

CITY OF LAWRENCE
Common Council
June 18, 2025
Regular Meeting

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

MEMBERS BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: Kristie Krone

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilor Lisa Chavis and Tyrrell Giles

ALSO, BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Adkisson, and Michael Allen of Frost Brown Todd

STAFF PRESENT: Greg Goodnight

STAFF BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

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 Freeman stated she contacted the Lawrence Utilities, and spoke to Kathy regarding the following issues:

- Discrepancies in the water bill due dates.
- The bill and kiosk display different dates—one lists a “day date” rather than a “due date.”

Kathy did confirm these issues are being investigated and the drobox is checked in the morning. Kathy also mentioned to Councilor Freeman that the utilities office may reopen to 3 days a week in the near future.

Councilor Wells reported a dilapidated house at Van Cleave and 46th Street. He confirmed that a private resident, Irv Mullman, of Mullman Landscape, is voluntarily maintaining the yard. He also gave thanks to Mr. Mullman for his civic efforts and reserved additional questions for the administration portion of the meeting.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS OR RESOLUTIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES REGULAR MEETING 6-2-2025

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

Wells – Yes, Robinson – Yes, Kramer – Yes, Jennings – Yes, Freeman – Yes, Masur – Yes, Krone – Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS 6-18-2025: Councilor Jennings moved to approve vouchers and claims. The motion was 2nd by Councilor Freeman. Payroll Claims for \$1,179,075.71 [May 30, 2025 payroll] and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for \$1,239,987.20]. The roll call vote was taken.

Wells – No, Robinson – Yes, Kramer – Yes, Jennings – Yes, Freeman – Yes, Masur – Yes, Krone – Yes

Motion carried 6 – 1.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Resolution No. 6-2025 - A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Lawrence, Indiana Concerning Retention of Stone Municipal Group as Municipal Advisors. This resolution was read in the record. President Cramer announced this resolution will be referred to Administration, Budget and Finance Committee for recommendations and consideration.

Proposal No. 3, 2025 - Ordinance Of The Common Council Of The City Of Lawrence, Indiana Amending Title 1, Article 2, Chapter 5 Of The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Lawrence, Indiana. The title of this resolution was read in the record. President Cramer announced this proposal will be referred to the Public Safety Committee for recommendations and considerations.

Allocation of Parks and Recreation Funds. This item on the agenda was referred to the Parks and Recreation Committee, by President Cramer for discussion on fund usage.

COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION: Comments come from Chief of Staff, Greg Goodnight. He announced the following:

The mayor is speaking at the Indy Chamber event at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, highlighting Lawrence's role in regional development (CIRDA).

The new furniture installed in City offices was donated by a company that the mayor's administrative assistant, Niki Simmons, worked with to make this happen. The total value of these chairs is approx. \$13,000. Special thanks to Mrs. Simmons.

Mr. Goodnight extended an invitation to Council to walk with the city float during the July 4th Parade.

Councilor Wells reserved questions from earlier in the meeting, which were now directed at the Chief of Staff, Greg Goodnight. Councilor Wells raised concerns to Mr. Goodnight about a large pothole at 46th & Van Cleave, exacerbated by fuel trucks. He also asked about the city's liability insurance status, which the current Insurance contract ends June 30. He asked if there is a renewal in progress; and will there be higher premiums and deductibles likely. The councilor also asked about the status of a city's audit. Goodnight responded with, it's an internal audit that should be completed by mid-July. This audit is in preparation for the SBOA audit that will take place soon. Goodnight also confirmed the controller will remain on staff until July 31st.

Councilor Masur gave a huge thanks to the Department of Public Works for quick enforcement of the noxious weed ordinance. She also gave thanks for the sidewalk repair on Post Road, improving ADA access.


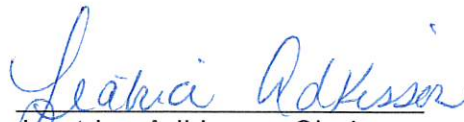
Councilor Wells asked Mr. Goodnight additional questions regarding the Car show logistics on July 4th. His concerns are about how to gain access to the car show with streets being blocked off. Mr. Goodnight stated he would share Jamie Weirich's phone number with him, who is coordinating all of the events for the 4th of July.

Councilor Masur also made mention of the Kiwanis Club fish fry, at Lawrence Community Park on the 4th of July.

Councilor Krone expressed gratitude to Renea Rafala and Mr. Goodnight for the introduction with an AES representative for utility-related discussions.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Councilor Cramer called for adjournment. There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47p.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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