park.
- An open house for community input is scheduled for **Monday, May 12**, from **4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** at the Lawrence Community Center.
- The open house will be interactive, allowing residents to share ideas, ask questions, and participate in shaping the future of the park.

**Deputy Chief of Staff Farewell Announcement:**

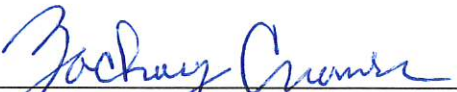
- The Deputy Chief of Staff announced this would be his final council meeting in that role, as he has accepted a new opportunity.
- Expressed gratitude for the opportunity to work with the council and confirmed he and his wife will remain residents of Lawrence.

Jamie Weirich, Director of Communications & City Events provided all with –  
Mental Health Awareness Remarks:

- As part of the **Live Longer in Lawrence** initiative, Jamie highlighted that **May is National Mental Health Awareness Month**.
- May 5 was also recognized as **Silence the Shame Day**, a national observance aimed at reducing stigma around mental illness.
- Announced intention to present a **formal resolution** on mental health at the next council meeting.

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.

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