

**CITY OF LAWRENCE
Common Council
August 20, 2025
Regular Meeting**

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

MEMBERS BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilor Zach Cramer

ALSO, BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: Mayor Whitfield

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

STAFF PRESENT: Greg Goodnight, Jamie Weinrich, Chief Bigsbee, Chief Wallace, Nick Rehmel and Jim Perron

STAFF BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: Shawn Fugate

Vice President Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.
The pledge of allegiance was administered, followed by a moment of silence.

Vice 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.

COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS OR RESOLUTIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES' REGULAR MEETING 8-4-2025

Councilor Chavis made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilor Jennings 2nd the motion. Vote was taken.

Robinson – Yes, Giles– Yes, Chavis – Yes, Jennings – Yes, Freeman – Yes, Masur – Yes, Krone – Yes, Wells – Yes.

Motion carried unanimously, 8 – 0

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS 8-20-2025: Councilor Chavis moved to approve vouchers and claims. The motion was 2nd by Councilor Jennings. Payroll Claims for \$1,184,868.23 [July 31, 2025 payroll] and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for \$2,906,849.17]. Some technical issues occurred with tablet voting, but votes were manually confirmed. Vote was taken.

Robinson – Yes, Giles – Yes, Jennings – Yes, Freeman – Yes, Masur – Yes, Krone – Yes, Chavis – Yes, Wells – Yes.

Motion carried unanimously, 8 – 0.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: Public Safety Committee:

- **Proposal No. 3, 2025:**
Ordinance amending Title 1, Article 1, Chapter 5 of the City Code – The committee met on 8/20/25 and passed a Favorable recommendation to full council. **Motion passed unanimously, 3 – 0.**

- **Resolution No. 7, 2025:**
Adopting the 2024 Marion County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan – The committee met on 8/20/25 and passed a Favorable recommendation to full council. **Motion passed unanimously, 3 – 0.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) **Proposal No. 3, 2025.** - An 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.

- Originally introduced: June 18, 2025
- Tabled at August 4, 2025 meeting and a Favorable recommendation to full council was voted for at the 8/20/2025 committee meeting.
- **Action:** Referred to **Committee of the Whole**

- **Motion:** Made by Councilor Wells and seconded by Councilor Jennings
- **Vote:** Unanimous via roll call

Robinson – Yes, Giles – Yes, Chavis – Yes, Jennings – Yes, Freeman – Yes, Masur – Yes, Krone – Yes, Wells – Yes.

Motion carried unanimously, 8 – 0

- 2) **Parks & Recreation Allocation Assignment**

Item introduced June 18, 2025, referred to Parks & Recreation Committee. Still under committee review after July 2 meeting.

- Originally referred: June 18, 2025
- Councilor Masur provided an overview of the \$143,000 allocated from GEO Bond towards projects that include:
 - Veterans Park – ADA trails
 - Community Park – ADA swings
 - Explorer Park – ADA swing set
 - Richard Street Park – new playground set

Note: Informational only; no vote required.

3) **Resolution No. 7, 2025** – A Resolution Of The Common Council Of The City Of Lawrence, Indiana Adopting The 2024 Marion County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

- Originally introduced and referred to Public Safety Committee: August 4, 2025.
- The committee met on 8/20/25 and passed a Favorable recommendation to full council. **Motion passed unanimously, 3 – 0.**
- **Motion to Approve:** Councilor Chavis and seconded Councilor Jennings
- **Vote:** Unanimous via roll call

Robinson – Yes, Giles– Yes, Chavis – Yes, Jennings – Yes, Freeman – Yes, Masur – Yes, Krone – Yes, Wells – Yes.

Motion carried unanimously, 8 – 0

NEW BUSINESS:

Proposal No. 5, 2025 – An Ordinance Adopting And Enacting An Eighteenth Supplement To The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Lawrence, Indiana.

- Ordinance adopting the 18th supplement to the City Code
- **Action:** Vice President Robinson referred to Code and Rules Committee for consideration.

COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION: **Jamie Weinrich**, Director, Communications & City Events, announced the upcoming events:

- Farmers Market – Thursdays, 4:00–7:00 PM through October 2
- Community Safety Day – August 23, 10:00 AM–2:00 PM, Station 40
- BBQ & Blues – September 13, 4:00–8:00 PM, Fort Ben Cultural Campus

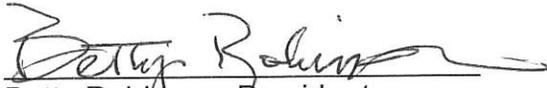
Greg Goodnight, Chief of Staff – **Budget Update:**

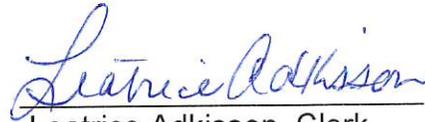
- Presented tentative **budget calendar**, including:
 - 9/5: First draft completed
 - 9/10–11: Meetings with leadership and department heads
 - 9/19: Finalize internal budget
 - 9/30: Introduce budget to Council
 - 10/1: Begin budget workshops with department heads
 - 10/6: Finance Committee review
 - 10/3: Budget advertisement deadline
 - 10/15: Public hearing
 - 10/22: Last day for taxpayer petitions
 - 11/3: Target budget adoption
 - 11/11: Final submission to Gateway

- **Councilors requested:**
 - **Earlier departmental budget discussions if possible**
 - **Copies of the timeline for all members**
 - **Clear leadership on budget with historical knowledge**

CITIZENS' COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Councilor Robinson called for adjournment. There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m., by Vice President Robinson.


Betty Robinson, President


Leatrice Adkisson, Clerk

These minutes are not intended to be verbatim. They are a summary of discussions held, except for the motions.